

MSMHS FISH TALES



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of November 11, 2013

Don't Let Our Students' Hard Work Get 'Tweeted' Away!



GROTON, CT - Tomorrow, Dr. Spera will make a presentation at the PTO meeting entitled: **Watch your Tweets! The effect social media has on college acceptances.** The presentation is inspired by a recent conversation with the Safe School Climate Committee along with student reports of inappropriate behavior displayed from other students' Twitter, Facebook, and Snapchat accounts. Furthermore, a recent New York Times Article written by Natasha Singer on November 9, 2013, has provided support for the awareness amongst students, parents, and teachers.

In the article, the author found that 31% of the 381 college admission officers admit that they have visited an applicants Facebook or other personal media page to learn more about them. More crucially, 30 percent of the admissions officers said that they had discovered information online that had negatively affected an applicant's prospects.

The next PTO meeting is tomorrow, Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall. In addition to the presentation, we will begin to discuss the April Spelling Bee and prepare a plan to make it the best and most rewarding Spelling Bee ever! As crazy as it sounds, April will be here before we know it and planning must begin soon for all of our fundraisers.

Help Support the PTO Thanksgiving Basket Drive for Our Deserving MSMHS Families

Each year, the PTO in collaboration with the Student Council and Grossman's, hosts a food drive for our MSMHS families in need of a Thanksgiving meal. Below is the list of items that students and parents can bring in. Baskets will be placed in the Great Hall beginning tomorrow. The class that brings in the most goods will receive a special prize for their entire class!

Freshmen: Crackers, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Mac & Cheese (Kraft), Biscuits (Bisquick), Canned Gravy

Sophomores: Canned French Cut Green Beans, Canned Fried Onions, Cream of Mushroom Soup (Campbell's)

Juniors: Large Turkey Pans, Instant Potatoes, Instant Stuffing, Dessert Mixes, Canola or Olive Oil

Seniors: Dessert Mixes, Canola or Olive Oil, Canned Vegetables – Carrots, Corn, Canned Fruit

52.8% of MSMHS Students Earn Honors

Congratulations to the 134+ students who received High Honors or Honors for the first quarter. Your hard work has paid off!

A special congratulations to the 52 freshmen who showed incredible effort and grit in their first quarter of high school! We are all so impressed with your work ethic and MSMHS Pride! Keep up the great work.

Report cards will be distributed via mail at the end of the week. High Honor and Honor Roll will be displayed on the website tomorrow afternoon.

Flu Shots Now Available for MSMHS Students!

Flu shots are now available for all MSMHS students who sign up for the School Based Health Clinic. If you haven't signed up for the School Based Health Clinic or would like more information, please call Kerry Stephenson the SHBC Nurse Practitioner at 860.446.9380 ext. 624.



UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11th

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
No School	B Day/ Advisory	A Day	B Day	A Day/ Advisory

PTO Meeting

November 11th – 6:30 pm — MSMHS Great Hall

Remaining Project O Boat Trips for 2013

November 14: Per. 5 & 8 Marine Studies II (Litvinoff)

Upcoming Fundraisers!

PTO Poinsettia Sale