



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:

High School:

Mon, 1/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM Mathematics Benchmarks This Week Boys' Var. Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Chess – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Junior Authors' Club – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Math & RELA Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Sea Perch – 4:00 – 6:30 PM 	Mon, 1/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Credit Recovery – English – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM Girls' Varsity Basketball Practice Men's Varsity Basketball Practice Sea Perch – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM Tutoring – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Tue, 1/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM Last Day to Submit MLK Day of Service RSVP Boys' Basketball Game at A&S – 3:30 PM Boatbuilding – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Cheerleading – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Junior Authors' Club – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM LEGO Robotics – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Math & RELA Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Young Reporters' Club – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM 	Tue, 1/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Credit Recovery – English – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM Girls' Varsity Basketball Practice Men's Varsity Basketball Game at PACS – 3:15 PM Tutoring – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Wed, 1/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM Boys' JV Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Chess – 4:00 – 6:00 PM Math & RELA Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Rocketry – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Sea Perch – 4:00 – 6:30 PM 	Wed, 1/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Algebra I Keystone Testing Girls' Varsity Basketball Game at Ezperanza – 3:15 PM Men's Varsity Basketball Practice
Thu, 1/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM Boatbuilding – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Book Bunch – 4:00 – 5:30 PM Boys' Var. Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Cheerleading – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Cooking – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM Junior Authors' Club – 4:00 – 5:30 PM Math & RELA Tutoring – 4:00 – 6:30 PM Rocketry – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM Young Reporters' Club – 4:00 – 6:30 PM Home & School Meeting (Rm. 114) – 5:00 PM 	Thu, 1/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Algebra I Keystone Testing Girls' Varsity Basketball Practice Men's Varsity Basketball Game at Parkway NW – 3:15 PM
Fri, 1/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day FREE Dress Down Day for 8th Grade ONLY (Shoparoo) Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM Boys' JV Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM 	Fri, 1/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Girls' Varsity Basketball Practice Men's Varsity Basketball Practice
Other Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/18 – MLK Day (No School); 3rd Annual MLK Day of Service – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM 1/19 – Reading Benchmarks; 2nd Quarterly Exams Begin 1/21 – New Teacher Induction 1/22 – Last Day to Submit T-Shirt Orders 		Other Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1/18 – MLK Day (No School); 3rd Annual MLK Day of Service – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM 1/19 – Midterms Begin 1/20 – ASVAB Test 1/21 – New Teacher Induction 	

M is for "Maritime"

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

Maritime Institutions among Highest Salary Potentials

In a report run by Georgetown University, one-tenth of the Top 50 colleges whose students earn the highest salaries were maritime academies. This might come to a surprise to some, but in an industry that relates to so many essential facets of our economy, it is no wonder that the hard work of these graduates is rewarded with well-paying jobs. Among the five schools that were ranked, the average median earnings is over \$80,000.

Many of our board members and faculty are graduates of these esteemed institutions, and it's a benefit for our MACHS cadets to not only have such people as a reference, but to also be guided under their tutelage. The five maritime institutions and their median salaries were: **#2. United States Merchant Marine Academy (\$89,000)**, **#7. California Maritime Academy (\$81,100)**, **#9. Massachusetts Maritime Academy (\$79,500)**, **#14. SUNY Maritime College (\$77,300)**, and **#21. Maine Maritime Academy (\$74,700)**. Many thanks to **Board Member John Brennan** who informed us of this news.

A is for “Assessments”

Highlighting some of the more important upcoming examinations

Benchmarks, Keystone Exams, and ASVAB Tests, Oh My!

With Chromebook carts fully deployed, the middle school has been earnestly completing StudyIsland assignments as part of their standardized test preparation. For the next two weeks, faculty and cadets will truly understand how far along they've come with their work when Benchmark tests are administered. Meanwhile, cadets in the high school have been preparing for the Keystone examinations, with the Algebra I Keystones taking place this week. The English Keystone exams were already completed last week. For those who do not know, Pennsylvania state legislators passed a bill at the end of November that would delay the use of the Keystone examinations as a graduation requirement until the 2018-2019 school year. The reason for this was because the initial decision did not allow for input from legislation, and given various discussions related to the Common Core curricula and high-stakes testing, such a reevaluation might be necessary. Maritime Academy Charter School cadets will continue to require the completion of the Algebra I and English Literature project for any graduating cadet who has yet to score Proficient or better in order to maintain our academic rigor.

Since MACHS is not only about preparing our cadets for college, but also for potential careers, **Chief Hentnick (HS)** will administer the **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)**. Given at least twice a year, cadets determine which area of the Armed Forces best aligns to their various skills. This is simply the initial step, and is in no way an indication that our cadets should enter into a field of the military. Nevertheless, numerous graduates over the years have enlisted or attended schools with a **Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC)** program.

Finally, as if the day-to-day success of our cadets is not enough, the **2014-2015 School Progress Report** has been released by the Philadelphia School District, and Maritime Academy Charter School has improved since last year. In a year when most Philadelphia schools showed struggles, both our middle school and high school excelled. In fact, our high school was classified as a Peer Leader in the field of “Progress,” which measures a school's growth on standardized tests and graduation planning. Be sure to visit the school district's website for a summary of our school, as well as any other Philadelphia charter or public school.



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C is for “Contests”

Details on a variety of competitions

Congrats to These December Winners!

