



# 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, 5/2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B Day</li> <li><b>Teacher Appreciation Week</b></li> <li>Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM</li> <li><b>PSSA Make Ups</b></li> <li>International Unity Day Meeting (Rm. 106)– 10:00 AM</li> <li>SGA Meeting – 2:45 PM (Rm. 306)</li> <li>Softball Game vs. A&amp;S – 3:30 PM</li> <li>Baseball Practice – 3:45 PM – 5:00 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> </ul>
<b>Tue, 5/3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Day</li> <li>Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM</li> <li><b>PSSA Make Ups</b></li> <li>Softball Practice – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM</li> <li>Boatbuilding – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM</li> <li>Cheerleading – 4:00 PM – 5:30 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>Young Reporters' Club – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM</li> </ul>
<b>Wed, 5/4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B Day</li> <li>Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM</li> <li>Baseball Game at Northwood – 3:30 PM</li> <li>Softball Practice – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM</li> <li>International Unity Day Meeting (Rm. 106) – 4:00 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>
<b>Thu, 5/5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Day</li> <li>Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM</li> <li><b>Community Meetings</b></li> <li>Baseball Practice – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM</li> <li>Softball Game at PACS – 3:30 PM</li> <li>Boatbuilding – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM</li> <li>Cheerleading – 4:00 PM – 5:30 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>Rocketry – 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM</li> <li>Young Reporters' Club – 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM</li> </ul>
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<b>Other Important Reminders:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5/9 – Quarter 4 Interims Due (5:00 PM)</li> <li>5/11 – Home &amp; School Association Meeting (5:00 PM)</li> <li>5/16 – Faculty Appreciation Family Night at the Ballpark (7:05 PM)</li> <li><b>5/17 – Professional Development – No School for Students</b></li> </ul>	



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<b>Tue, 5/3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Day</li> <li>Credit Recovery – English – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM</li> <li>Softball Practice</li> <li>Tutoring – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM</li> <li>Baseball Game vs. Tacony Academy – 3:15 PM</li> </ul>
<b>Wed, 5/4</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B Day</li> <li><b>AP Literature Exam</b></li> <li>Baseball Practice</li> <li>Credit Recovery – English – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM</li> <li>Softball Game vs. Friere (Chestnut) – 3:00 PM</li> <li>Tutoring – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM</li> </ul>
<b>Thu, 5/5</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Day</li> <li><b>AP Calculus Exam</b></li> <li>Co-Ed Track Meet at Northeast – 2:30 PM</li> <li>Credit Recovery – English – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM</li> <li>Softball Practice</li> <li>Tutoring – 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM</li> <li>Baseball Game vs. Overbrook – 3:15 PM</li> <li><b>Prom</b></li> </ul>
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## M is for “MACHS Alumni”

*A brief update from Maryland*

### **Seafarers International Union School (Paul Hall) Provides Captivating Learning Experiences**

Our very own **Mr. Poznek** was recently invited to Piney Point, MD where he attended a conference held by the Seafarers International Union School (SIU). This esteemed school provides training in a variety of seamanship skills to satisfy a spectrum of interests ranging from culinary to ship engineering and deck seamanship. This is also the very same school that two recent

high school graduates attend, and are currently at sea. Their experiences include an internship aboard a renowned cruise line, while the other is aboard a container ship in Hong Kong.

Any parent who interested in further information about attending Paul Hall should contact Mr. Poznek by e-mailing him at [poznek@maritimecharter.org](mailto:poznek@maritimecharter.org).

## A is for “Academics”

*Cadets across both schools have been rocking the tests!*

### **As the Middle School Concludes with PSSA Testing, HS Cadets Prepare for AP and Keystone Examinations**

For numerous days in April, middle school cadets dedicated their time and focus to rocking the test. Whether it was reviewing during class on StudyIsland or after school during CLC tutoring, cadets persevered to supply themselves with all that they needed to succeed. However, if that was not enough, they were also bolstered by the wonderful PSSA pep rally video that was created by **Ms. Kutner, Mr. Lint**, and the middle school cheerleading team. If you have not already been among the numerous people who have already viewed the YouTube video, you can see it now by visiting: <https://youtu.be/65tW4Ep1blk>.

