



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:

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| Mon, 1/5 | <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, 1/6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Tickets Go on Sale for 5th and 6th Grade Dance (\$5) After School Tutoring SeaPerch |
| Wed, 1/7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Community Meetings |
| Thu, 1/8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Community Meetings After School Tutoring Chess Practice SeaPerch – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM |
| Fri, 1/9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Development – No School for Students |
| Other Important Reminders: | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/14 – Home & School Meeting at 6:30 PM 1/16 – 5th and 6th Grade Winter Dance | |



High School:

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| Mon, 1/5 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day SeaPerch SGA |
| Tue, 1/6 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Men's Varsity Basketball Game vs. GAMP – 3:15 PM |
| Wed, 1/7 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day |
| Thu, 1/8 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Men's Varsity Basketball Game at Penn Treaty – 3:15 PM Study Hall Zumba! |
| Fri, 1/9 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Development – No School for Students |
| Other Important Reminders: | |



Bravo Zulu!

Recognizing success and points of pride around MACHS



A New Year Begins with a Month Full of Events

As we welcome the first full week of 2015, we would like to recognize **Ms. Sarah Ward (MS)** for working alongside administration and the middle school Home and School Association to organize some entertaining events in January. In case you did not receive any of the flyers, below is a brief review of what upcoming events are available for all students, faculty, and friends of Maritime Academy Charter School:

- January 21st – **The Chick-fil-A Restaurant Night** is an evening for friends and family to enjoy a meal at the Aramingo location. If you order anything between 5:00 PM and 8:00 PM, 10% of your total bill will be donated to MACHS. All proceeds will be used for our Annual Carnival Day.
- January 23rd – **Sixers Night** provides attendees tickets to witness the Philadelphia 76ers battle the division-leading Toronto Raptors. For \$30, you not only receive a ticket but also complimentary transportation to the Wells Fargo Center. The transport service is optional and will leave the middle school by 6:00 PM. Those interested in food vouchers can also pay an additional \$6.50. It is imperative that you RSVP by January 14th in order to guarantee a ticket for you and your friends.
- January 28th – **Family Game Night** is Back! All are invited to come to the middle school for food, fun, and friendly competition! Prizes will be given to the top competitors.

If you would like any additional information regarding these events, including how to submit payment or to reserve a spot, please e-mail Ms. Ward at ward.s@maritimecharter.org. Additionally, if you are a parent or guardian who would like to gain early access to upcoming events or to contribute ideas of your own, please attend the next Home and School Meeting on **Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 6:30 PM**. The meeting will take place in building 107, Room. 113. In the meantime, continue reading for other events that will be taking place in 2015!

Mrs. Ayres and Her Halloween Memories Win!

A record number of people entered December's newsletter raffle, but the winner was **Mrs. Patricia Ayres (MS)**. Since returning to the middle school, she said that her favorite moment from 2014 was Halloween.

"Distributing candy to our young cadets as they paraded through our classroom was awesome. Their costumes were creative and elaborate!"

It's the camaraderie and overall support system for one another that truly make MACHS a wonderful environment! That being said, January's monthly raffle celebrates National Mentoring Month. **We challenge readers of *The MACHS Anchor* to send us your best acrostic poem** using either the word MENTOR or the name of someone related to mentoring. Submissions must be e-mailed to newsletter@maritimecharter.org no later than Friday, January 30th, with one winner earning a \$10 gift card of their choice.

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Lighting the Way

Maritime industry news that guides our students towards understanding

More Learning Opportunities in 2015

Since the first edition of *The MACHS Anchor*, there have been an incredible amount of learning opportunities for students related to the maritime industry. MACHS cadets have been privy to businesspeople, military personnel, and even institutions to learn about different nautical fields. Furthermore, many Philadelphia attractions also provided learning opportunities in 2014. This next year seems to provide even more maritime-related events for local residents. While areas like the Spruce Street Harbor, Schuylkill River Banks, and Navy Yard have already been featured in previous weeks, there are many other locations and events to detail these next few months. One such example is Venice Island, which was built in Manayunk as a recreational center and stormwater management system. Their involvement with the Philadelphia Water Department could offer science and art teachers worthwhile ideas for the classroom.

Another water-related location that hasn't been mentioned in our newsletter is Fairmount Water Works. Classes in the past have held field trips at the Water Works Museum, but for family and friends looking for free activities on the weekends, their calendar shows ongoing programs such as their Science Saturdays or Sunday Cinemas. During the month of January, visitors can learn about fish that survive the cold winter or watch *Ice Age: Meltdown*.

Finally, the much-anticipated maritime event of 2015 is sure to be Tall Ships Philadelphia-Camden. Tickets recently went on sale for tours and admissions taking place from June 25th to 28th. This is predicted to be the largest sailing event of the year in the United States, and will include vessels from countries like France and Brazil. The *Gazela* will also be included, which is Philadelphia's official Tall Ship. For more information regarding any of these locations, click on the corresponding pictures below:



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A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Week

It seems as though 2015 has much to offer! However, keep in mind that there are even more events happening within these next few weeks! While marking your calendars and setting reminders on your electronic devices, please consider these last few important dates:

- Our basketball teams continue their battles this month on both the middle and high school levels. Cheer on our athletes as they compete, and visit our school's website to determine when they'll be playing next!
- The middle school will acknowledge Cadets of the Month twice in January. The first is this week for December's students who excelled in behavior in academics, but the other one will be on **January 28th and 29th**.
- Finally, Monday, **January 19th** is our 2nd Annual MLK Day of Service. Over 100 volunteers reported to the school on their day off, and our goal is to top that this year! Check next week's newsletter for additional details regarding how you can help!

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