



# 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:

<b>Mon, 2/29</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B Day</li> <li>• Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM</li> <li>• SGA Meeting – 2:45 PM (Rm. 306)</li> <li>• Baseball Tryouts (Gr. 6 &amp; 7) – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM</li> <li>• Cooking – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM</li> <li>• Junior Authors' Club – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM</li> <li>• Math &amp; RELA Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM</li> <li>• Sea Perch – 4:00 – 6:30 PM</li> <li>• <b>Q3 Interims Due – 5:00 PM</b></li> </ul>
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<b>Wed, 3/2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B Day</li> <li>• <b>Read across America Day</b></li> <li>• Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM</li> <li>• Baseball Tryouts (Gr.8) – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM</li> <li>• Chess – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM</li> <li>• Math &amp; RELA Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM</li> <li>• Rocketry – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM</li> <li>• Zumba! (Faculty ONLY) – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM</li> </ul>
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<b>Other Important Reminders:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3/9 – Home &amp; School Meeting – 5:00 PM</li> <li>• 3/10-3/11 – Community Meetings</li> <li>• 3/7-3/18 – Q3 Benchmarks</li> </ul>	



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## M is for “Memories”

*Now's the time to submit your MACHS memories*

### **Don't Let Your MACHS Memories be Forgotten!**

Each year, MACHS faculty and cadets work diligently to publish a yearbook for both our middle school and our high school. Upon celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school this past Tuesday, many of you probably have your fair share of memories, pictures, and stories from this school year. Make sure those wonderful details aren't left out from our 2015-2016 publications by submitting to the people in charge! For the middle school, **Mrs. Wassel (MS)** will be working with select 8<sup>th</sup> grade cadets. You can contact her at [wassel.s@maritimecharter.org](mailto:wassel.s@maritimecharter.org). As for the high school, **Mrs. Mulligan-DeJesus (HS)** and **Ms. Rambo (HS)** will once again lead the way, and their e-mail addresses are [mulligan.s@maritimecharter.org](mailto:mulligan.s@maritimecharter.org) and [rambo.j@maritimecharter.org](mailto:rambo.j@maritimecharter.org).

For 8<sup>th</sup> grade cadets, yearbook money – along with your 8<sup>th</sup> grade events letters – are due to your advisory teachers by Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The cost of this year's yearbook is \$40.

## A is for “Academics”

*Showing off some of the learning opportunities around our schools*

### Projects and Field Trips Demonstrate Students' Understanding

**Mrs. Ginchereau (MS)** was proud to share pictures and details regarding a 5<sup>th</sup> grade poster activity related to the American Revolution. In her e-mail, Mrs. Ginchereau pointed out that our cadets worked diligently to create a timeline by taking the major events and battles from that time period, researching them, and then putting them in chronological order. Illustrations related to the major events were also added, some in the form of pictures that were printed from the computer. However, many cadets drew pictures as well. The students used their creative talent with their knowledge of America’s fight for independence to construct outstanding timelines. These timelines will be on display in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms, so feel free to stop and take a look. We are very proud of our cadet’s effort on this project!

Just as hardworking are our 6<sup>th</sup> grade cadets who culminated months of learning with an engaging and memorable field trip this past Friday. Led by **Ms. Kutner (MS)**, our sixth grade teacher also sent us pictures of their experiences at The National Constitution Center, The Philadelphia Bourse, and The Philadelphia Mint.

Finally, even the high school had their share of real world encounters. To learn about their trips from this past week, check out the article on the next page. For now, below are the pictures sent by our wonderful middle school teachers:

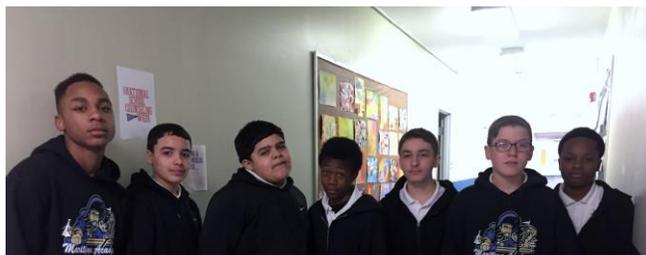


## C is for “Chess”

*Our middle school dominates during playoffs*

### MS Chess Team Goes Undefeated in Playoffs

After another year of competitive play, 8<sup>th</sup> grade cadets led the way in **The Scholastic Chess League Playoffs** that took place last Monday at The African American Museum in Philadelphia. **Ancil Colteste, Jr. (8D), David Cortez, Jr. (8C), Jon-Marc Foreman (8C), Stephen Friel (8A), Igli Korda (8A), Matthew Marson (8A), and David Morales (8A)** defeated Engineering & Science in seven straight matches to propel them to The Scholastic Chess League Championships that will take place **on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** at the **University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology**. This will be an extremely tough task as our MACHS cadets face the team ranked first in the city, JR Masterman School. Nevertheless, we are quite confident that our talented chess players will prove to be challenging opponents! For now, terrific job **Coach Colin Doyle (MS)** and all of our middle school chess players on a phenomenal job this year!