As for our high school cadets, they are dedicating the month of May to AP and Keystone examinations. Starting this week, select cadets will take the chemistry, literature, or calculus exams. Advanced placement classes allow for cadets to learn at a more collegiate level and earn possible college credit based on their scores on these examinations. For the Keystone Exams, these will take place in subsequent weeks for algebra, biology, and English literature.

We wish the very best to all of our cadets as they continue to "Rock the Test" and demonstrate their mastery in these academic subjects!

## C is for “Competitions”

*Recapping our school’s involvement with various competitions*

### **From Athletics to SeaPerch, Our Teams Fight to Win!**

Spring sports are underway, and through the marvelous coaching of **Ms. Mulligan (HS)** and **Ms. Stillwell (HS)**, our Lady Sea Dogs are off to an amazing 7-1 start for varsity softball! Much of their success is due to the stellar pitching of **Nena Day** and **Aralyn Valdez**. Their next games include one versus Simon Gratz on Monday and another on Wednesday against Friere. We wish our cadets the best of luck as you close out your regular season!

Other tough competitors include our middle and high school SeaPerch teams. On Friday and Saturday, teams competed at Temple University for the 11th Annual Greater Philadelphia Sea Perch Challenge. Supported by their wonderful parents and our enthusiastic cheerleading teams both SeaPerch teams demonstrated valiant efforts. In the end, our middle school placed fifth in their poster presentation. Special recognition also goes to the coaches for each team: **Mr. Walsh (MS)** and **Mr. Zimny (HS)**. Well done teams!



## H is for “Home and School”

*Honoring all that our parents and guardians have provided for our school*

### Three Cheers for our MS Home & School Association

It is often the hardest working volunteers within an organization that receive the least recognition and attention. There are three Home & School parents who have done a stellar job in helping to organize and to support most of the external ventures at the middle school. These parents are **Ms. Garrity**, **Ms. Meyers**, and **Ms. Williams**. Throughout the duration of their children’s time at our school, they have helped with virtually all of our special events. Viewing one of those flyers for our meetings or fundraisers? Most likely it was designed by Ms. Garrity. Enjoying those candy grams and bake sale or concession treats? Most likely Ms. Meyers and Ms. Williams helped to make it happen! When it comes to “All hands on deck!” our middle school parents don’t just allow us to help them raise their children, but they are also contributing to the academic and personal growth of our cadets.

As the middle school Home & School Association grows this year, we’ve also had the exceptional **Diamond/Waller Family** lend their volunteering and philanthropic expertise. They’ve coached basketball teams, they’ve donated alluring raffle baskets, and they’ve also provided excellent catering for our sports banquet. Without the participation of individuals like these, who knows how our school year might be like! Finally, even working day parents like **Mr. Brown** have provided generous donations to support our cadets. He has not only provided vendor recommendations for some of our many special events, but he also donated skating fundraiser wristbands as a way for hardworking cadets to celebrate the end of PSSA testing!

Many may not realize the contributions parents like these make. However, the middle school faculty certainly reaped the rewards of their hard work during the evening session of parent-teacher conferences. This was because the Home & School Association hosted a **Staff Appreciation Feast** that was catered by the family of another middle school cadet, **Matthew Centifonti, Jr. (8B)**. Many thanks to MATT’s Food Truck (<http://www.mattsfoodtruck.com/>) for the wonderful food and hospitality! If you’re a parent or guardian who’d like to participate in our Home & School Association, it’s certainly not too late! In fact, the final meeting of the school year will take place on **Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 5:00 PM** in Rm. 114. We hope to see you there!

