



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, 3/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM • Math Benchmarks Begin • National School Breakfast Week (NSBW) • SGA Meeting – 2:45 PM (Rm. 306) • Junior Authors' Club – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM • Math & RELA Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Tue, 3/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM • Baseball Practice – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM • Softball Tryouts – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM • Boatbuilding – 4:00 PM – 6:30 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 • Young Reporters' Club – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM
Wed, 3/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM • Baseball Practice – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM • Softball Tryouts – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM • Chess – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM • Math & RELA Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM • Rocketry – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM • Zumba! (Faculty ONLY) – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM • Home & School Meeting – 5:00 PM
Thu, 3/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM • Community Meetings • Baseball Practice – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM • Softball Tryouts – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM • Boatbuilding – 4:00 PM – 6:30 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
Fri, 3/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Community Meetings • Fall & Winter Sports Banquet RSVPs Due!
Other Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3/13 – Daylight Saving Time Starts • 3/14-3/18 – Quarterly Exams; Reading Benchmarks • 3/15 – Spirit Week Committee Meeting – 4:00 PM (Rm. 306) • 3/18 – Dress Down Day (\$2); Family Night at the 76ers (7:00 PM) 	



High School:

Mon, 3/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • 10 Day Film Challenge Begins • Q3 Benchmarks • Baseball Practice
Tue, 3/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Baseball Practice • Credit Recovery – English – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM • Softball Tryouts • Tutoring – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Wed, 3/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day • Baseball Practice • Credit Recovery – English – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM • SeaPerch – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM • Softball Tryouts • Tutoring – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Thu, 3/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Day • Baseball Practice • Credit Recovery – English – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM • Softball Tryouts • Tutoring – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
Fri, 3/11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B Day
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M is for “Maritime Events”

Mark your calendars for these various events throughout the city

Mark Your Calendar for These Upcoming Museum Events

With fair weather approaching and test preparation nearly complete, many faculty, family, and cadets are eagerly anticipating when their next field trip might be. The city and surrounding areas have so much to offer, and 2 are just minutes from our schools. The first is the **Independence Seaport Museum**. They host a “Parents Night Out” that takes place during the first Friday of each month. Additionally, on April 13th their newest exhibit, “PATRIOTS & PIRATES,” opens. Visitors can explore how our U.S. Navy was formed and observe their latest vessel that was recently completed.

A second potential trip could take place as the **Seamen’s Church Institute of Philadelphia & South Jersey** where their “Teach Fleet” exhibit will become available starting the week of April 11th. Constructed from Legos, the various vessels on display allow for important lessons on the maritime industry as well as other STEM-related fields. Visit each of their sites for more information by clicking on the logos to the left, or let us know where you plan on having your next trip!



A is for “Athletics”

Upcoming events for middle and high school competitive teams

MS Plans Banquet, While Spring Teams Prepare for Their Upcoming Seasons

Due to the overwhelming amount of talented athletes who attended last year’s banquet, the middle school will host a winter and spring sports banquet. On **Wednesday, March 16th**, participants from fall sailing, soccer, Lego robotics, girls and boys JV and varsity basketball, and chess will be honored during the **2016 Winter Sports Banquet**. The cost is \$8 for athletes and \$10 for guests. To best plan for the amount of food that will be ordered, invited guests are asked to please respond to Ms. Fanega no later than this **Friday (3/11/16)**. You can either e-mail her (fanega.d@maritimecharter.org) or submit your payment to her room (Rm. 306). If you do not prepay by Friday, but would like to attend, guests may pay cash at the door. All other questions or concerns can be directed to either Ms. Fanega or Mr. Saunders.

While celebrations for fall and winter successes loom, middle and high school spring athletes continue to prepare for the start of their seasons. Baseball and softball teams on both levels have either held tryouts already or will finalize rosters this week as they travel to our home fields for outdoor practice. Interested cadets should contact the respective coaches or our school’s Athletic Director, **Ms. Katelyn Fisher (HS)** at fisher.k@maritimecharter.org.

Of course, MACHS competitors also include our elite **SeaPerch** teams who will battle for victory at the end of April. Both the middle and high school teams have been hard at work to prepare their underwater vessels and apply their knowledge to the various scoring components. Likewise, our cheerleading teams have been eagerly preparing ways in which they will support all of these competitive teams. We can only hope that they’ll bring as much success as **Coach Doyle (MS)** and the middle school chess team did last week as they finished 2nd among all teams in Philadelphia during the **Scholastic Chess League Championships**. In the end, three of the players ranked in the Top 10 were from Maritime Academy Charter School: **Matthew Marson (8A; 5th)**; **Jon-Marc Foreman (8C; 6th)**; and **Ancil Colteste, Jr. (8D; 7th)**. Way to go, Sea Dogs!

C is for “Competitions”

Recapping our school’s involvement with various competitions

Whether It’s for Guts, Glory, or Pizza, MACHS Strives for Success

Maritime Academy Charter School doesn’t just aim for success in school and on the playing field. Throughout the year, cadets and family members have participated in the friendly competition of raising money for our school. According to our most recent updates, our school has earned **\$628.30** from **BoxTops for Education!** While this might not match our \$1,000 goal, it is the largest amount that has been collected by Maritime Academy! Similarly, our other fundraising goal was to raise money using the app, **Shoparoo**, and another record has been set by earning almost **\$200** for having users scan various grocery receipts.

To reward some of our greatest supporters, **Mr. Peter Saunders (MS)** provided pizza parties and a dress down day to winning advisories and grades. However, it’s not too late to continue supporting our school or raising money to fund our school’s field trips. Visit our website for more information on how you can help!

