



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, 1/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLK DAY – NO SCHOOL • 2nd Annual MLK Day of Service – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Tue, 1/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Quarterly Exams • After School Tutoring • Boys Basketball Game at A&S – 3:30 PM • SeaPerch
Wed, 1/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Quarterly Exams • Boys Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:45 PM • Chick-fil-A Night – 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Thu, 1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Quarterly Exams • Boys Basketball Game at MAST – 3:30 PM • After School Tutoring • Chess Practice • SeaPerch
Fri, 1/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • 8th Grade T-Shirt Designs Due • Quarterly Exams • Sixers Game Night – 7:30 PM (Bus Leaves MS at 6:00 PM)
Other Important Reminders:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/26 – 2nd Quarter Ends! • 1/30 – Last Day for January Door Decorating Contest Submissions; Last Day to Submit Box Tops 	



High School:

Mon, 1/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLK DAY – NO SCHOOL • 2nd Annual MLK Day of Service – 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM (Report to Middle School Campus)
Tue, 1/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Study Hall • Varsity Bowling at Erie – 2:30 PM • Men's Varsity Basketball Game at Penn Treaty – 3:15 PM
Wed, 1/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • SGA Meeting – 2:30 PM • Chick-fil-A Night – 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Thu, 1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • A Voice Group Meeting – 11:00 AM • Men's Varsity Basketball Game at Academy at Rush – 3:15 PM • Study Hall • Zumba!
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Bravo Zulu!

Recognizing success and points of pride around MACHS



The 2nd Annual MLK Day of Service at MACHS Doubles Its Attendance!

Last year, over 100 people reported to the middle school to volunteer their time and talent to complete a variety of tasks after only a week of planning. This year, with more preparation and support from faculty, students, and friends, we are proud to report that over 200 volunteers answered the call to serve in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.! More than 15 different projects, ranging from teacher requests to an international book donation program were completed in less than five hours. It truly was "All hands on deck!" as help was provided from people as young as our third graders to as highly-esteemed as our board members. The hard workers were treated to pretzels and pizza that was provided thanks to the gracious generosity from **Delta-T Group**, **Lintons Managed Services**, and **Hankin Management Company**, all of whom have established longstanding relationships with Maritime Academy Charter School. Finally, through the middle school competition that concluded on Monday, we are pleased to recognize the following individuals and groups:

- **Melissa Steinberger (5B)** who donated 183 books for the Books for Africa Program
- **Mrs. Roane and 5D** who had the largest student turnout for an advisory
- Finally, the advisory that scored the most points, and therefore earned a pizza party is: **3A (Mrs. Wassel)**

Follow this event even further by visiting our website for pictures, updates, and perhaps even a way for you provide your suggestions and feedback for this and future volunteer events!

**Save the Date:
MACHS Bingo Event
on April 17th!**

MACHS provides what the people want, and another Bingo event was highly demanded! Given the successes of previous fundraisers that have been hosted by Mrs. Orosz, Mrs. McDevitt, and the high school, the committee of helpers has been extended to include Ms. Ward and middle school staff. For \$25, participants will play 10 rounds of Bingo and earn 3 raffle tickets. The event is scheduled to take place on Friday, April 17, 2015 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM at the **Polish American Association**.

More information will be provided through the website and in future editions of the newsletter, but if you are eager to reserve tickets or have questions, please contact Mrs. Orosz (orosz.k@maritimecharter.org) or Ms. Ward (ward.s@maritimecharter.org). We hope to see you at yet another event that benefits the school!



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Lighting the Way

Maritime industry news that guides our students towards understanding

How Might Our Donated Books Arrive in Africa?

Last week, we mentioned in the sidebar of our newsletter the plan to donate books to an organization whose goal is to "end the book famine in Africa." Twenty-four hours after middle school students were first challenged to bring in books to donate, there were nearly 400 reading materials collected. At Monday's MLK Day of Service, over 1,000 books and school supplies had been donated to MACHS! Many may wonder how numerous fifty-pound boxes will get transferred from a charter school in Philadelphia to libraries in Africa. Interestingly enough, the maritime industry plays an influential factor!

While other schools or organizations might drop off packages to their local postal service center, the involvement of our board members introduce another option that is unique to Maritime Academy Charter School. **Penn Terminals** is a privately-owned marine terminal that not only services a number of cargo ships along the United States east coast, but its President and CEO is one of our board members. **Mr. John Brennan** has suggested that Penn Terminals could use their facility to ship our donated items from Philadelphia to the headquarters of Books for Africa, which is located in Atlanta, GA. From there, sea containers ship the books to libraries throughout Africa.

A maritime connection like this does not have to be limited to our volunteers. Such a story could invite some PA Core questions for upcoming quarterlies and midterms. Perhaps you want to review the unit rates for shipping costs per box. Maybe you would like to chart the safest travel path for the container ships given weather patterns along the Atlantic Ocean. Others might want to flex their creative muscles by writing what it would be like to be a book that travels from MACHS to a country in Africa. For those of you who apply this or any of our other stories to the classroom, we would love to hear from you! E-mail us at newsletter@maritimecharter.org, and hopefully you'll see your submission appear in an upcoming edition of *The MACHS Anchor!*



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Week

We conclude this issue of the newsletter with 2 events from last week, a reminder for 3 events this week, and a challenge to all of our readers!

- On 1/15/15, students attended a trip to Cheney University sponsored by the Department of Natural and Applied Science. Students learned about a variety of science-related careers, including marine biology. Students participated in an aquaculture tour, planetarium show, and discussion panel.
- That same day, the middle school chess team participated in another competition and finished 15-4-2. The rookie elementary team was 10-2-2 for the day. There were many highlight moments, including **Ancil Colteste, Jr. (7B)**, the only undefeated middle school student in the league.
- A friendly reminder to attend our Chick-fil-A Night on Wednesday that is hosted by the Home & School Association. Additionally, there is a Sixers night on Friday, January 23rd.
- We wish the best of luck to all middle school cadets taking their quarterly exams this week. Get a good night's rest, eat breakfast, and do your best on the test!
- Finally, there have been incredible submissions to the newsletter's monthly raffle! However, only one winner will be chosen at random. For those who have not yet participated, here is the prompt once more: **Send us your best acrostic poem using either the word MENTOR or the name of someone related to mentoring.** Good luck and see you next week!

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