



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, 2/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Candy Grams Sales Begin Computer-Based Tutoring Begins – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM Boys Basketball Game at School Lane – 3:30PM Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Chess Practice – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Newspaper Club – 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM
Tue, 2/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day After School Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Choir Practice – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM Dance Club Begins – 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM SeaPerch – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Wed, 2/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day 100th Day of School Boatbuilding Class Begins – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Boys Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:45 PM Home and School Meeting – 6:30 PM
Thu, 2/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day After School Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Boys Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:45 PM Chess Practice – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Newspaper Club – 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM SeaPerch – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Fri, 2/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day 3A's Pizza Party (MLK Day Points Winner) Bake Sale – \$1 for each item Dress Down Day – \$2 to Participate SeaPerch – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Other Important Reminders:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/14 – Math Rules Program Begins – 9:00 AM – 12 Noon 2/16 – PRESIDENT'S DAY – NO SCHOOL 	



High School:

Mon, 2/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Sea Perch SGA
Tue, 2/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Study Hall
Wed, 2/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day 100th Day of School
Thu, 2/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Study Hall Zumba!
Fri, 2/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day
Other Important Reminders:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional CLC Programs set to begin shortly; teachers, contact Mr. Walsh with your ideas! 2/16 – PRESIDENT'S DAY – NO SCHOOL 	



Bravo Zulu!

Recognizing success and points of pride around MACHS



Special Visitors Provide Meaningful Connections for 3A Students



Students from 3A pose with Michael Wassel and his guide dog.

To conclude their reading unit on the book *Aero and Officer Mike: Police Partners*, **Mrs. Wassel's** students were welcomed by her son, Michael Wassel. Since birth, Mr. Wassel has been visually impaired and is assisted by a guide dog. He explained to students how he and his dog are a team, no matter where they go. It could either be taking a walk or shopping for groceries. Whatever the case may be, students had many questions for him. Likewise, Mr. Wassel asked the cadets questions regarding how to treat someone with a service, mobility, or guide dog. It was a terrific way for Mrs. Wassel and 3A to develop connections between their reading and real-world experiences.

Ms. Allen Reports on Two Important Items

We are proud to report that **Ms. Allen** and her students in **4B** recently applied online for a grant through PECO. This means that they were given a ten-gallon aquarium, the materials needed, and money that will be used for the purchase of fish. Students and family members have also donated money or materials for decorations, water, supplies, and more fish! If you have the time, you're encouraged to visit this latest aquatic habitat.

Another exciting item from 4B is the recycling competition that begins today! Students will introduce the details for this competition on Monday during advisory, and collection bins will remain in classrooms for the duration of the contest. Each week until March 9th, 4B cadets will count the number of plastic bottles that are donated from each class. The winning class will receive a pizza party. For more information regarding this partnership with The Philadelphia Zoo and the UNLESS Contest, click [here](#).

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Lighting the Way

Maritime industry news that guides our students towards understanding

SeaPerch Receives MACHS Alum as Mentor

Miguel Perez (c/o 2013), a former Maritime student, was recently assigned as the mentor from Drexel University for the upcoming SeaPerch competition. For those who did not know, Miguel was a member of the high school team that participated in the national competition two years ago. This year, the Greater Philadelphia SeaPerch Challenge will take place at the end of April, with winning teams travelling to Massachusetts for the national challenge. Veteran help from **Jeffrey Hample (c/o 2013)** has already benefitted the high school SeaPerch team, and this latest support from Miguel could be just what teams need to bolster their chances of winning.

According to the underwater robotics coach, **Mr. Walsh**, the middle school SeaPerch team has been hard at work to prepare for the annual maritime engineering event. So far, five teams have constructed a functioning SeaPerch, and most teams have succeeded in getting their perch naturally buoyant. Additionally, the obstacle course has been built, and the top time is one minute and ten seconds (1:10). Last year's ideal range of time was 0:55-1:10, but this year's additional course challenge may require more time. For now, the teams are currently constructing hydrophones for detecting the SONAR ping that is sent out by the materials that will be retrieved. A scrimmage at LaSalle University will take place on Saturday, March 21st at 9:00 AM.

To better prepare for Miguel's visit and these competition dates, some middle school students came on their day off on Friday to work with Mr. Walsh after professional development. These cadets were also assisted by last year's team member and current 9th grade student, **Helana Magloire**. See below for pictures of their hard work:



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Week

This week, Maritime Academy Charter School will celebrate our 100th day! We still have a school year that will include many important events for both campuses, but we are interested to see how you will recap and celebrate our first 100 days of school. Perhaps you will develop visual representations of the grand number, or list things you have learned so far this year. Whatever the case may be, we are sure that there are stories, pictures, and points of pride worth sharing.

Additionally, the continuation of this month might involve projects and activities that relate to Black History Month. We are still awaiting the first submission to our monthly newsletter raffle, so for those who need a reminder, we are challenging readers to create a collage that relates to Black History Month. This can be a combination of pictures and words that relate to African Americans. They can be hand drawn or created through the use of technology. Also, you can make it personal or applicable to school. At the end of the month, one person will be randomly chosen to earn a \$10 gift card of their choice. We wish all those who enter the best of luck!

Finally, as the week concludes, some of us will be celebrating Valentine's Day. We love that you have been a part of our newsletter, and hope you continue to encourage others to read and participate in our many school events. See you next week!



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