

# MSMHS FISH TALES



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of April 6, 2015

## Course Selection Begins this Week with the New Program of Studies

2015-2016  
PROGRAM OF STUDIES



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GROTON, CT - When the Program of Studies is released, it usually brings three thoughts to our student body: 1. the school year is almost over; 2. I need 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 23 University of Connecticut science credits. Moreover, if a student took all of the University of Connecticut ECE courses offered at MSMHS, they could earn 46 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 20 credits making it a total of 66 possible credits! This would allow a student to enter college as a 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 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!

### WE STILL NEED SPELLING BEE TEAMS!!!



**We need teams for the upcoming PTO Spelling Bee.**

For \$120, (\$40 a person) you and two others could dress up and participate with other parent teams for the *Battle of the Parents on April 24th*.

Awards for the event are given for best team name, best costume, most spirit, and best speller.

**Please sign up today!!**

### JUNIOR CLASS RING NIGHT, WED, APRIL 8 at 6 PM

A few weeks back, all Junior students received a packet for Class Ring Night being held this Wednesday, April 8th at 6 pm in the Great Hall. Students and parents will be able to see, feel and try on multiple ring styles offered by Balfour.



A representative from Balfour will also be at MSMHS on Thursday, April 9th during lunch. Students who were unable to attend Ring Night will be able to purchase a ring at this time.



### UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

#### A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 6th

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

#### Next PTO Meeting: Tomorrow!

Tuesday, April 7th @ 6:30 pm in the Great Hall  
PTO Social from 6 to 6:30 pm

#### 4th Annual PTO Spelling Bee

Friday, April 24, 2015

Featuring Host George Colli, NBC30 Reporter  
**SPELLING TEAMS & SPONSORS ARE NEEDED!**

#### Annual Physical Fitness Testing for All Sophomores

April 10th - 7:30 am

#### Upcoming Project O Boat Trip

Wednesday, April 8th: *Marine Studies I (Block 1, 2, 4)*