

MSMHS FISH TALES



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

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Course Selection Begins this Week with the New Program of Studies

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PROGRAM OF STUDIES



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GROTON, CT - When the Program of Studies is released, it usually brings three thoughts to the student body: 1. the school year is almost over; 2. I really need to think about my future (colleges, graduation requirements); and for all of the students - 3. Next year, I am going to be a Senior, Junior, Sophomore or for the seniors: I'm really not coming back next year.

As sad as the third thought is for all of us, the release of the Program of Studies reminds us of the importance in discussing our students' future as a family. MSMHS, although small, offers a wide-array of electives. Juniors and seniors can choose from 14 science course options that include the opportunity to earn 25 University of Connecticut science credits. Moreover, if a student took all of the University of Connecticut ECE courses offered at MSMHS, they could earn 53 UConn credits that are accepted at over 75% of colleges and universities in the US. Furthermore, with the extensive AP program offered at MSMHS that is accepted at 97% of US colleges/universities, students can earn an additional 22 credits making it a total of 75 possible credits! This would allow a student to enter college as a second semester Junior!

For students looking to pursue marine related employment immediately after graduating from MSMHS or from a university, MSMHS offers exciting advanced courses in the field of Marine Science and Aquaculture with courses such as: Aquaculture III & IV, Field Research, Aquarium Science, and Marine Technology.

Choosing courses requires careful thought and meaningful discussion. Please feel free to contact us this week as you make these important decisions regarding your course selections. As always with scheduling, be sure to multiple preferences in the case your courses do not work within the master schedule. Best of luck!

6 ADULT SPELLING BEE TEAMS STILL NEEDED FOR FRIDAY!



There will be quite a BUZZ this Friday, April 28th at 7 pm in the Great Hall at the MSMHS. The 6th Annual PTO Adult Spelling Bee has finally arrived and there will be plenty of excitement and spirit in the room.

We hope to have four swarms (rounds) of this year's Bee: Family Bees (parents), Company Hive (teachers), MSMHS Worker Bees (students), and Taking Care of BEES-ness (companies & friends). Two teams from each swarm will advance to the Championship Round where the Champion will be stung with trophies and the ultimate bragging rights.

The event will be co-emceed by NBC Connecticut's Heather Burian and again by Chris Jones who will be supported by the three judges for the event including the *King Bee*, Dr. Spera.

Join us as a spectator, cheerleader, or form a team this week! Great food, amazing silent auction items, and a great basket raffle. **Don't miss out on the fun! Food begins at 5:30 pm** including Dog Watch Lobster Rolls and Clam Chowder!

If you are just attending the Spelling Bee as a fan, we have great food and tremendous silent auction prizes including:

- Two Sets of Four Front Row Graduation Seats
- New York Yankees Ticket Package & Boston Red Sox Tickets
- Breakfast with Dr. Spera and 3 friends in Old Saybrook, CT
- Reserved Student Parking in the Parking Garage



JALEN MOODY WINS NAACP ACT-SO AWARDS

Last weekend, senior Jalen Moody competed and won the NAACP's Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics for Dramatics and Music, Vocal, Contemporary. The award qualifies Jalen to compete in the NAACP ACT-SO National Olympics on July 20th in Baltimore, Maryland. Jalen sang 'Luck Be A Lady' by Frank Sinatra and performed *Hamlets* 'To be or not to be' skit. Congrats!



UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 24th

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

Annual Sophomore Physical Fitness Test

Friday, April 28, 2017

MSMHS PROM

Friday, May 26, 2017 at Water's Edge Resort
Westbrook, CT

Tickets will be on sale until April 26th - \$75 each

6th Annual PTO Spelling Bee

Friday, April 28, 2017 @ 7 pm

Sign-up Your Team of Three Today!

WE NEED 6 MORE TEAMS!!

Join us for dinner and raffles beginning at 5:30 pm