



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, 1/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MLK DAY – NO SCHOOL • 3rd Annual MLK Day of Service – 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Tue, 1/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM • 2nd Quarterly Exams Begin • Reading Benchmarks Continue • Boys' Basketball Game at Northwood Academy – 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
Wed, 1/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM • Boys' Var. Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM • Chess – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM • Math & RELA Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM • Rocketry – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM • Sea Perch – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM • Zumba! (Faculty ONLY) – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Thu, 1/21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM • Boys' Basketball Game at School Lane – 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 • Cooking – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM • Junior Authors' Club – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM • Math & RELA Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM • Rocketry – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM • Young Reporters' Club – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM • New Teacher Induction – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Fri, 1/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM • Last Day to Submit T-Shirt Orders • Boys' JV Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Other Important Reminders:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/24-1/30 – National School Choice Week • 1/27 – Q2 Ends • 1/28 – Q2 Grades Due; 2nd Semester Specials Begin • 1/29 – Last Day to Submit Box Tops; Collegiate Dress Down Day – \$2; Movie Night – 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM (FREE) 	



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Tue, 1/19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Midterms Begin • Credit Recovery – English – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM • Girls' Varsity Basketball Practice • Men's Varsity Basketball Game vs. Parkway West – 3:15 PM • Tutoring – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Wed, 1/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • ASVAB Test • Girls' Varsity Basketball Practice • Men's Varsity Basketball Practice
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M is for “MLK Day of Service”

Saluting the philanthropic efforts of our alumni, cadets, faculty, and friends

3rd Annual MLK Day of Service Another Success

Despite the extremely cold temperatures, 90 volunteers braved the elements of Mother Nature to serve in the nation's annual **MLK Day of Service**. In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, various community service projects were completed throughout the United States. This is the only federal holiday that is observed as a day of service. For the third year in a row, Maritime Academy Charter School was proud to take part.

Among the various projects organized by **Ms. Fanega (MS)** at the middle school campus were laminating various teacher

materials, completing a general cleaning of the classrooms, hallways, and stairwells, sorting and labeling the Chromebook carts, and cleaning and organizing most of Building 41. Ms. Fanega humbly thanks the cadets and their family members who spent part of their morning helping the school before joining in other service projects throughout the city. Additionally, the faculty and administration who sacrificed their day off to lead various projects held a meaningful presence. However, what brings about the most pride were the amount of high school students who continue to attend each year. Despite their absence from the middle school location, their ongoing involvement – especially from those who may no longer attend MACHS – is a true testament to the loyalty they show to Maritime Academy! Thank you so much, and congratulations **Section 8D** who totaled the most points in their RSVPs, donations, and attendance! Expect your sweet treat on January 29th.

A is for “Athletics”

An update on our stellar athletes

Girls' Varsity Basketball Stay Strong with 6-1 Record

Our high school's girls' varsity basketball is off to its best start in years with a 6-1 record. Led this year by **Coach Fisher (HS)**, the high-scoring Lady Sea Dogs have a triple threat in the form of **Samerrah Jones, Jada Lim, and Mandy Rodriguez**. During their most recent victory against Esperanza last Wednesday, the three ladies scored 53 of the 63 total points for Maritime Academy, easily winning 63-24. Their next game is scheduled at home versus Edison. Be sure to cheer on our Lady Sea Dogs as they continue their dominant play during the last half of their regular season! Keep up the wonderful work!

As the Athletic Director for both the middle school and high school, Ms. Fisher also provided us with additional updates regarding our stellar athletes. First, our bowling team is hosting a bake sale fundraiser to raise money to purchase new shirts for the team. Additionally, the baseball team is starting to hold pitching and catching clinics to better prepare for their upcoming season. Finally, athletes of spring sports are thinking of ways to have fundraisers to purchase uniforms and for the sports banquet.

For the middle school, the boys' JV and varsity teams play two games this week. The first against Northwood Academy on Tuesday, and the other at School Lane Charter School on Thursday. We wish them the best of luck as they battle for their first wins of the season. At the conclusion of the basketball season, the middle school plans on hosting a **Winter Sports Banquet** to celebrate and honor the competitive teams that participated in activities between September 2015 and March 2016. Stay tuned for more details regarding this event.

C is for “Chess”

The latest on our middle school chess team

8th Grade Cadets Go Undefeated in Local Tournament

Last Thursday, the middle school chess team competed in the **Philadelphia Scholastic Chess League Tournament**. With a finish that totaled 14 wins, 4 losses, and 2 draws, the team was led by **Ancil Colteste, Jr. (8D)** and **Jon-Marc Foreman (8C)** who were both undefeated in the 3 matches that they each played. They now join **Matthew Marson (8A)** among the Top 10 individuals in the middle school. Overall, Maritime Academy Charter School is ranked 2nd place in the city for the Middle School League, behind only Masterman.

Practices for the chess team will continue until their next tournament which is set to take place on January 30-31. The **Checkmate Violence Chess Tournament** is a two-day event that will be held at Temple University. All of these chess events include over 3,000 chess members, and are organized by **The After School Activities Partnership (ASAP)**. Since 2002, their primary mission has been to which develop activities and resources that allow young children to feel empowered. Given the opportunities that exist at MACHS, we are confident that **Coach Doyle (MS)** will lead our group to numerous victories and continue to empower our young cadets!



