



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, 2/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL
Tue, 2/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day 100th Day of School – Pretzels for \$1 Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM Reading Benchmarks This Week After School Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Boys Basketball Game vs. School Lane – 3:30 PM Choir Practice – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM Newspaper Club – 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM
Wed, 2/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Boatbuilding Class – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Boys Basketball Game vs. NFCS – 3:30 PM
Thu, 2/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day 3rd Grade Chinese New Year Celebration Faculty Meeting – 8:00 AM After School Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Boys Basketball Game vs. Northwood – 3:30 PM Chess Practice – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Dance Club Auditions – 4:00 PM – 5:15 PM Newspaper Club – 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM
Fri, 2/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day G.R.E.A.T. Program Continues
Other Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/21 – Math Rules Program (Gr. 5) – 9:00 AM – 12 Noon 2/23-2/26 – BOOK FAIR 2/27 – Q3 Interims Due – 5:00 PM 2/28 – 8th Grade Six Flags Money Due 	



High School:

Mon, 2/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL
Tue, 2/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Reading Benchmarks This Week Computer Lab Open for Essay Tutoring Study Hall
Wed, 2/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Computer Lab Open for Essay Tutoring Spanish Credit Recovery
Thu, 2/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Computer Lab Open for Essay Tutoring Study Hall Zumba!
Fri, 2/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day
Other Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congratulations to the Girls Basketball Team for Completing Another Season with Coaches Fisher and Stillwell!  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/27 – Q3 Interims Due – 5:00 PM 	



Bravo Zulu!

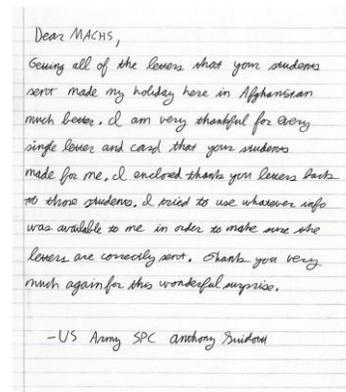
Recognizing success and points of pride around MACHS



MACHS Cadets Receive Letters of Thanks from U.S. Army Member

There is no doubt that Maritime Academy Charter School members are often providing assistance to help the school or the community. This month it has been shown in the mass collection of plastic water bottles to help **Ms. Allen (MS)** and **4B** in a recycling competition. Last month, it was through the volunteer efforts of our 2nd Annual MLK Day of Service. In December, MACHS cadets were quick to write letters to various troops who were stationed overseas during the holidays. We are always proud of the graciousness and good deeds of our faculty and students, and recently that gratitude was shared with *The MACHS Anchor*.

Featured on the right is a letter we received from U.S. Army Specialist Anthony Guidotti to MACHS cadets thanking them for writing to him. Additionally, Officer Guidotti wrote each and every student (50 total) a personal card to thank them for their kinds words. These will be distributed to students after sharing this general letter. This was a simple, yet pleasant way for students to receive a follow-up to their selfless acts. Overall, it was a rather humbling experience.



Save the Date: MS Open House for CLC Programs

At the end of October, it was first reported that MACHS received funding through the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant to bolster various enrichment programs at our school. As you may have noticed in the past couple of weeks, many of these before and after school programs have begun.

To familiarize students and their family members with these extracurricular activities, an open house is scheduled for **Thursday, March 12, 2015**. During this time, Mr. Walsh, who is the Director of the CLC Program, will introduce the involved faculty and their programs. Afterwards, attendees will be able to visit the locations of where these activities take place, gather more information, and even sign up for their Advisory Board.

For more information about this event, or to even offer your suggestions, please contact Mr. Walsh at walsh.s@maritimecharter.org. This also includes feedback regarding high school programs, for which there will be an open house at a later date.

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Lighting the Way

Maritime industry news that guides our students towards understanding

Application Period Open for Professional Development Opportunity

When it comes to integrating elements of the maritime industry into our school's curricula, it can be a daunting task for a teacher with no familiarity or access to resources. This is often the reason why field trips, professional development opportunities, and collaboration with colleagues is so valuable. For teachers who are interested in a combination of these three ideas, the **National Science Foundation** has a specialized summer program that is offered at 3 different locations: Houston (TX), Baltimore (MD), or Norfolk (VA).

The **Southeast Maritime and Transportation (SMART) Center** is a nationally recognized institute that specializes in developing partnerships between educators and experts in the maritime and transportation industry. During the 6-day program, participants will tour shipyards and vessels, consult with maritime employees, and obtain details of how students can not only develop maritime connections to what they learn, but also identify career pathways towards one of these illustrious fields. In the end, it can be an extremely memorable and rewarding experience for anyone who attends.

The application deadline for this program is April 13, and notification of your acceptance will be sent in May. The professional development opportunity will include a nominal fee, but participants will earn Act 48 credits, a \$1,000 stipend, and a plethora of maritime curriculum materials. For more information regarding The SMART Center, along with access to an online application, please visit <http://www.maritime-technology.org/>.



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Week

Last week, our middle school began a partnership with the Philadelphia Police Department and two of their prevention programs related to drugs and gangs. Sixth grade students met with Officer Mapp who began her first lesson from the Gang Resistance Education and Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program. During this time, MACHS cadets will develop life skills that will aid in avoiding gang membership and preventing violence and criminal activity. The idea is that the positive outcomes of their choices will ultimately lead to safer communities.

As they look forward to their second meeting this week, 5th grade students can eagerly await the start of their Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program. Each Monday, cadets will meet with Officer Mapp as she details ways in which students can circumvent the pressure that they might face when offered drugs. This is grounded in the importance of providing students good decision-making skills.

We not only look forward to seeing the progress made from these programs, but the middle school will also take the time to recognize the hard work and talents of cadets during our monthly community meetings. Taking place next, we are sure to have additional points of pride to highlight! Until then, we wish you another productive and hardworking week!

Do you have news to share? Send your pictures, stories, and ideas to newsletter@maritimecharter.org.