# **MSMHS FISH TALES**



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of March 21, 2016

# **28 MSMHS Juniors Invited to Apply to National Honor Society**



GROTON, CT - On Friday, twenty-eight juniors were invited to apply to the Marine Science Magnet High School National Honor Society Chapter.

Students with an overall 3.7 GPA met with individually with Dr. Spera today and were given a personal letter from the principal along with an application packet due on March 31, 2016. Students must write essays, show evidence of the four tenants of NHS and provide three letters of recommendations. The NHS Council comprised of Mrs. Hanrahan, Mrs. Rockholz, Mr. Contos, Mrs. Cregger, and Mrs. Campbell will review comments from the MSMHS faculty, read and score the applications, and then discuss each candidate before voting in early April. Applicants will find if they were selected to NHS in mid-April.

The following students were invited to apply to NHS: Bethany Arabic, Michael Arabic, Sydney Avena, Abigail Casey, Jiayi Chen, Nicholas Coffey, Maranda Ealahan, Miya Giragosian, Cassandra Gonzalez, Aiden Green, Allynna Grills, Alyssa Jackson, Sara Klimek, Eli Lachapelle, Hayden McLaen, Atalaya Murphy, Caroline Parker, John Thomas Patton, Skyler Pearse, Alyssa Perez, Megan Pipech, Grace Poe, Emily Powell, Eunice Rosado, Amber Spencer, Angela Testa, Keith Trotochaud, and Scott Woods.

National Honor Society chapters are awarded to high school principals who are members of the National Association of Secondary Principals (NASSP). Students selected to NHS must demonstrate excellence in the area of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. NHS membership not only recognizes students for their accomplishments, but challenges them to develop further through active involvement in school activities and community service.

## Parents: We Need You to Form Teams!



Last year our PTO raised \$10,500 at our PTO Spelling Bee. This year we are hoping to do the same. Bottom-line: we our parents to form teams for the upcoming PTO Spelling Bee.

For \$120, (\$40 a person) you and two others can dress up and participate with other parent teams

for the *Battle of the Parents on Friday, April 29th at 7 pm*. You do not have to be a great speller to win (or find just 1 good speller for the group). The key is finding two other people who want to have fun and get dressed up in a funny costume. Awards for the event are given for funniest parent team, best team name, best costume, most spirit, and best speller.

Here is how the Spelling Bee works:

- In teams of three, the emcee for the event says a word to eight teams competing against one another in the round.
- Working together, the teams have 30 seconds to write the word on a whiteboard.
- After time is up, each team holds the whiteboard up for the judges to find out if they spelled the word correctly (*above*)
- If a team misspells the word, they can use up to two 'lifesavers' (\$25 each) and stay in the round. Top two teams in each round advance to the Championship.

Please sign up today!! It is all about having fun and raising money for our amazing PTO! Your participation in this event allows our school to fund several important programs and provide resources for our students and school. *Please consider putting a team together*. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or our PTO President Jennifer Dipasquale at jdipasquale@learn.k12.ct.us.



### **UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS**

#### A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
SNOW	A Day/	B Day	A Day	B Day/
DAY	Advisory			Advisory

Sophomore CAPT Science Testing Wednesday, March 23rd & Thursday, March 24th

#### MSMHS PROM

Friday, May 20, 2016 at Water's Edge Resort Westbrook, CT <u>Tickets will be sold at Lunch</u> - \$65 per person

#### **5th Annual PTO Spelling Bee**

Friday, April 29, 2016 Sign-up Your Team of Three Today!

#### **Updated Graduation Date:**

Thursday, June 9, 2016 6 pm at UConn Avery Point