

Recent Masconomet Highlights

2008-2009

Global Education Initiative *additions after 3/31/09

Global Education Committee formed upon the recommendation School Superintendent, Claire Sheff Kohn.

- Teachers have participated in a school-wide Global Literacy Program
- Awarded: Massachusetts Global Education Grant for Demonstrating Strong Commitment to International Education
- Awarded: Global Education Grant, by Primary Source, to pursue Global Diploma beginning with the class of 2013
- Superintendent and School Committee Chair traveled to China, with a select group of educators from the United States, to attend the Chinese Bridge Program -summer of 2008 (partnership between The College Board and China's Office of Chinese Language Council International)
- Principal exchange program – visiting Chinese educator will visit Masco/ Masco principal will travel to China – spring 2009
- Masconomet has introduced new classes: Chinese grades 9-12; Prometheus Unleashed: Science and Society (an interdisciplinary semester course offered to students interested in exploring the interplay between scientific discoveries, societies, cultures and political systems) grades 11-12
- Foreign exchange opportunities for students to Spain, France, Germany and China
- Masconomet has formed several new clubs: (International Club, Chinese Club, Spanish Club, French Club, German Club, Amnesty International, GIV – Global Initiative Volunteers)
- Foreign travel/mission service trip to Panama - summer 2009
- Foreign travel/mission service trip to Peru during Senior Internship – spring 2009
- Expansion in English courses to include Asian literature
- Social Studies teacher, Rebeckah Iseman, chosen by Rotary International Teacher Exchange Program for month-long study tour in South Africa
- Social Studies teacher, David Walsh, selected to study in Egypt by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University
- Foreign Language teacher, Jeanne O'Hearn, selected to go to Nanjing, China to teach American strategies to Chinese teachers
- Foreign Language teacher, Deidra Scarponi, awarded a grant from the French Embassy to learn strategies for teaching culture through film, music and poetry
- Participant in The Memory Project – international initiative to give personalized portraits by high-level Masco Art students to abandoned, orphaned or neglected children from Uganda, Ecuador, Nicaragua, El Salvador and Romania
- Artist in residence: Li Min Mo for Chinese New Year Celebration
- Music trip to Italy, April 2009 – performance & cultural experience by 100+ students

SOCIAL STUDIES

National History Teacher of the Year

- David Mitchell was named Preserve America History Teacher of the Year for Massachusetts in the Spring of 2008. On October 24, 2008, it was announced that Mr. Mitchell is also the National History Teacher of the Year.
- Implementation of Geography Bee – Masco Middle School – Student selected to compete in State Competition
- History Day – 2008, Honorable Mention winner at State Competition for Website Development
- History Day – 2009, Two Honorable Mention winners at State Competition. One student earned the National Archives Award for the Best Use of Primary Sources

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

National Writing Recognition

- Three Senior students from Masco (out of 15 state-wide) recognized by the National Council of Teachers of English as award winners for 2008 Achievement in Writing
- One Junior student recognized with the Scholastic Gold Key Award in Writing
- Middle School English teacher, Christian LeBlanc, has had two stories accepted for publication
- English Department Chair, David Donavel, and High School English teacher, Jenny Beekley, have both presented at the Annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English
- English Department Chair David Donavel was a contributor to the award winning website Hawthorne in Salem

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING

National Science Recognition

- National Chemistry Olympiad – 3 student qualifiers (only top 26 students in the country qualify for this exam)
- State Science Fair- MIT (9 projects sent by Masco in 2008 – 2 third place awards)
- STE Department received a grant in the amount of \$6700 from Cell Signaling Technology for the purchase of two SmartBoard interactive whiteboards
- Masconomet offered new interdisciplinary Architecture course consisting of one semester in the Art Department and one semester in the STE Department, using ArchiCAD software
- Masconomet has formed a new HS Robotics Club – participants in regional FIRST Robotics Competition, Western MA
- Awarded: Grant from Rotary Club for MS Robotics as an extracurricular activity
- Awarded: Grant from NE Biolabs for the development of a HS Robotics Club

MATH

- Engineering Fair for Junior class
- Architecture Fair for Freshman class

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

National Foreign Language Recognition

- National Grand Concours Exam – 9 top scoring French Students, 1 first place out of 100,00 students from 50 states)
- Two Spanish teachers, Julie Wall and James Donahue presented at the annual MaFla Conference
- Department Chair, Nancy Mirra and Spanish teacher, Julie Wall, were inducted into the Spanish Honor Society at Salem State College
- A number of teachers are traveling to other countries and bringing home their experiences to share with students

