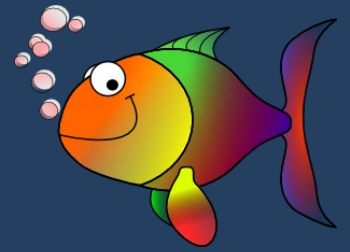


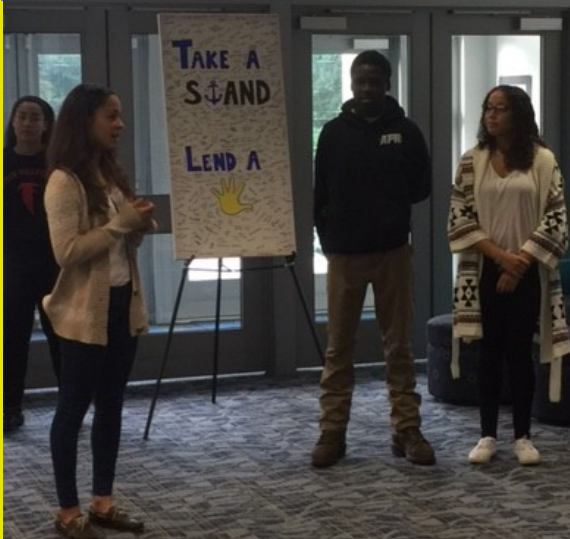
# MSMHS FISH TALES



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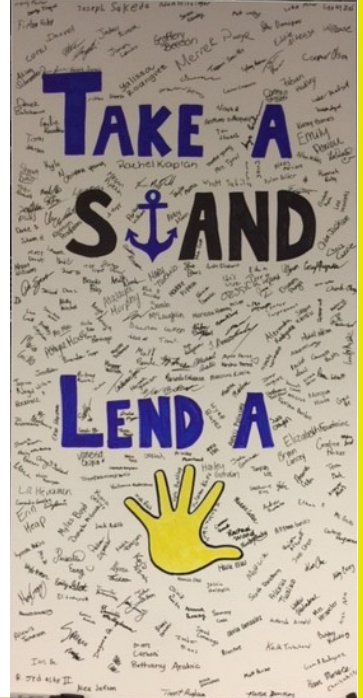
Week of October 13, 2015

## 2015 Bullying Pledge: Take a Stand, Lend a Hand



GROTON, CT - This past Friday marked the fifth consecutive year that the entire MSMHS Family; students, teachers, parents, and community leaders signed the safe school climate pledge.

To start the school day on Friday, MSMHS students and teachers will sign this year's pledge of *Take a Stand, Lend a Hand*. Parents and community leaders will have the opportunity to sign the pledge beginning Thursday morning. The campaign for this year's annual bullying pledge came from the Student Council Executive Committee and the Diversity Team. Both groups wanted to end mean and inappropriate behavior of any kind. The idea behind this year's anti-bullying slogan is a continuation from last year's pledge: *JUST STOP*. The intention is for the students of MSMHS to begin policing each other by calling fellow peers out when the line is crossed or mean behavior is being exhibited by saying just these two words and not being a bystander when mean behaviors are present.



A group of 14 students from the Diversity Team along with members from the Executive Board of the Student Council teamed up on Friday to deliver a presentation to the entire student body in the Great Hall. The greatest impact on a positive and safe culture and climate are the 271 students at MSMHS. As Dr. Spera said, "271 is much greater than 30 teachers and 2 administrators."

### DR. SPERA NAMED SHU ALUMNI OF YEAR



FAIRFIELD, CT - Last month, Sacred Heart University named Dr. Spera as the recipient of the 2015 Alumni Leadership Award for the Isabelle Farrington College of Education.

In a faculty meeting two weeks ago, Mrs. Harison made the announcement and read the official letter that described the award as one that is given in recognition of exemplary service to the University, distinction within a profession, and contribution to the fulfillment of

the mission of the Academic College. This award is the highest honor an alumni can receive from Sacred Heart University.

The award came as a shock to Dr. Spera. He had no idea that he was nominated in the Spring and was selected for this honor amongst the two other finalists. When receiving the phone call at school of the award, he thought someone was playing a joke on him! This Friday, Dr. Spera will receive his award and be honored at Sacred Heart University as well as being honored at the SHU-Cornell homecoming football game on Saturday.



### PARENT TEACHER SIGN-UPS BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

Parents wishing to sign-up for Parent-Teacher Conferences being held on November 4th and 5th will be able to sign-up for individual 10 minute conferences on Monday, October 19th in the Great Hall. Parents/Guardians who are unable to sign-up in person can have their student sign-up for them beginning Monday morning. Time slots for Parent-Teacher Conferences are between 2:20 to 5 pm on Wednesday, November 4th and 5:20 to 8 pm on Thursday, November 5th.



### UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

#### A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 13th

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Columbus Day	B Day/ Advisory	A Day SAT Day	B Day	A Day/ Advisory

**Check the website for times and dates when all of the MSMHS Clubs and Teams meet. Get involved!**

#### NEXT PTO MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6TH AT 6:30 PM

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14<sup>th</sup>

College Board SAT Day

Bring Your Calculators!

PTO is sponsoring a free breakfast for all MSMHS students tomorrow plus a water bottle for breaks

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