H is for “High School”

Celebrating all of the successes and upcoming events at the high school

High School Cadets Continue to Demonstrate their Giving Spirit

News has been shared with *The MACHS Anchor* regarding the community outreach programs organized by our high school cadets. First, members of the **National Honor Society** raised over \$300 towards **Toys for Tots** to supply gifts for children in need for the holiday season. The **U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program** used this time of the year to gather toys that were distributed to less fortunate children as a way to inspire our youth and develop more patriotic citizens. This is, of course, just one of many philanthropic efforts that our NHS will lead throughout the school year.

Secondly, **Mr. Adamchak (HS)** and **Student Government Association (SGA) members** are organizing their annual blood drive that is scheduled for **Monday, February 8, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**. One person's donation could save up to 3 people, and it is certainly not too late for you to schedule an appointment. Cadets, faculty, and friends are all invited to participate. For more information, please e-mail Mr. Adamchak at adamchak.k@maritimecharter.org.



S is for “SeaPerch”

The latest on our underwater robotics teams

Details of the 2016 SeaPerch Challenge Have Been Released

Maritime Academy Charter School is set to compete in the **11th Annual Greater Philadelphia SeaPerch Challenge** that is scheduled for some time in April of this year. During this now one-day event, schools from around the area will compete in a variety of challenges that will garner scores in four different areas: vehicle performance, poster presentation, design notebook, and team spirit. The middle school and high school regional winner will then compete in the **6th National SeaPerch Challenge** that will take place on May 20-21, 2016 at Louisiana State University (LSU) in Baton Rouge.

For the first time, our regional competition will be hosted by **Temple University**. In the past, the Greater Philadelphia SeaPerch Challenge had taken place at Drexel University. Also new this year is a new themed mission that is bound to provide exciting challenges for both new and returning teams.

We are confident that **Mr. Walsh**, our middle and high school teams, and our additional coaches will dedicate these next few months towards designing a remotely operated underwater vehicle (ROV) that is sure to beat the competition! One element that has benefitted us in the past is our practice pool that is located in Building 106 of the middle school. In the past, practice maneuvering their vehicles was limited to shared time at the Seaport Museum. However, since last year, both the middle school and high school have utilized our facility to ensure that their design and teamwork lead to the best chances of success. We certainly look forward to the growth that they continue to share as they vie for another chance at a title!



Calling All Writers!

Mr. Benner (MS) is interested in seeing if any talented middle school cadets would be interested in submitting articles for **The Young Reporters' Club**. This after school CLC program, which meets every Wednesday and Thursday, already boasts one newspaper publication, and they are set to finalize their next one! For those who may not be able to stay after school once or twice a week, but have suggestions for articles, you can e-mail sample pieces of writing. If chosen, you will be credited with contributing to our publications as if you had been attending the meetings. This same opportunity is also available for all middle and high school cadets who would like to submit articles for our weekly newsletter. It is never too late to have your ideas heard! E-mail Mr. Benner at benner.j@maritimecharter.org to be considered.



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A conclusion to our weekly newsletter

Half the Year Nearly Complete

It seemed like just yesterday we were trickling into the new school year with numerous days off in September. As we embark on the first full month of winter, we also appear to be approaching the halfway point of our school schedule. 2nd quarterly examinations and midterms begin this week, along with the conclusion of benchmarks. As seniors determine their college and career plans and numerous cadets anticipate the influx of school functions, perhaps now is as good as ever to reflect on the hurdles that have already been cleared and the path that each will pave towards a successful second half of the school year. For those who might feel a bit complacent, perhaps this inspiring article by our own **Capt. David Bell (HS)** that was published back in October will inspire you: <http://www.maritimeprofessional.com/news/most-important-things-need-know-279917>. Among the many inspiring lessons he aims to impart on cadets when it comes to preparing for a mariner life (or just life in general), he states, "If you stop learning, you're just taking up space." Continue to learn about our school, about others, and most of all, about yourself, and perhaps you really will accomplish things as wide as our seas.



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Time

Even with a short school week, there is much to accomplish:

- On **Wednesday, January 20th**, the middle school faculty are invited to a motivational treat. By day, she's our Director of Special Education, but at 4:00 PM, **Mrs. Vaisberg** will be leading a Zumba! class in Building 41. In the past, these were classes that took place in the high school. However, this week Ms. Vaisberg begins with what will hopefully become a part of our regular fitness routine. Don't forget to pack a change of clothes because this is one after school activity you won't want to miss!
- **Friday, January 22nd** is the last day for middle school t-shirt orders to be submitted. Thanks to **Mrs. McDevitt (HS)**, middle school faculty and cadets may also purchase t-shirts and hoodies that were originally exclusive to the high school. Quantities are limited, so be sure to contact **Ms. Fanega** (fanega.d@maritimecharter.org) for purchases or future orders. To see what these designs look like, be sure to check out the displays that are located in the main office.
- As cadets prepare to excel on their upcoming examinations, we would like to provide a friendly reminder that the 2nd quarter ends on **Wednesday, January 27, 2016**. This means that not only will grades be due by 5:00 PM on January 28th, but **2nd semester electives will also begin that Thursday**.
- Finally, the end of January will include our next community event at the middle school. All are invited to attend our **FREE Movie Night** that will take place on **Friday, January 29, 2016**. Starting at 6:00 PM and concluding by 8:30 PM, this event will utilize various rooms to play some of your favorite classic movies and new releases. Be sure to complete the RSVP form that will be distributed this week to increase the likelihood that your movie choice will be played. Our **Home & School Association** will also be selling concessions in the B Deck for any families who'd like a sweet or salty treat! We hope to see you there, and we certainly hope you read our next edition of *The MACHS Anchor!*

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