



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, 12/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM SGA Meeting – 2:45 PM (Rm. 306) Chess – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Drama Club (Gr. 6-8) – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Junior Authors' Club – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Math & RELA Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Sea Perch – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Tue, 12/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM "Bring on the Snow" (Matinee) – Bldg. 41 Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Cooking – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Drama Club (Gr. 3-5) – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Junior Authors' Club – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Math & RELA Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Young Reporters' Club – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Wed, 12/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Dress Down Day - \$2 Last Day to Submit BoxTops for December Contest NOON DISMISSAL
Thu, 12/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL
Fri, 12/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL
Other Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/4 – SCHOOL RESUMES 1/5 – NJHS Meeting – 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM 1/14 – Home & School Meeting – 5:00 PM 	



High School:

Mon, 12/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Credit Recovery – English – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM Sea Perch – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM Tutoring – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Tue, 12/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Credit Recovery – English – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM Men's Varsity Basketball Game vs. Tacony Academy Charter School – 3:15 PM Tutoring – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Wed, 12/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day NOON DISMISSAL
Thu, 12/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL
Fri, 12/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WINTER BREAK - NO SCHOOL
Other Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/4 – SCHOOL RESUMES 1/6-1/7 - English Literature Keystone Testing 1/23-1/14 - Algebra I Keystone Testing 	

M is for "Maritime"

Recapping how the maritime industry has influenced our middle and high school cadets

Middle School Student Leaders Learn about the Marine Towing Industry

On December 8th, student leaders from grades 7 and 8 were accompanied by **Ms. LaVerghetta (MS)** and **Ms. Fanega (MS)** on a field trip to the Navy Yard where one of our board members, **Capt. Nathan Hauser**, provided a wonderfully engaging presentation related to **Moran Towing Corporation**. During their time, they watched videos regarding the differences between the towing vessels and how they help ensure that the 95% of goods across the world are loaded and unloaded in ports like ours in Philadelphia. They also experienced tours on two of the tugboats, and enjoyed an eye-opening tour along the river. The field trip concluded with lunch in the food court of the Urban Outfitters Headquarters, which is also located inside the Navy Yard. It was a truly memorable experience that all thoroughly enjoyed!

While middle school cadets were at Moran Towing, high school cadets were also invited by board member **Mr. John Brennan** to experience a field trip of their own at **Penn Terminals**. It is these sorts of activities that truly remind us of the value we hold for our maritime industry leaders who contribute to the educational opportunities of our MACHS cadets. On behalf of all of us at the school, THANK YOU!



A is for “Athletics”

Providing you the most up-to-date information on our competitive teams

Basketball, Cheerleading, and Chess Dominate MACHS Athletics

As the middle school girls’ basketball teams completed their 2015-2016 season by proudly wearing their new jerseys that were created by **JoVaZ Arts** and paid for using donated funds, boys in grades 5-8 have diligently been preparing for their upcoming season. All middle school basketball teams have been coached by **Mr. Walter Diamond**, and we greatly appreciate his involvement with the school! In the high school, however, the girls’ varsity basketball team is undefeated with a record of 4-0 thanks to the leadership of **Coach Fisher (HS)**. Their next game will take place Wednesday, January 6th at Arts Academy at Benjamin Rush.

Prior to starting your winter break, many of you might want to support our men’s basketball team on Tuesday, December 22nd. The men’s varsity basketball game will take place at home versus Tacony Academy Charter School. All games begin at 3:15 PM. Go SEA DOGS!

In terms of other competitive teams, our middle school has concluded with their cheerleading tryouts, and **Coach Kutner (MS)** has released the names of those who made the team. We look forward to their first performance during the middle school’s holiday show titled, “**Bring on the Snow**” which will take place on Tuesday. In the high school, **Ms. Mulligan-DeJesus (HS)** leads cheerleading practices to inspire and motivate our Sea Dog cadets for their next appearance at our basketball game.

Finally, the middle school chess team is boasting a 25-9-1 record for this season. Led by **Coach Doyle (MS)**, their most recent competition that took place at the School District of Philadelphia included star competitors **Ancil Colteste, Jr. (8D)**, **Jon-Marc Foreman (8C)**, **Matt Marson (8A)**, and **David Morales (8A)** who each went 2-1, and **Kevin Mai (5A)** who went undefeated. Way to go SEA DOGS!



C is for “CLC Programs”

*Details regarding before and after school programs
courtesy of our 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant*

Cooking Club Includes a Very Special Guest

Mrs. Wassel (MS) has been leading the very popular after school Cooking Club that meets every Tuesday and Thursday with the help of many parent and faculty volunteers. However, this past Monday, the cadets experienced a special treat: a cooking demonstration by board member **Mr. Eugene Mattioni**. On the menu for this special session was how to make “homemade ravioli” from scratch. After the gourmet culinary demonstration, more than 25 maritime cadets helped to prepare the dinner that was devoured by all. In the end, the most asked question was, “When can we do this again?”

Until you have time to enjoy their delicious creations, hopefully you’ll like the pictures from the right that were captured from the event.



H is for “High School”

Take a look at these awesome details from the high school

Way to Go, Seniors!

