### Important Dates & Events

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**Important Reminder From Waste Management:**

No plastic bags should be placed in recycling containers. This is now considered contamination. Recyclable materials should be placed loosely in the container and the plastic bag should either be reused, taken back to the retailer, or disposed of in the trash container. **FAILURE TO ELIMINATE PLASTIC BAGS AND LINERS WILL RESULT IN CONTAMINATION CHARGES.**
On November 1st, Chief Hentnick, Mrs. Karnes, and our Sea Cadets cleaned the Port Richmond Veterans Park. They were joined by 20 active duty Coast Guard members. The Sea Cadets filled 30 paper yard waste bags and 50 heavy contractor bags with trash and yard waste. This was an incredibly grueling task but our Sea Cadets excelled as always. This story was even featured in Star News.

Our Sea Cadets brought warmth and kindness to veterans in the Veterans’ Home.

Our Sea Cadets honored Veterans Day with a presentation of colors. Kaitlyn Grauber beautifully sang the “Star-Spangled Banner.” Take a look at the ceremony!
Our cadets collected, packaged, and donated extra Halloween candy to the Chapel of Four Chaplains. The candy was then delivered to the Seaman's Church for active and retired sailors and to The Veterans Group House that currently houses 36 homeless veterans. On Friday, November 9th, Mr. Saunders, Ms. Fredericks, four cadets had the privilege of personally driving to the chapel and meeting with board member, Captain Cavaliere, to deliver the packages.

MACHS was selected by the American School Counselor Association to represent Pennsylvania school students, per the request of Michelle Obama. With the initiative to give all students opportunities to express greatness, Mrs. Obama requested to fill seats on her book tour with students who are excelling in character, academics, and community work.

Four sixth graders were selected based on character: Alyssa Serrano, Imani Mills, Mojisola Zubairu, and Destiny Presock. These four girls are mindful of the ways their actions impact those around them. Mr. Saunders hand-delivered copies Mrs. Obama’s book, Becoming, to the girls during Advisory.

On the day of the event, the four girls joined Mrs. Charles in a Chat & Chew, with dinner provided MACHS. They were able to read the book with their families and learn about Mrs. Obama’s journey. Later, they headed to the Wells Fargo Center and listened to Michelle Obama speak about the book and about our students’ bright futures.

This was an incredible opportunity for our students and our school. Thank you, MACHS.
During the November Professional Development day, Mrs. Feria and Mr. Wilson honored Mrs. Garlick and Chief Hentnick for their outstanding service to the school. Congratulations!

From the High School Principal’s Corner:

Every quarter, Ms. Feria and Mr. Wilson honor cadets with perfect attendance during the Honors ceremony. Below are the cadets with perfect attendance for Q1.

Ms. Bogan took interested 10th, 11th, and 12th graders on a trip to Penn State Abington. The students learned about the admissions process, financial aid, and offered majors and classes.

On November, 28th, our high school students kicked off their first lesson of SAILOR STEM at the Independence Seaport Museum. Working with their instructors, Jesus, Dave, and Kim, wasted no time and dove into the construction of their 20’ Garvey work boat. The 2-hour lesson began with introductions, a safety review, shop tour, and tool identification. Instructors reviewed the boat’s lines plan and discussed terminology, including centerline, length overall (LOA), beam, keel, transom, and freeboard. The students split into groups and took turns completing two tasks: squaring up and securing the foundation for the boat’s molded stations and reading scale drawings and taking measurements of a lofted body plan for the boat. The students took values to build station molds and then rough cut the needed pieces on a chop saw. Although the students didn’t know it, they were having a great time learning.