



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, 3/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – Until 8:15 AM • Home & School Survey Due • D.A.R.E. Program • Read Across America Week • 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, 3/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – Until 8:15 AM • National Breakfast Week • After School Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Baseball Tryouts (Gr. 8) – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM *WEATHER PERMITTING* • Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Choir Practice – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM
Wed, 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – Until 8:15 AM • Last Day to Submit Pretzel Orders • National Breakfast Week • Baseball Tryouts (Gr. 7) – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM *WEATHER PERMITTING* • Boatbuilding Class – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM • Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Thu, 3/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – Until 8:15 AM • 8th Grade Behavior Letter Due • Plastic Bottle Contest Concludes • After School Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Baseball Tryouts (Gr. 6) – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM *WEATHER PERMITTING* • Chess Practice – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM • Newspaper Club – 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM
Fri, 3/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Other Important Reminders:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/7 – Math Rules Program (Gr. 5) – 9:00 AM – 12 Noon • 3/8 – Daylight Savings Begins – Turn Clocks Forward 1 Hour • 3/11 – Home & School Meeting – 6:30 PM • 3/12 – MS CLC Open House – 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM 	

HS Athletics Updates

The MACHS Anchor recently received these awesome updates regarding our high school athletic teams and their spectacular players. We admire your dedication and hard work!

Girls Varsity Basketball:

- Jada Lim (Gr. 10) – 1st Team All-Public
- Mandy Rodriguez (Gr. 10) – 2nd Team All-Public
- Brigid O'Brien (Gr. 12) – Honorable Mention

Boys Varsity Basketball:

- Zahir Stewart (Gr. 11) – MVP of the division, leading scorer in the city, and 1st Team All-Public

Girls Bowling Team:

- Went to the semi-finals and finished in the Top 4

High School:

Mon, 3/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Baseball and Softball Tryouts Continue This Week • Sea Perch • SGA
Tue, 3/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Study Hall
Wed, 3/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Sea Perch • Spanish Credit Recovery
Thu, 3/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Study Hall • Zumba!
Fri, 3/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Other Important Reminders:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/8 – Daylight Savings Begins – Turn Clocks Forward 1 Hour 	



Bravo Zulu!



Recognizing success and points of pride around MACHS

MACHS Junior Chosen as One of Eighteen Philadelphia Students for PAL Day

Savannah Vetter (HS) was chosen as one of the elite students to participate in the Police Athletic League's annual mentoring day, which took place last week. Throughout the day, these students followed various city officials as they observed their day-to-day responsibilities and received firsthand experience of what it is like to have such a significant role in Philadelphia's operations. The day began with a welcoming ceremony with Mayor Michael Nutter. Afterwards, Ms. Vetter shadowed Fire Commissioner Derrick Sawyer and learned about his responsibilities as leader of the fire department. We are so proud to see that Savannah was chosen by our local Police Athletic League Center to represent our school and to interact with other community members!



Savannah Vetter, a junior at MACHS, poses with Commissioner Derrick Sawyer.

Finally! A Student Wins a Monthly Raffle

For months, we have had a great number of students participate in our monthly raffles. Despite the fond reflections and wonderful words from our MACHS cadets, it has been parents, teachers, and administrators who have been winners of gift cards and other prizes. However, this month when we challenged readers to submit collages that represented Black History Month, only students chose to participate! Therefore, it is with great pride and exaltation that we congratulate **Julia Welsh (8B)** for her submission below:



For her prize, Julia has earned herself a \$10 iTunes gift card.

For the month of March, we are targeting our "popular" people. Continue spreading the word about our newsletter because for every person that e-mails us saying you referred them, you will earn one point. The person who gains the most points by March 31st will win a truly special prize! As a reminder, our e-mail address is newsletter@maritimecharter.org. Let the madness begin!

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Lighting the Way

Maritime industry news that guides our students towards understanding

Where Do You Stand on the Jones Act?

In recent maritime news, politicians, mariners, and the general public are debating whether or not The Merchant Marine Act of 1920 should be repealed. Better known as the Jones Act, this federal statute requires that all cargo that is shipped between two ports in the United States must travel on a U.S.-made ship, include U.S. crews, and are primarily owned by U.S. citizens. Major proponents of the Jones Act state that it supports the U.S. maritime industry and bolsters national security. However, those opposed to the law cite costly demands and trade restraints.

In Philadelphia alone, two large companies have also been debating the Jones Act. Philadelphia Energy Solutions, a refinery in South Philadelphia, feels as though having so many U.S. connections could lead to larger costs for shipping crude oil from the Gulf Coast. Conversely, a Navy Yard resident, Aker Philadelphia, relies on the building of ships that meet the American-made requirements. Eliminating or even amending the Jones Act could very well affect the over 1,000 employees of the company.

Given these details, where do you stand on the Jones Act? Perhaps you are a reader who is well-versed in maritime law, or a parent who has felt the effects of domestic versus international businesses. For our educators and students, we challenge you to use this story to connect to your PSSA and Keystone Exam preparations. Share with us your ideas, along with where you stand on this debate.



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Week

The month of March includes a slew of events. Hopefully you'll join us for at least one of them!

- Last week our elementary school students celebrated the 100th day with wonderful memories like the ones shared below by **Ms. Giancaterino (5A)**. Join them this week as they celebrate Read Across America with a week full of themed events and activities related to Dr. Seuss.



- On **Thursday, March 12, 2015**, the middle school will host a **CLC Open House**. The event will begin at 5:00 PM, and conclude by 6:30 PM. During this time, students and parents will have the opportunity to meet the director, **Mr. Walsh**, and the rest of the CLC Team. Pizza, refreshments, and prizes will be offered to all those who attend. This is your first opportunity to participate in all of our before and after school programs and compete to win awards.
- With the start of spring just a few weeks away, we encourage you to support the start of our next season full of sports. Both the middle school and high school have baseball and softball teams that are ready to battle the first round of competition. Check our website's calendar for a schedule of all of their games.
- Finally, we offer a friendly reminder to all of our readers that this Sunday marks the beginning of **Daylight Savings Time**. Remember to advance your clocks one hour on March 8th.

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