Finally, **Mr. Lint (MS/HS)** is once again leading the way in the **10 Day Film Challenge**. Beginning today, high school cinematographers will use just 10 school days to write, shoot, edit, and score an original film in a genre that will be randomly chosen. Below are just some pictures of the winners from last year, and we have no doubt that come April 21st when winners are announced, our MACHS cadets will be among them! Best of luck, movie makers!



H is for “Home and School”

Parents and guardians provide the third part to our school’s success

Our Home and School Associations Provide a Vital Influence on Our Schools’ and Cadets’ Successes

For months, our middle school Home & School Association has been aiming to increase parent involvement as well as provide additional resources for our school. Whether it’s the parent volunteers who help decorate classrooms or hallways, adults who attend meetings, or vendors who provide tasty treats during our events, it’s been clear that they contribute to our school’s success. Their latest donation to our school will be trays and bags to aid in the delivery of our pretzels. However, just like teachers have goals for their students, parents and guardians also have tasks that they hope to complete. To provide your insight regarding upcoming events, along with your suggestions on how to make our school better, all are invited to attend their next meeting that will take place on **Wednesday, March 9th at 5:00 PM in Room. 114.**

The high school Home & School Association has also been working alongside teachers and administrators to not only increase the population of involved parents and guardians, but to also assist with their school functions. Just recently, they provided donations and raffle baskets for the high school spaghetti fundraiser that took place last week (*see below*). In the future, they hope an increase in members will take place at their next meeting. To find out more information about how you can help with either school’s recommendation, you can contact either of the principals.

S is for “Spaghetti Fundraiser”

Raising money for the high school through a delicious meal

Our First Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser Was a Tasty Treat!

After more than a week of planning, prepping, and cooking, the high school hosted a delicious treat for its attendees. Organized by **Mrs. Denise McDevitt (HS)**, the HS Home & School Association, faculty, cadets, and family gathered together on March 3rd for their **1st Annual Spaghetti Fundraiser**. More than 75 attendees were first welcomed with door prize tickets and appetizers. Raffle baskets were on display for those who wanted to try their luck. However, all were about to be winners as the buffet line started to form, and **Mr. Lytz (HS)** and **Mrs. Vaisberg (MS/HS)** began serving our main course. Decadent sausage sautéed in vegetables, home-cooked spaghetti, and meatballs made from scratch were just a few items to satisfy anyone’s hunger. Dessert included cupcakes, brownies, and Stock’s pound cake. In the end, **\$950** was raised to help with our athletics programs and end-of-the-year senior activities. There were so many wonderful people to thank, from the cadets who continue to support their school, to the parents who provide such alluring treats, all the way up to our board members who willingly donate without any second thoughts. It’s teamwork such as this that truly demonstrates the excellence of our schools! For those who missed out, perhaps you’ll attend the **middle school’s Spaghetti Fundraiser** that is set to take place on **April 14th**. Otherwise, you can join both schools for our **Semi-Annual Skating Fundraiser** that will occur **on Sunday, April 24th at the Palace Roller Skating Center.**



Our Family Night at the 76ers Event is SOLD OUT!

Thank you so much to the cadets and family members who purchased tickets to see the **Philadelphia 76ers** play against the **Oklahoma City Thunder** on **Friday, March 18th**. The first 100 tickets were sold within weeks, and additional tickets have been ordered for those who were on a waiting list.

This is sure to be a memorable event, but your involvement doesn't have to end here. Be sure to have your televisions set when the players return from halftime to see which cadets earned the special chance to high five the returning Sixers!

Those who do plan on attending, we encourage you to wear MACHS attire to show off your school pride. Finally, be sure to share with us your memorable moments by e-mailing us at newsletter@maritimecharter.org.

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Concluding our newsletter with information about our Professional Development

Teachers Have Much to Practice after Another Productive Professional Development

While cadets get to sleep in and enjoy a day away from school, professional development days allow opportunities for faculty to collaborate with colleagues and acquire innovative ideas and applications for the classroom. During our most recent professional development sessions, the following tasks were completed:

- Presenters from **BoardWorks** led seminars for select middle and high school teachers. During this time, viewers were able to understand how to access the prepared presentations and related materials. Moreover, time was given for clarification to be provided regarding the programs' capabilities and limitations. Perhaps you'll identify an upcoming lesson that utilizes this software in the upcoming weeks.
- A series of **Ed Camp** workshops also took place, which were led by various middle and high school faculty. During this time, colleagues shared their most effective strategies for classroom management, student leadership, and other student-centered activities.
- Collaborative sessions also took place within departments, grade groups, and professional learning committees. Since this will be the final Professional Development until May, a lot of time was dedicated towards ensuring the pace and schedule of these next few weeks are engaging and full of rigor.

In the end, many seemed eager to apply what they learned on Friday to their own classrooms, as well as provide feedback to administrators on how to enhance the abilities of our teaching even further.



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Time

During this first full week of March, we not only anticipate various events, but also provide an important reminder for the weekend:

- Best of luck to cadets taking their **3rd Quarter Mathematics Benchmarks**. This might be one of the last times to show what you know to your teachers and administrators, as well as provide the most accurate prediction of how you'll do on your PSSAs. Those needing additional help can attend **CLC Tutoring** from Monday to Thursday each week.
- As we mentioned earlier, this 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!
- Community meetings will take place in the middle school on Thursday and Friday. We look forward to acknowledging Cadets of the Month for February, as well as all Honor Roll students from the 2nd quarter.
- **Friday (3/11/16)** is the final day to RSVP to the **middle school Winter Sports Banquet**. Please respond "yes" or "no" so that organizers can adequately prepare for the event.
- This Sunday, please remember to adjust your clocks one hour forward in observation of the start of **Daylight Savings Time**.

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