During the month of December, the middle school was challenged to collect **Box Tops for Education** labels and scan receipts using the **Shoparoo** app (Android and iOS users only). After a very close competition between grades, our youngest cadets in **2A** worked together to collect over \$65 in Box Tops! That's more than 1/3 of how much the entire school had collected since April 2014! Thanks to their success, they will enjoy a pizza party some time these next two weeks.

As for the Shoparoo app, many grades had competed, but none were able to surpass the dominating participation of **8th grade** cadets, faculty, and parents. Their collaboration has resulted in a free dress down day for 8th grade faculty and cadets this Friday, January 15th.

It's certainly not too late for you to begin helping MACHS achieve our goal of raising \$1,000 in Box Tops labels and Shoparoo points. Contact Ms. Fanega (fanega.d@maritimecharter.org) or visit these websites for more information:

- How Box Tops Work – <http://www.boxtops4education.com/how-box-tops-works>
- How Shoparoo Works – <http://shoparoo.com/howitworks/>

H is for “Home & School”

Details regarding our next meeting

Parents and Guardians Can Help Earn a \$1 Discount for Cadets

Each month a middle school **Home & School Association** meeting is held on either a Wednesday or Thursday evening. This is a time for many parents and guardians to voice their opinions regarding school events and determine how collected fundraising money could be utilized. Administrators and faculty are often in attendance, but we are still looking for more parents and guardians to attend.

To encourage cadets to inform their parents and guardians of such meetings, we are offering \$1 discount coupons for cadets whose adult supervisors attend this Thursday’s Home & School Meeting. The meeting will begin promptly at 5:00 PM, and typically lasts about an hour.

In the event you are unable to attend, feel free to contact our members by e-mailing your suggestions to mshomeandschool@maritimecharter.org. Our plan will be to finalize details for our January events, update members of our account, and determine which fundraisers to have next.

We certainly hope to see you at our next meeting on **Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 5:00 PM (Rm. 114)**!

S is for “School Choice Week”

Details regarding this end-of-the-month celebration

National Event is Sure to Celebrate Education Opportunities

Once again, Maritime Academy Charter School will participate in **National School Choice Week**. Taking place each year during the last week of January, this highlights the various education opportunities for students all across the United States. Our school will be among over 9,000 education institutions that develop ways to embrace education and celebrate unique opportunities that many other countries might never experience.

This year, scheduled events in the middle school include a faculty display that will be led by **Mrs. Jennifer Ginchereau (MS)** and a **college-themed dress down day on Friday, January 29th**. It will be \$2 to participate, and cadets and faculty must follow the theme of wearing college or university apparel, or the colors of a university or college. Finally, the high school will host 8th grade visitations to see how our cadets in grades 9-12 are preparing for their college and career aspirations.

To contribute your ideas or to volunteer for one of our upcoming events, please contact Ms. Fanega at fanega.d@maritimecharter.org.



MACHS Movie Night

On January 29th, the middle school will host a **Family Movie Night**. This special event includes FREE admission, with concessions sold by our **Home & School Association**. Sample movies that might air are *Inside Out*, *Star Wars*, *Goosebumps*, and *The Martian*.

Stay tuned for flyers and RSVP slips to be sent home this week. Those who submit their responses first will be able to vote on the Top 5 movies that will air.

We hope that you and your family will be able to join us for this fun-filled event that concludes this first month of 2016 and National School Choice Week!



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A conclusion to our first newsletter of 2016

Don't Forget about Our Monthly Newsletter Raffle!

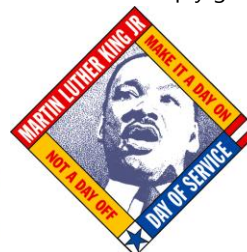
Prior to the start of winter break, we invited you to participate in the return of our monthly raffle by e-mailing us your suggestions on how you would like to improve Maritime Academy Charter School. Perhaps it's an update to one of our buildings, a community service event, or a CLC Program that's missing from our schedule. Whatever it is, we would like to hear about it! 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**. Cadets, family, and friends from both the middle and high school are eligible to win. Good luck and we can't wait to pass along your great ideas to our administrators!



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Time

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

- The **MS Boys' Basketball Teams** begin their 2016 season this Tuesday at The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds (A & S). Through the coaching of **Mr. Walter Diamond**, the male athletes have been dedicating practice time to ensure that they earn early wins this season. We wish all of them the best of luck!
- 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 finalize our plans for upcoming events. A \$1 discount for January's Dress Down Day will be given to any cadet whose parent or guardian attends the meeting.
- Finally, our **3rd Annual MLK "Day of Service"** will take place on **Monday, January 18, 2016** at the middle school. This year's school-wide community service event has already included numerous RSVPs from cadets and their family members. Keep in mind that Tuesday is the last day to submit responses. However, the middle school competition for a s'mores party will take place until the culmination of the event. Points can be earned for returning slips, donating cleaning supplies, or having you or those you know attend! If you would like to participate by donating your time, talent, or treasure, please 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.



- **Friday, January 22nd** is the last day for middle school t-shirt orders to be submitted. Any person who has had an error in the past or feels as though an order was not received should let their advisory teacher know immediately so that it is included in our January order. Finally, **all car decal and car magnet orders have been suspended indefinitely**. As a result, cash refunds will be issued these next two weeks. Parents or guardians who would prefer to pick their refund up in person may contact the main office.

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