## S is for “Scholarships”

*Celebrating the Success of our Cadets*

### HS Cadet among Six Winners of \$1,500 Scholarship

**The Ports of Philadelphia Maritime Society** held a scholarship contest that was open to high school students in the tri-state area (PA, NJ, and DE). Requirements included an application, letters of recommendation, and an essay related to how candidates would pursue a career in the maritime industry in order to succeed. After countless submissions, we are proud to report that **Charles Cardonick (HS)** was among one of the recipients of this scholarship competition! In his application, Charles indicated an interest in attending the **Paul Hall School of Seamanship** in Piney Point, Maryland. From there, he would hope to pursue a career path with the United States Coast Guard.

Charles and his family attended the award ceremony that took place on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We are so proud of his accomplishment, and wish him the very best in the next part of this path in life!



## Tickets Remain for Faculty Appreciation Family Night at the Ballpark!

In recognition of the hard work of our middle and high school staff, **Mr. Poznek** has been gracious enough to purchase tickets for Maritime Academy to watch the Philadelphia Phillies battle the Miami Marlins on **Monday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 PM**. Those cadets, family, and friends who would also like to attend this family event are also invited to attend! Tickets in Sections 136 and 137 are \$30 for one or 4 for \$100, with proceeds going towards our special events.

Even if you're not a faculty member, there is still much to celebrate while at this game. The Class of 2016 will be recognized, it's a Hatfield Dollar Dog Night, and if that's enough, you'll have up close seats to see our major league baseball team battle a division rival.

To reserve your tickets, be sure to contact Ms. Fanega at [fanega.d@maritimecharter.org](mailto:fanega.d@maritimecharter.org). Don't delay because they are selling fast!

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## Anchors Aweigh

*Concluding our newsletter with information about our month of events*

### May Means Spirit Week and Maritime Day!

One of the traditions of Maritime Academy Charter School has been the observance and celebration of **Maritime Day**. Within school grounds, this usually culminates in our school's annual **Carnival Day**. This year, the middle school's **Spirit Week** will take place from **May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>**, with Carnival Day taking place that Friday. Inspired by the Navy vs. Coast Guard theme that the high school celebrates, the middle school's theme will be the Armed Forces. As a result, floors will be assigned themes, and dress down days will allow us to honor the following military divisions: the Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard. Additionally, the Merchant Marines will be incorporated due to contributions various merchant marine academies have held for MACHS cadets. The most exciting aspect of this year's Carnival Day, however, is that it's FREE! Thanks to the overwhelmingly successful fundraising goals of this year, our budget has allowed for participation in many of our activities to be free of charge for our cadets. Food upgrades and bonus attractions, however, will cost a small fee for those interested in purchasing. Stay tuned as most detail will be revealed in the next couple of weeks!

As for the high school, their **Maritime Day** will be celebrated on **Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>** once all of their standardized testing has finished. Last year, some of their highlights were submerging **Mr. Washington (HS)** in the dunk tank and competing in the first-ever bench-a-thon! We can't wait to see the details the event organizers have planned for this year!



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

During this first full week of May, we not only anticipate various events, but also provide an important reminder regarding the calendar:

- This is a reminder that the original calendar for the year had **Professional Development** scheduled for **Tuesday, May 17, 2016**. Therefore, there will be school for all middle and high school cadets this Friday (5/6/16). Those cadets attending the Phillies game on May 16<sup>th</sup>, however, can enjoy a day off the next day because of Professional Development!
- Community meetings will take place in the middle school on Thursday and Friday of this week. During this time, Cadets of the Month for April will be recognized, along with all honor roll students! We will celebrate those cadets who earned 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> honors for all 3 quarters on **Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>**.
- Finally, this week is **Teacher Appreciation Week!** We are incredibly thankful for the dedicated faculty members who work long hours, who spend their weekends planning engaging lessons, who support our cadets' interests in athletics and extracurricular activities, and overall, who push our cadets to excel. If you happen to encounter one of our teachers, be sure to offer a few words of gratitude in recognition of their hard work!



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