



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, 12/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Holiday Shop – Preview Day Boys Basketball Tryouts – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Chess Practice – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tue, 12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Santa’s Pictures – Bldg. 106 After School Tutoring Boys Basketball Tryouts – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM SeaPerch
Wed, 12/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Holiday Shop – Bldg. 106
Thu, 12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Faculty Meeting – 8:00 AM Holiday Shop – Bldg. 106 Chess Practice – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM SeaPerch
Fri, 12/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Holiday Shop – Bldg. 106 Last Day for December Door Decorating Contest Last Day to Submit Box Tops/Labels for Education for December 3rd Grade Choral Concert – 6:30 PM
Other Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12/23 – Noon Dismissal 12/24-1/5 – WINTER BREAK 	



High School:

Mon, 12/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Healthy Eating Presentation SeaPerch SGA
Tue, 12/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Men’s Varsity Basketball Game vs. Motivation – 3:15 PM Study Hall MACHS Board of Directors Meeting – 5:00 PM Winter Concert – 6:00 PM
Wed, 12/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Financial Literacy
Thu, 12/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Financial Literacy Men’s Varsity Basketball Game vs. Elverson – 3:15 PM Study Hall Zumba
Fri, 12/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day
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Bravo Zulu!

Recognizing success and points of pride around MACHS



One Season Ends, and Two Others Begin



This past week, the middle school girls basketball teams ended their season under the tutelage of Coaches DiNicola and Allen. The JV team concluded with their second win, while the varsity gained a growth experience in teamwork and resilience. It was an admirable showcase by the girls in the middle school.

Boys in grades 5 through 8 who would like to display their athletic skills on the basketball court will have their opportunity this week to try out for the boys JV and varsity teams. Tryouts will take place Monday and Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM in building 41. As a reminder, all athletes must maintain good academic standing and submit a physical form by Monday, January 5, 2015. Transportation must be provided in order for students to stay after school.

Finally in the high school, Coach Washington and the men’s varsity basketball team started their season this past week. The latest batch of players have faced numerous oppositions, and continue with two home games this week. If you have the time, come support our basketball team as they aim to earn their first win of the season!

On behalf of all at Maritime Academy Charter School, we admire the dedication that our faculty shows to help students excel in the classroom and throughout their extra-curricular activities. Continue reading as this week’s newsletter also provides an update on the progress of our SeaPerch teams.

Gaggle is the New Google?

No, it's not a typo; nor is it only a reference to a flock of geese. Rather, **Gaggle** is a learning platform that was first reserved for faculty e-mail. Nowadays, it provides a portal for eLearning opportunities and a closer link between teachers and students.

At the beginning of the month, students were given letters that were sent home to parents and guardians regarding student e-mail accounts. This was also after **Mrs. Yeiter (MS)** led a professional development session for teachers to interact with the many capabilities of Gaggle.

We would love to hear about how you have utilized this interface in your classrooms. So far, 8th grade teachers have posted discussion board topics or included attachments of homework for absent students. Whatever the case may be, students can expect to remain up-to-date with school events and assignments, even when they are not in school.

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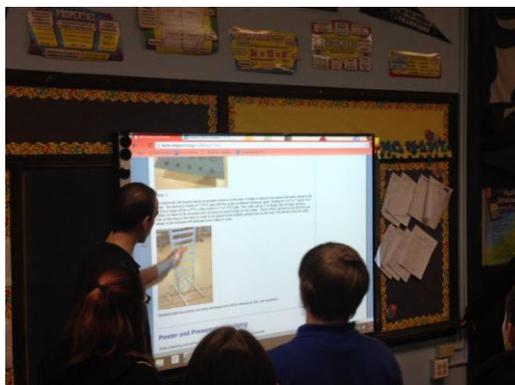
Maritime industry news that guides our students towards understanding

MS and HS SeaPerch Teams Continue Preparation for Annual Competition

Earlier this week, MACHS alumnus, Jeff Hample, led the high school SeaPerch team in the first of many meetings to prepare for the **2015 Greater Philadelphia SeaPerch Challenge**. Through this program, cadets learn important 21st century skills related to robotics, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics.

Over in the middle school, Mr. Walsh continues to guide middle school SeaPerch members by utilizing various perches and the fully functional pool in building 106. Students have been eager to design and test their models in the hopes of earning recognition at the competition that takes place annually at Drexel University.

This year, the middle school competition will take place on April 24, 2015 while the high school competition will be the next day on Saturday, April 25th. Just like every year, teams will be assessed on four areas of the engineering process: vehicle performance, team presentation, design notebook, and spirit and sportsmanship. Those who qualify for the 2015 National Challenge will travel to Massachusetts for the competition that will take place during the last weekend in May. We wish the very best for our SeaPerch teams, and look forward to featuring their progress throughout the months! If you would like more information about SeaPerch, click the following link for a video courtesy of Greater Philadelphia SeaPerch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H1bFnhCWYtw>.



Jeff Hample reviews this year's obstacle course with HS SeaPerch team.



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Week

This week, the middle school will not only provide a holiday shop for cadets, but pictures with Santa will take place on Tuesday for \$5 per person. High school faculty and students will celebrate the festive time next Monday with their Ugly Sweater Dress Down Day. Above all, however, *The MACHS Anchor* would like to acknowledge those who will begin the celebration of Hanukkah this Tuesday, December 16th. May you enjoy your 8-night festivity full of lights and cheer!

Of course, those who don't take part in any of the holidays this month can bask in the most wonderful occasion in December: Winter Break!

See you next week as we prepare you for your vacation from school, and recap the events from both the middle school and high school.



Happy Hanukkah