



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, 2/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM Book Fair This Week – Building 106 Math Benchmarks This Week Pretzel Sales Begin! Boys Basketball Practice – 4:00 PM – 5:45 PM Newspaper Club – 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM
Tue, 2/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM After School Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Boys Basketball Game vs. Northwood– 3:30 PM Choir Practice – 3:45 PM – 5:00 PM SeaPerch – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Wed, 2/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM Chocolate Fundraiser Money Due! Boys Basketball Game vs. School Lane – 3:30 PM Boatbuilding Class – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Book Bunch – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Thu, 2/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Q3 Interims Due – 5:00 PM RESCHEDULED Faculty Meeting – 8:00 AM Community Meetings After School Tutoring – 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM Chess Practice – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Last Day to Submit Pretzel Orders Newspaper Club – 4:15 PM – 6:00 PM SeaPerch – 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Fri, 2/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day 8th Grade Six Flags Money Due – \$35 Computer-Based Tutoring – 7:15 AM – 8:15 AM Community Meetings G.R.E.A.T. Program Continues
Other Important Reminders: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/28 – Last Day to Complete MLK Day Feedback Form 2/28 – Math Rules Program (Gr. 5) – 9:00 AM – 12 Noon; 3/6 – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS 	



High School:

Mon, 2/23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Math Benchmarks This Week Sea Perch SGA
Tue, 2/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Computer Lab Open for Essay Tutoring Study Hall
Wed, 2/25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day Computer Lab Open for Essay Tutoring Spanish Credit Recovery Board Meeting – 5:00 PM
Thu, 2/26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Day Q3 Interims Due – 5:00 PM Computer Lab Open for Essay Tutoring Study Hall Zumba!
Fri, 2/27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> B Day
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Bravo Zulu!



*Recognizing success and points of pride around
MACHS*

MACHS' Involvement in Recycling Program Estimated to Influence over 2,000 People

On Friday, **Ms. Allen (MS)** reported that the middle school's participation in 4B's plastic bottle recycling program has been rather humbling. Halfway through the competition, nearly 4,000 bottles have been counted! The modified goal of 8,000 recycled bottles by March 6th is within the horizon, and we admire all who have helped Ms. Allen and her class compete in the Philadelphia Zoo's UNLESS Contest. If chosen among the winning projects for Gr. 3-5, Ms. Allen and her advisory have the chance of winning up to \$1,250! We wish them the best of luck, and continue to encourage our readers to help them achieve their goals. Whatever the case may be, it is no doubt that Maritime Academy Charter School cares about our school and helping the environment through recycling efforts. For a list of the homerooms that have collected the most plastic bottles so far, please refer to the list on the left.

Top 5 Advisories and Their Recycling Totals:

Section:	Number of Bottles Recycled (As of 2/20/15):	
1. 5A	407	 <p>Two students from 4B count plastic bottles by the main office.</p>
2. 6D	355	
3. 6A	330	
4. 8F	297	
5. 8B	288	

Final Week to Participate in Our Monthly Raffle!

Each month *The MACHS Anchor* includes a raffle that allows readers to reflect on a theme of the month and submit pieces of work for upcoming newsletter editions. For the month of February, we challenged cadets, faculty, and friends to create collages that related to Black History Month.

Whether it was submitted by hand or e-mailed, the submissions so far have been unique and reflective. If you would like your chance to participate, gather your own combination of words and pictures to create a collage of how you interpret Black History Month.

All entries will be part of a random draw in which the winner will earn a \$10 gift card of their choice! To submit, either place your piece of art in Ms. Fanega's mailbox which is located in the middle school, or e-mail your final product to newsletter@maritimecharter.org. Tune in next week to see the collage of the winner!

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Lighting the Way

Maritime industry news that guides our students towards understanding

No Icebergs to Fear when the U.S. Coast Guard Is Here!

Many of us may familiarize ourselves with icebergs and the tragic events related to the *Titanic*. However, given the icy conditions of our region, frozen water among many waterways can often be a concern for tugboats and other vessels. Just last week, it was reported by CNN that the heavy icebreaker *Polar Star* was used to rescue an Australian fishing boat that was trapped in ice 900 miles from the coast of Antarctica. Ice estimates were reported as being between 12 and 15 feet! Had the fleet not been rescued by the U.S. Coast Guard, it would have had to spend the winter in the ice.

Along the Delaware River, ice thickness is estimated to be between 6 and 8 inches. To allow commercial vessels to safely travel from this water highway to their waterfront destinations, the U.S. Coast Guard icebreaker tugboats have been deployed each day until weather conditions are warmer. Their loop of work will continue to Trenton, NJ and involved breaking up patches of ice that may be too dangerous for many water vehicles to travel through. One such example of these tugs is listed below:



Perhaps if you see these members of the Coast Guard, you'll consider how their hard work leads to safer waters in Philadelphia and throughout the world.



A Few Final Remarks and a Preview for Next Week

Another month of our school year concludes this week, and it involves many celebrations and reminders:

- Whether you are among the 20 people who have attended Mrs. Rubin's Book Bunch, or a cadet eager to build a boat with Capt. Bell, the **CLC programs** for the middle school are well underway and still looking for participants! If you are interested in enrolling in any before or after school activity, please contact **Mr. Walsh**. Additionally, if you are a middle school or high school employee with a program idea, there are still opportunities to add to our list of enrichment programs.
- Hopefully you are among the many cadets who are demonstrating your excellence in academics or behavior because the interim reports for the 3rd Quarter are due on Thursday! On Thursday and Friday, the middle school will also recognize the Cadets of the Month for February during their monthly community meetings.
- Speaking of high-achieving cadets, **Ancil Colteste (7B)** continued his undefeated chess season by moving to a 7-0 record. During Friday's tournament, **Alana Terrey (3A)** and **Vathana Douch (5C)** also led the elementary team, each going 2-0 on the day. Way to go!
- As stated under the List of Events, the response period for the 2nd Annual MLK Day of Service ends on February 28th. Your valuable feedback will be used to plan other volunteer events in the future. If you have not done so already, kindly complete the form at the following link: <http://www.maritimecharter.org/News/34#sthash.kXJqkRhF.dpbs>.
- Finally, it has been reported by our Board that our **CEO Emeritus, Dr. Ann Waiters**, generously donated money that will be used to fund the return of our school's Character Counts program! Throughout the years, time each week has been dedicated to providing programs and lessons the circumvent bullying and encourage students to foster positive peer relationships. Since retiring, it has been wonderful to see Dr. Ann's ongoing influence with community outreach and curriculum planning. We thank you for your kindheartedness and consideration!

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