

MSMHS FISH TALES



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of January 26, 2015

Peyton McGill Named National Merit Scholarship Corporation Finalist



GROTON, CT - On Monday, Peyton McGill received notification that he has been named a 'Finalist' - the highest status awarded by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Peyton is one of the near 800 Black American high school students in the United States including its US territories to have earned this prestigious award.

Peyton will find out in the upcoming weeks whether he will receive one of the 700 \$2,500 single payment scholarships or one of the 100 Corporate-sponsored Achievement Scholarships. Corporate sponsors support awards for Finalists who plan to pursue particular college majors or careers. These scholarships range from a single payment scholarship to a four year scholarship.

More than 1,600 Black American high school seniors who have been designated Semifinalists in the 51st annual National Achievement Scholarship Program were announced by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) officials. Peyton was one of 16 students in Connecticut and 49 students in New England to receive this honor. It has not been reported how many Connecticut students received the Finalist status. Over 160,000 students entered the 2015 program.

The National Achievement Scholarship Program was initiated in 1964 to recognize academically promising black students throughout the nation and to provide scholarships to a substantial number of the most outstanding participants.

As a semi-finalist, Peyton received full scholarships from universities such as the University of Alabama and Auburn University. We are sure the list will grow exponentially now that Peyton has been named a Finalist! Congrats!

Don't Miss Tomorrow's Financial Aid Night



Tomorrow, Thursday, January 29th, MSMHS will be hosting its Annual College Financial Aid Night at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall. Director of Enrollment Management, Dr. Edwin Harris, from Eastern Connecticut State University will provide an overview of the financial aid process. Dr. Harris will be discussing federal (FAFSA) financial aid applications and procedures.

Please know that this event is a voluntary informational event. If you are unable to attend this event **SAFELY**, we will be attempting to film the event and posting it on YouTube. This informational meeting is open to all students and parents, especially Juniors and Seniors are welcome to attend.

Opportunity to Meet State Senator Ted Kennedy

The Magnet School Parent Coalition is asking for any parent living in the District 12 region (Branford, Durham, Guilford, Killingworth, and Madison) to attend a private meeting with State Senator Ted Kennedy Jr. on February 2nd at 3 pm in Hartford. If you are interested in attending and willing to speak about the importance of continued funding and future transportation for magnet schools, please contact me ASAP. In addition, any parent interested in being involved in the Magnet School Parent Coalition (from any town) please email me at nspera@msmhs.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 26th

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
A Day	SNOW.	SNOW!	SNOW!!!	A Day/ Advisory

Next PTO Meeting:

Spelling Bee Planning Meeting

Tuesday, February 3rd @ 6:30 pm in the Great Hall

PTO Social from 6 to 6:30 pm

SPELLING TEAMS & SPONSORS ARE NEEDED!

MSMHS College Financial Aid Night

MSMHS Great Hall - 6:30 pm

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