Perhaps it’s the esteemed guidance of our high school faculty, the hours that cadets dedicate towards their academics, or the natural talents of our many seniors, but many have begun submitting college acceptance letters to **Ms. Arnold (HS)**, and we could not be more proud. Below is a list of seniors, along with their college or university of acceptance:

<u>Name:</u>	<u>College/University:</u>
Nakira Bland	The Art Institute of Philadelphia
Savanna Brown	Arcadia University, Philadelphia University, University of the Sciences, Penn State-Berks
Nasir Bryant	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Alana Corry	Keystone College, Langston
Nasi Hayes	Central Penn College
Kayla Heary	Holy Family University
James Hill	Gwynedd Mercy College
Naya Jones	Gwynedd Mercy College
Zachary Kaufmann	Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Nicholas LaDue	Holy Family University
Daelynn Lepone	Holy Family University (Nursing)
Nicholas Marino	Gwynedd Mercy University, LaSalle University
Marcus Marrero	Holy Family University
Molly Perocier-Perez	The Art Institute of Philadelphia
Shawn Presock	Holy Family University
Savannah Vetter	Moore College of Art and Design

As of this publication, our MACHS seniors have already generated over half a million dollars in scholarship money! Keep up the terrific work, and continue to inspire the remaining cadets who are developing their career and college plans!

S is for “Staff and Students”

Reporting important details about our faculty and cadets

November Was Full of Community Outreach Programs

Last month, both the middle school and high school made valuable contributions to their community through their philanthropic efforts. First, middle school cadets held a canned food drive that benefitted our local **Knights of Columbus**. Items were also collected by the National Junior Honor Society for the Ditty Bag Drive that was hosted by **The Seaman’s Church Institute of Philadelphia and South Jersey**. However, the most humbling experience to witness was seeing the middle school team up with the **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF)** to use our 2nd Annual Turkey Trot as a way to raise over \$1,000 for “Team Coral!” Special thanks goes to **Ms. Giancaterino (MS)** and her advisory (6B) for raising the most money for a section, and **Kaiden Robinson (6B)** who singlehandedly donated \$134 from his supporters.

As for the high school, their National Honor Society, which is led by **Ms. Fisher (HS)**, has not only been hosting bake sales and penny wars to raise money, but they also collaborated with **Feast of Justice**, a local organization that worked to feed 900 families who are in need of support during this holiday season. The next plan is to continue this relationship between MACHS and Feast of Justice to distribute gifts to children aged 0-17 years old during the holidays.

Finally, faculty members were treated to a warm gift from administrators. **Instant Imprints** provided blue camouflage shirts with “Maritime Academy” on the front, and all faculty members were able to show off their MACHS pride as their weekend approached. We truly appreciate the unexpected piece of school attire.

We're Bringing Raffles Back!

With the start of a new year, many are probably reflecting on a year of success as well as setting goals for 2016. We want to hear how you would like Maritime Academy Charter School to improve our school by sharing your ideas for fundraisers, special events, or maritime experiences. To qualify, all of you need to do is e-mail us your full name, section (*if applicable*), and your ideas. All submissions will be entered into a raffle to win a very special **"MACHS Swag Pack."** The last day to submit an entry is **Friday, January 29, 2016.** Best of luck, and we can't wait to read what you have to offer!



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Anchors Aweigh

A conclusion to this special edition of the MACHS Anchor

Tell Us What You Think

In case you haven't noticed, the newsletter has undergone a revamping, and we want to know what you think! Did you notice an absence in our newsletter? Do you prefer the previous format? What areas related to Maritime Academy Charter School have we yet to cover? Any and all feedback is welcome, and we look forward to providing you awesome stories, pictures, and updates regarding our middle school cadets, faculty, and friends when we return on **Monday, January 4, 2016.** In the meantime, please e-mail us your feedback, and we will be sure to set sail in 2016 with your suggestions in mind! Until then, we hope that those who will have a winter break will enjoy their time. Happy New Year!



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Time

During these last few days before break, many events are on our horizon:

- The high school hosted their Holiday Concert last Thursday thanks to the stellar organization of **Mrs. McDevitt (HS)**. This Tuesday, however, the MS Drama Club, 3A, and newly chosen cheerleaders will host **"Bring on the Snow."** Led by Ms. **LaVerghetta (MS)** and **Mrs. Wassel (MS)**, this program will be the perfect start to our upcoming holidays! There will be a matinee for all cadets and faculty during the day and an evening showing for MACHS family and friends. The **MS Home and School Association** will also have a mobile bazaar for any last-minute shoppers.



- On Tuesday, December 22nd there is also a **CLC Open House** for any interested cadets and parents. Food and refreshments will be served, followed by personal tours of our current before and after school programs. If you would like more information regarding this event, including how you can RSVP, please contact the program director, **Mr. Walsh**, at walsh.s@maritimecharter.org.
- Our next **MS Home & School Meeting** will take place on **Thursday, January 14, 2016** at 5:00 PM. We hope that you will be able to join us as we prepare for upcoming winter events, and develop a plan for our next fundraiser.
- Finally, our **3rd Annual MLK "Day of Service"** will be on **Monday, January 18, 2016** at the middle school. What started as a quickly planned event has amassed into a school-wide community service event that has included hundreds of participants. Typical projects will include arsenal and classroom cleanup, creative writing activities, and teacher requests. If you would like to participate by donating your time, talent, or treasure, you can contact Ms. Fanega at fanega.d@maritimecharter.org. This is a great opportunity to collect volunteer hours, work alongside faculty and friends, or simply give back to our school.

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