ART

National Art Recognition

- 2009 Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards- **most awards of any school in the state** (19 Gold Key awards, 19 Silver Key awards, 21 Hon. Mention, 18 Gold Key Portfolio awards, North Region Boston Globe Scholarship Winner, Suffolk University Scholarship Winner)
- 2008 National Scholastic Art Awards—one of fifteen national Gold Awards in Printmaking awarded to Masco senior
- The 2008 6th Congressional District Art Exhibition included three winning entries from Masco
- Two juniors selected to participate in the Massachusetts Art All-State program at the Worcester Art Museum
- Art Department Chair Terry Meinelt chosen as one of ten nation-wide art educators to attend the Maryland Institute College of Art Teacher Fly-In Seminar
- Art Department Chair Terry Meinelt recognized by Outstanding Scholars Program at RIT for his work with a former Masco student

MUSIC

- 2008 Production of the musical, Sound of Music – nominated for Best Musical by the North Shore Theater
- Masconomet Jazz I – recipients of a silver medal, Massachusetts Jazz Education Association's Northeast Festival
- 19 students accepted to perform in the Northeast Junior District Music Festival, March 21, 2009 at Lowell High School
- 12 students selected to perform in the Northeast Senior District Music Festival, Jan. 10, 2009 at Lowell High School
- 5 students selected to perform in the Massachusetts All State Music Festival, March 28, 2009 at Symphony Hall, Boston
- 1 student invited to perform in the All Eastern Music Festival, March 12-15, 2009 in Providence, RI
- 124 band and chorus students to depart on 8 day concert tour of Northern Italy, April 16, 2009
- Professor Cherie Coluda, Hartt School of Music Voice Faculty- presented a master class for students, Jan 2009
- New England Brass Band- presented an open rehearsal for students, Feb 2009
- Derek Beckvold, (Masco 05) returned to perform an afternoon concert with NYC based Afro-funk band, The Superpowers, Jan 30, 2009
- Masconomet will host 2 weekends of music festival performances for the Heritage Music Festivals. Schools from across the U.S. and Canada will perform as part of a Boston Festival Experience. April 3-4, May 1-2 2009

BUSINESS/COMPUTER

- Masconomet offered Financial Literacy Seminar for Senior class
- Masconomet students won First place, 2008 – The 84's 2008 Digital Media Contest for Tobacco Prevention
- Masconomet Students, Finalists, 2009 – The 84's 2009 Digital Media Contest for Tobacco Prevention (winners announced 4/18/09)
- On February 3, 2009, Ike Adams from Harmonix (Cambridge, MA), a video game company, spoke to the 8th graders in the Middle School. The focus of the event was to showcase a Massachusetts-based video game company, show the expanding nature of the video game industry and to introduce students to the wide range of backgrounds that employees have in these companies.
- The Masconomet Arcade (www.masconomet.org/games) is an on line gaming site created by Masconomet computer students. It has evolved over the last 10 years, and has recently been featured in the Tri Town Transcript.

Athletics

- **2008 Hyland Award – best record in athletics in Cape Ann League**
- **Student Received 2009 Boston Bruins Hockey Sportsmanship Award- Cape Ann League**

Cape Ann League Champions -2008/09

Football
Boys Soccer
Girls Soccer
Girls Hockey
Boys Hockey
Girls Alpine Ski

North League Champions -2008/09

Boys Soccer
Girls Gymnastics

State Finalists 2008/09

Boys Soccer
Girls Alpine Ski
Girls Gymnastics

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Classes of 2009,2010,2011, 2012 have raised a combined total of \$80,000+ through Masco in Motion Freshman Charity Walk
- GIV (Global Initiative Volunteer Club) is raising money to buy laptops for students in developing countries
- MASCOmpassion Club is currently collecting books for children in shelters
- Student Run Charity Walk - \$9000 raised

OTHER

- **Superintendent of Schools Claire Sheff Kohn**
Recipient of the President's Award from the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents – Spring 2008
- HS Ethical Literacy Program developed to provide emphasis on core values for students and staff. Introduction to student population by student ethics team, March 2009
- Peter Delani, HS Asst. Principal – Author of *A Walk with Daimon*. Invited to conduct/present a Leadership Workshop for student athletes from the state of Massachusetts by the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) – May 2009 Workshop entitled: What's In Your Acorn? A Youth Empowerment Workshop.
- Peter Delani, HS Asst. Principal – Presenter to Madison Square Boys and Girls Club of America and the Massachusetts Secondary School Administrators Association – Summer Institute.
- Study Island software program to support academics in the MS
- Peer Leader Program – student leadership mentors for underclassmen