## H is for "High School Trips"

*Recapping the meaningful field trips of our high school cadets*

### **Juniors and Seniors Embark on College and Career-Oriented Field Trips**

Just like our middle school cadets who have been attending various field trips this year, high schoolers have also visited various locations. This past Wednesday and Friday, juniors and seniors held field trips at **Temple University** and **Star Career Academy**. Both ventures focused on providing as much experience and information for our cadets regarding potential college or career plans. While at Temple, cadets became familiar with the urban commute, sample schedules, and important buildings related to the school. As for Friday's trip to Star Career Academy, juniors and seniors encountered typical work schedules and environments for a variety of allied health, cosmetology, and culinary fields of interest. The simulations and equipment that they use really provided meaningful connections for our cadets! Many thanks to **Mr. Campbell (HS)**, **Mr. Eury (HS)**, **Mrs. McDevitt (HS)**, and **Mrs. Vaisberg (HS)** for leading the way for these terrific trips! Special thanks to Mr. Campbell for sharing these photographs from Friday's trip:



## S is for "Scholarship"

*Providing information regarding scholarship opportunities*

### **The Chapel of the Four Chaplains Once Again Offers Scholarship Contest**

Each year, **The Chapel of the Four Chaplains** provides a National Student Scholarship Competition to cadets in grades 5 through 12. Last year, our very own **Raquel Shivers (6A)** was one of the winners for her group. **Board Member Capt. Louis Cavaliere** even attended our community meeting to present her with this prestigious honor. This year, Capt. Cavaliere is once again inviting all MACHS cadets to showcase their talents by participating in this year's contest in which the topic is, "Undiscovered Heroes." Fifth through twelfth graders can present their creativity through art, photography, an essay, or even a YouTube video! Submissions must be received no later than **Thursday, March 31, 2016**. We hope that Maritime Academy Charter School can once again be represented among the numerous winners, whose prize amounts range from \$150 to \$1,000. For more information, visit <http://www.fourchaplains.org/>.



## Don't Miss Out on Our HS Spaghetti Fundraiser!

This Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, marks our first ever **Spaghetti Fundraiser**. Tickets are still available for as low as \$5 for children, \$7 for students, and \$10 for adults. The event will take place in the high school cafeteria, and many have already donated, including our **Board Chairman, Mr. Eugene Mattioni**. All funds raised will benefit our high school sports programs, and even if you are unable to attend, your generous donation would be greatly appreciated! For more information, including how to RSVP, contact the organizer, **Mrs. Denise McDevitt (HS)**.



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## Anchors Aweigh

*Concluding our newsletter with information from our Board*

### News from The Board of Trustees



Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, a board meeting is held at the high school. For those who may have missed it last week, below are important updates and news directly from them:

- There will be a series of future maritime events to be held at the **Seaport Museum**. Check the website at <http://phillyseaport.org/> for more information.
- A career night is being planned for students in grades 8 through 11. We will have more information on our website as we finalize the date and time.
- Two students have an interest in attending **SUNY Maritime College**. **Mr. Mattioni**, our Board Chairman, will be providing recommendation letters.
- Opportunities will be available for students to take part in various maritime programs over the summer – dates will be available soon. Statistics show students attending programs such as these have better grades and attendance.
- Scholarships are available through the **Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society**, deadline is 4/3/16, check website for details: <http://portsofphilamaritimesociety.com/scholarship.html>.
- Would like to expand our **Parent Advisory Council** for both the middle and high schools. If interested, please contact principals Peter Saunders (middle school) at [saunders.p@maritimecharter.org](mailto:saunders.p@maritimecharter.org) and Brian Lytz (high school) at [lytz.b@maritimecharter.org](mailto:lytz.b@maritimecharter.org).
- **Port Richmond Veteran's Memorial Park** will be a clean-up project for our high school Sea Cadets. For more information, contact Mr. Lytz at the email address listed above.



### *A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Time*

We conclude this newsletter with a few reminders:

- This Friday is Professional Development, and therefore there is no school for students. During that time, Mr. Lytz will present a new program titled Boardworks. Boardworks publishes educational software designed for whole-class teaching on interactive whiteboards and projectors, with a growing range of products covering science, math, English, history and languages for elementary, middle and high school teaching, including AP courses. We can't wait to see how to utilize this resource in our classrooms!
- Next Wednesday is our next middle school Home & School Association Meeting. Held in Room 114 at 5:00 PM, all are invited to come to discuss upcoming events, fundraising ideas, and suggestions for the school. We hope to see you there!
- Finally, community meetings will take place in the middle school next Thursday and Friday. We look forward to acknowledging not only our Cadets of the Month, but also all Honor Roll students from the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

*Do you have news to share? Send your pictures, stories, and ideas to [newsletter@maritimecharter.org](mailto:newsletter@maritimecharter.org).*