# **MSMHS FISH TALES**



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of January 16, 2017

# Maria Grillo Selected for Governor's Scholars Award Program



GROTON, CT - Maria Grillo, Waterford, has been named a nominee for the Connecticut Association of Schools Governor's Scholars Award. The award is given to the top 80+ juniors in Connecticut based upon class rank, grades, course selection, CAPT scores, and PSAT scores from this past Fall. Maria will have an opportunity to become a finalist where she will attend the Governor's Scholars awards presentation, receive a plaque and have the opportunity to enrich her studies on a college campus before graduating.

The junior from Waterford, scored in the 99th percentile amongst all PSAT takers in the United States. Moreover, she finished in the 99th percentile in the nation for reading and writing and mathematics. With her PSAT score of 1500 combined (750 Math, 750 ELA), she becomes the first student in MSMHS history to achieve a score in the 1500s. Absolutely incredible!

With all of the effort that Maria puts into her studies, it is no wonder that she ranks tops in her class with a GPA well over 4.3. She has made high honors every quarter at MSMHS and is taking a rigorous course load of Pre-Calculus Honors, AP/ECE Literature & Composition, AP History, AP Chemistry, and ECE Marine Science. Previous semi-finalists from MSMHS include Abby Plungis, Kate Green, Maggy Walrath, and Alyssa Jackson. Some incredible students from the past several classes!

Congrats and good luck to Maria on becoming our first-ever finalist!

### MSMHS Blood Drive - Friday, January 27th



Friday, January 27th from 8:30 to 1 pm, MSMHS will host the 1st blood drive of the 2017 calendar year. The American Red Cross is in a shortage and needs donations during these winter months. As a incentive, blood donors will receive a \$5 Dunkin' Donuts Gift American Card (while supplies last) and will enjoy a food items at the canteen.

If you are interested in saving a life and giving blood, please call Mrs. Alvarez at 860-446-9380 to schedule an appointment. If you plan on giving blood, be sure to drink plenty of water, eat a well balanced meal the night before, and eat breakfast the morning of the blood drive.

## **MSMHS Student Council Meeting this Friday**

There will be a student council meeting this Friday following morning meeting in the Great Hall. This is a mandatory meeting for all student council members. President Emily

> Powell will be leading the discussions on the following topics:

- Freshman Orientation
- **Penny Wars**
- Safe School Climate Update
- Ideas for March Takeover Day
- **Community Service Initiatives**



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS**

#### A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16th

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
MLK Day	B Day /	A Day	B Day	A Day/
	Advisory			Advisory

#### **NEXT PTO MEETING**

Monday, January 23rd at 6:30 pm in the Great Hall

#### **Upcoming Varsity MSMHS Fencing Meets**

Monday, January 23 - @ Lyme/Old Lyme HS, 6 pm Friday, February 10 - HOME vs Guilford HS, 4 pm

#### **Next American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Friday, January 27th - 8 am to 1 pm MSMHS Simulator Room - By Appointment

#### **MSMHS Winter Formal**

Friday, February 10th at 7 pm Info Information to Come!