



The MACHS Anchor



Providing information about the school and maritime industry to faculty, family, and friends

Set Sail with these Lists of Events:

Middle School:

Mon, 9/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Community Meetings for Gr. 3, 4, 5, and 7 Chess Practice 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Tue, 9/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Community Meetings for Gr. 6 and 8 Soccer MACHS @ NFCS 3:30 PM
Wed, 10/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Picture Day Soccer MACHS @ A&S 3:30 PM
Thu, 10/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day 8th Grade Events Checklist Due First Deadline for School T-Shirts
Fri, 10/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Development - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS 1st Quarter Interims Due by 5:00 PM
Other Important Reminders:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bring in your Box Tops for Education Submit your orders for Yankee Candles (Due October 17th) 	



High School:

Mon, 9/29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day SeaPerch Meeting SGA Meeting
Tue, 9/30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Seniors Visit Temple University Study Hall
Wed, 10/1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day SGA Election Speeches Picture Day
Thu, 10/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day SGA Elections Volleyball
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Bravo Zulu!

Recognizing success and points of pride around MACHS



4C and 8B (MS) Begin Monthly Buddy Program

On Friday, students in 4C and 8B were introduced to one another as part of Mrs. McGonigle's and Ms. Fanega's visions for a student buddy program. Each month the two homerooms will meet to provide academic review, complete team building activities, and show their support for one another. Their first task was to introduce themselves to one another and identify some similarities with one another using a Venn Diagram. Students seemed to have enjoyed the company of one another, and learned new things about their partners. Overall, a terrific example of school unity taking place in the middle school!



Students in 4C and 8B pose outside the middle school after their first activity.



Ms. Ledford puts on display students who translated their birthdays into binary code.

Computer Coding Elective (HS) New to MACHS

Ms. Ledford (HS) has developed an elective class in which sophomores, juniors, and seniors have the unique opportunity to learn powerful skills related to software design. The topics that will be covered in this course include binary, HTML, and CSS coding. Using these skills, the two sections of students will be able to create their own website by the end of the semester.

Careers in software development have steadily increased throughout the years, and we are proud to see Maritime Academy Charter School equipping students with the skills to compete, whether it be for college or their career. Above all, Ms. Ledford's class emphasizes the need for students to enhance their abilities to critically review their work and to have the patience to identify mistakes in students' projects. With all of this hard work, these students could be the software developers of the next website you visit!

The 1st Professional Development of the School Year is Here!

Gone are the Wednesday early dismissals, but there are still tasks to accomplish! This week, students will have a scheduled day off in order for teachers to attend their first professional development of the school year. Teachers can certainly look forward to the schedule Mr. Lytz and the rest of the administrators have planned. In the meantime, it is recommended that teachers review an e-mail that was sent last week regarding professional learning communities (PLCs).

Additionally, teachers might be interested in attending The Franklin Institute's annual open house for educators. This is a free event in which visitors will not only gain museum access on October 8th, but they will also become privy to exhibits, sample workshops, and a 15% discount for purchases made at the Sci-Fi Store. For more information or to register for the event, please visit

<https://www.fi.edu/special-events/educators-night-out>.

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Lighting the Way

Maritime industry news that guide our students towards understanding

Panama Canal Paves the Way for Numerous Learning Opportunities

Perhaps this section should be called, "Captain's Corner!" For the third week in a row, Captain Bell has been helpful in sharing with us news regarding the maritime industry and its connection to our school curricula. This week, we learn about how modifications to the Panama Canal have influenced the industry of Philadelphia's ports.

In 2006, a project was proposed to allow for larger ships to travel through the vital area of transport between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. By 2016, the Panama Canal Expansion Project will not only create additional locks and water saving basins, but it will also provide economic support for the country of Panama.

Seventh and eighth grade students in Capt. Bell's maritime studies elective have been learning about the history and importance of the Panama Canal. While his maritime connections may be easy, teachers of other subject areas could also develop worthwhile relationships that extend even to the port of Philadelphia. For instance, dredging of the Delaware River has begun to allow larger cargo ships to travel through Philadelphia on their way to the Panama Canal. Additionally, an area of south Philadelphia's Navy Yard referred to as Southport is in the process of vetting energy projects that will create additional port operations for Philadelphia.

We appreciate Capt. Bell sharing this bit of information with us, and hope you will be able to find meaningful maritime connections to your classes or lives.



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Week

With the first set of community meetings taking place this week, tune in next week for details about our most talented students in the area of academics and school pride.

We anticipate the first meetings for our school's Home and School Associations. For those who are interested, we invite you to attend the middle school Home and School Association Meeting that will take place on **Wednesday, October 8, 2014 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM**. Attendees will meet in Room 113. Those who are interested in getting information about the first high school Home and School Association meeting can either contact Mrs. Orosz at orosz.k@maritimecharter.org or check *The MACHS Anchor* for updated information.

Finally, we would like to wish the best of luck to those students who will be running for high school SGA elections. Your allegiance to the school is commendable, and the school faculty values your contributions!

Have you been a frequent reader of The MACHS Anchor? Take a few moments to contact those involved in the newsletter, and tell us about yourself! Your e-mail will qualify you for a random drawing for a prize. To enter, simply send an e-mail to newsletter@maritimecharter.org with your name and how you are connected to Maritime Academy Charter School. The winner will be announced in next week's edition. Best of luck, and we can't wait to hear from you!

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