



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, 12/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Boys Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Chess Practice – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tue, 12/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Dress Down Day - \$1 Noon Dismissal
Wed, 12/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WINTER BREAK
Thu, 12/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WINTER BREAK
Fri, 12/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WINTER BREAK
Other Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/5 – School Resumes 1/9 – Professional Development – No School for Students 	



High School:

Mon, 12/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Ugly Sweater Dress Down Day Men's Varsity Basketball Game at Tacony – 3:15 PM SeaPerch SGA
Tue, 12/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Noon Dismissal
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Bravo Zulu!

Recognizing success and points of pride around MACHS



Contests, Concerts, and Plays, Oh My!



The middle school has been full of festive cheer as many await the upcoming winter break. Throughout the month of December, advisories and even some specialist teachers decorated their doors to fit the theme of "Make the Holidays Sparkle." Last month, **Ms. Lisa Foster** and 7B were the overall winners, and the number of competitors increased in this second month of themed doors. Alas, **Mrs. Rubin** won for the 7th grade. The remaining grade winners were **Ms. Giancaterino (5A)**, **Ms. Taylor (6B)**, and **Ms. Fanega (8B)**. We appreciate all who participated, along with **Mrs. Wassel** who helped to decorate the whole 1st floor with colorful 3-dimensional snowflakes!

Speaking of Mrs. Wassel, she and **Ms. Saville** coordinated a 3rd grade choral concert on Friday in the middle school cafeteria. Perched on a decorative stage, students in 3A sang along to holiday songs and filled the room with warmth! This of course was also after a week where 4B students had their gingerbread trees on display and Santa was circulating throughout the school.

Finally, **Mrs. McGonigle** and her students in 4C put on a production of *A Christmas Carol*. Whether it was as a stage manager, narrator, or actress, each student played an important role in transforming their classroom into a magnificent theater stage and seating area. During their last showing, parents and their eighth grade buddies came to support. We hope all of you enjoy the wondrous occasions the way so many around the middle school have been!

One Last Chance to Participate in This Month's Raffle

Time has certainly flown by because it seemed like just last week we were advertising the raffle for December. However, as we approach the final week before winter break, the time has come for procrastinators to submit their final answers. The good news is that the deadline has been extended to Friday, December 26th, just in time for the last publication of 2014.

For those of you who have not yet responded, we're asking you to email us your answer to **"What has been your favorite MACHS moment from 2014?"** So far, responses have ranged between Carnival Day to Back to School Night has highlights of the year. Perhaps yours are field trips or fundraisers. Whatever the case may be, we encourage all students, faculty, family, and friends of MACHS to submit a response to newsletter@maritimecharter.org. If chosen as the winner, you will earn a \$10 gift card of your choice! Best of luck, and we can't wait to read about your memorable moments.

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Lighting the Way

Maritime industry news that guides our students towards understanding

Save The Date: The 47th Annual Four Chaplains Day Awards Dinner Will Take Place on February 3rd

During World War II, The *USAT Dorchester* was carrying more than 900 civilian and military personal from New York to Greenland when it was torpedoed by a German submarine. Four chaplains, all from different religious backgrounds, stayed aboard the ship while they ushered others to safety, going so far as to sacrificing their life jackets for others. In honor of unwavering bravery, The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation was established as an organization in Philadelphia that acknowledges the goodwill and cooperation that symbolize the legacy of these brave men.

Our board member, **Mr. Eugene Mattioni**, has requested that we extend the invitation of their annual awards dinner to readers of *The MACHS Anchor*. It is set to take place at The Corinthian Yacht Club on February 3, 2015. During this event, the four chaplains will not only be honored, but two gold medallion recipients will also be recognized. The business formal event requires your RSVP by January 23, 2015. If you or anyone you know are interested or would like more information, please e-mail us so that a copy of the invitation can be forwarded. We appreciate Mr. Mattioni's inclusion in this momentous celebration.



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Week

Last week, a momentous event took place in our high school. A new partnership with Holy Family University was formed that will allow high school cadets the opportunity to earn college credit prior to finishing their high school career. We certainly look forward to the development and progress of this opportunity, but in the meantime, we leave you with some photographs from the event that included so many important people who made this relationship possible.

