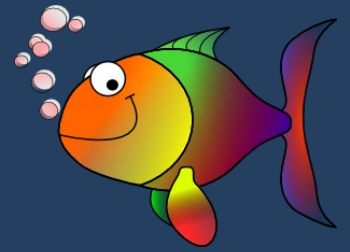


# MSMHS FISH TALES



*that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera*

*Week of January 19, 2016*

## Abigail Casey Named December Student of the Month



GROTON, CT - Today, junior Abby Casey was named the MSMHS Student of the Month for December 2015. Abby excels in the classroom at the highest level making High Honors each quarter and ranking top in her class. Throughout her career and this year at MSMHS, she has selected a rigorous schedule that includes: AP/ECE Biology, AP/ECE US History, and UConn Marine Science. She is an incredibly hard worker who is respected by the faculty and student body for her friendliness and leadership.

Abby is the Vice-President of the Junior Class and has served on the student council in previous years. She is section leader of the Fitch High School low brass marching band who won New England's and finished 3rd in the nation. Along with her musical talents, Abby plays Varsity Basketball and Lacrosse for Fitch High School.

Outside of her co-curricular and athletic talents, Abby is the President of the Girls Scout Troop 063220 that she has been a member of for the past 11 years. This spring, Abby will begin her project towards the *Gold Award*, the highest honor given to a girl scout; equivalent to the *Eagle Scout* honor for boys scout.

As a tradition, the student of the month gives a quick statement about what they love about MSMHS to the student body. Abby spoke about the teachers and their willingness to work with every student way beyond the school day. "They are always there for you, whenever you need them. They really care about us." Well said Abby!

### SAT & ACT Information & Dates

At the January PTO Meeting, the topic of SAT and ACT notification and information was mentioned as a need for improvement. In response to this suggestion, we would like to give the upcoming dates for the ACT and SAT. We recommend that current Juniors take both the SAT and ACT this May and June and once again in September and October of their Senior Year.

This school year, all juniors will take the SAT for free at MSMHS on Wednesday, March 2, 2016. The Connecticut State Department of Education has adopted the SAT exam as the statewide assessment in lieu of the Smarter Balanced Assessment for grade 11 public school students. Our MSMHS mathematics and language arts teachers will be preparing our students for the SAT. Here are the May & June dates for SAT and April & June for ACT:  
**SAT:** May 7 (Sign up by April 8) & June 4 (Sign up by May 4)  
**ACT:** April 9 (Sign up by March 4) & June 11 (Sign up by May 6)  
Please feel free to contact your student's counselor for more info

### **Welcome Rocco Spera! MSMHS Class of 2034**

On January 11, 2016 at 3:42 am in Yale-New Haven Hospital, our family welcomed Rocco Anthony Spera. Rocco was 21.8 inches long and 8 1/2 pounds! Mom and baby are both doing great and we look forward to introducing Rocco to the MSMHS Family soon!



### UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

#### A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 19TH

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

#### MSMHS 5th ANNUAL WINTER FORMAL

February 5, 2016 at 7 pm  
Tickets are \$10 a person

#### GATOR'S GOT TALENT

February 26th at 6 pm  
TRY-OUTS FEBRUARY 1st at 2:15 pm

**Don't forget to sign-up for  
NBC30 for Weather Alerts**