



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, 1/12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Tickets Go on Sale for 5th and 6th Grade Dance (Rescheduled) Community Meetings – Gr. 3, 4, 5, & 7 Boys Basketball Game at NFCS – 3:30 PM Chess Practice – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tue, 1/13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day (Rescheduled) Community Meetings – Gr. 6 & 8 After School Tutoring Boys Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:45 PM SeaPerch
Wed, 1/14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Dental Forms Due RSVP Slips Due for January Events Teachers: PD Surveys Due Boys Basketball Game at Northwood – 3:30 PM Home and School Meeting – 6:30 PM
Thu, 1/15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day "Thank Your Mentor" Day After School Tutoring Boys Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:45 PM Chess Practice SeaPerch
Fri, 1/16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Dress Down Day – \$2 Last Day to Submit MLK Day of Service Forms and Donations 5th and 6th Grade Winter Dance
Other Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/19 – MLK Day – No School; 2nd Annual MLK Day of Service (10:00 AM – 2:00 PM) 1/26 – 2nd Quarter Ends!



High School:

Mon, 1/12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day SeaPerch SGA
Tue, 1/13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day
Wed, 1/14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day RSVP Slips Due for January Events
Thu, 1/15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day "Thank Your Mentor" Day Study Hall Zumba!
Fri, 1/16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/26 – 2nd Quarter Ends!



Bravo Zulu!

Recognizing success and points of pride around MACHS



Stay Up-to-Date with MACHS Athletics

Thanks to **Ms. Stillwell (HS)**, it was discovered that registered users of <http://www.arbitersports.biz/> can access scores and standing of all of our high school athletic teams. For those unfamiliar, ArbiterSports allows sports leagues and associations to organize and deliver events through the use of their sophisticated technology. For the first year, it has been the PIAA's reporting services for sports schedules and results.

Those who are interested in learning more about MACHS athletics without registering can also access information using MaxPreps. As part of CBS Sports, this site specializes in high school sports, and provides similar features of ArbiterSports without paying for the registration.

Readers of *The MACHS Anchor* no longer need to rely on our publications to stay up-to-date on the performances our high school athletic teams. To visit a direct link to Maritime Academy's homepage on MaxPreps, click [here](#).

Book Donation Program Set to Begin at MACHS

At a time when many students and teachers struggle to obtain resources related to PA Core or leisure reading, we often overlook our good fortune in comparison to many other countries. Did you know that for as little as 50 cents, you could provide a book to a child in Africa?

Through the recommendation of various board members, Maritime Academy Charter School is preparing to spearhead a book donation program that may not only provide functional libraries at both campuses, but also contribute to the philanthropic efforts of the organization, **Books for Africa**. The first stage of this plan will begin this week as unused books and materials will be collected. Then, during our 2nd Annual MLK Day of Service, volunteers will sort and prepare books that will be sent to a shipping facility in Atlanta. We hope that you can contribute to this effort. Please contact **Ms. Fanega** for more details on how you can help.

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Lighting the Way

Maritime industry news that guides our students towards understanding

President-Appointed Officer Visits MACHS

Last Wednesday, Maritime Academy Charter School welcomed **Commissioner William P. Doyle** to both the middle school and high school campuses. For those who do not know, Commissioner Doyle was nominated by President Obama last year as the newest member of the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC). According to the FMC's website, his primary duties are to "[regulate] the nation's international ocean transportation for the benefit of exporters, importers, and the American consumer."

It is likely that Commissioner Doyle was assigned to be a part of this important role because of his experience as a marine engineer, lawyer, and judge. As a graduate from both the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and Widener University's School of Law, Commissioner Doyle has sailing experience and other maritime-related field experience that is worth sharing with students from Maritime Academy Charter School.

During his visit to the elementary and middle schools, Commissioner Doyle interacted with the sea perch robot that was designed by our maritime engineering team. Additionally, he observed Chief Hentnick's deck operations class and enjoyed a lunch with our cadets at the high school location. Overall, his tour with Mr. Poznek and our board members allowed him to see the maritime-related components of our school operations. Even more importantly, students gathered meaningful information related to how their hard work can lead to successful career paths similar to Commissioner Doyle. Perhaps one day, one of our cadets will be directly appointed by the President of the United States! In the meantime, below are a few photographs that capture the memories from last week.



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Week

There are so many January events that it may be hard to keep track of what is happening next. The easiest way for many parents to gain early access to upcoming events and activities is to attend our Home and School Meetings! On Wednesday, the next meeting will take place at 6:30 PM in Room 113 of Building 107. We also appreciate the members of the Home and School Association who have sacrificed their time and resources to provide color flyers that were distributed to teachers of the middle school.

Of course, we simply could not end the newsletter without advertising the **2nd Annual MLK Day of Service** one final time. Not only is MLK Day recognized as the only federal holiday that is a day of service, but it is also the second volunteering event at the middle school campus. Through volunteer efforts of our Maritime family, many projects around the middle school, business arsenal, and local neighborhood will be fulfilled. Finally, to gather support and attention related to this event, there is a collection program taking place in the middle school in which the advisory that earns the most points will win a pizza party! Letters related to the event have already been distributed in the middle school, but if you would like more information regarding the MLK Day of Service, please contact Ms. Fanega at fanega.d@maritimecharter.org. We hope to see you there!

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