# **MSMHS FISH TALES**



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of November 7, 2016

# A Successful MSMHS College Decision Day with a Big Surprise



Some of the MSMHS Decision Day students who were just accepted to college and given big scholarships!

GROTON, CT - This past Friday marked the first-ever MSMHS Decision Day. Representatives from Johnson & Wales University, University of New Haven, Central Connecticut State University, and the University of Hartford interviewed our students and told them if they were accepted on the spot. For MSMHS, 100% of our students interviewed were accepted to each college. In addition to this incredible feat, several students received academic scholarships ranging from \$11,000 to \$22,000 per year! A total surpassing half a million dollars!

After Decision Day ended, we received a phone call from a prestigious college about one of our students. It was the United States Coast Guard Academy letting us know that Abby Casey had been accepted for the Fall

2017. The timing could not have been more perfect! After a rearrangement of a few lunch assignments, Abby was given the ultimate surprise acceptance that will never be forgotten. Lieutenant Caroline Gilmore (pictured right with Abby) personally came to MSMHS to present Abby with the news of her acceptance in front of the entire 2nd lunch wave with Dr. Spera. Abby's impromptu speech couldn't have been said any better as she thanked the MSMHS Family sitting in front of her: "This is it. This is what you work hard for... work hard because this can happen to you too.""



#### Maria Grillo Named October Student of the Month



Junior Maria Grillo, *Waterford*, is the October Student of the Month. Maria is one the most intelligent and respectful students to have ever walked the hallways of MSMHS. She is a member of the Student Council, Unity Club and is one of the biggest ambassadors of the school. She is the leader of the MSMHS Debate Team and was one of the top ranked Debaters in Connecticut. Her grit and determination is exemplary. She consistently gives

maximum effort towards perfection; knowing that her best is worthy of A+ credit. To say that she is a high honor roll student is an understatement. For the past two years, Maria has never received a grade below an A+ including in her current AP and ECE courses. Congrats to Maria!

#### **Thanksgiving Drive Begins Next Monday**

Please help the PTO create Thanksgiving Baskets for our MSMHS deserving families. During spirit week, each item donated will count as a point and will added to the class' point total.

<u>Freshmen</u>: Crackers, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Biscuits (Bisquick), Dessert Mixes, 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

<u>Seniors</u>: Boxes of Mac & Cheese (Annie's or Kraft), Canola or Olive Oil, Canned Vegetables – Carrots, Corn, Canned Fruit



### **UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS**

## A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7TH

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
B Day	PD Day/	A Day	B Day	Veterans
	No School			Day

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

#### **NEXT PTO MEETING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST AT 6:30 PM** 

#### **HOMECOMING DANCE**

Friday, November 18, 2016
7 PM to 10 PM in the Great Hall
Tickets are \$10 and will be on sale in November.

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MSMHS Yearbook Now on Sale