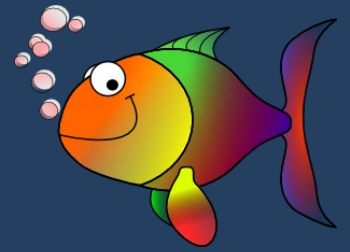


MSMHS FISH TALES



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of May 16, 2016

Mr. Litvinoff Named 2016 MSMHS Teacher of the Year



GROTON, CT - At last Wednesday's faculty meeting, former teachers of the year, Mrs. Hardison and Mrs. Hanrahan presented Mr. Litvinoff with the 2016 Teacher of the Year Award.

Eric Litvinoff attended the University of Rhode Island where he majored in Aquaculture and rowed at the collegiate level. This past year, he received his Masters in Technology Education from the University of St. Joseph. His past work in the field included research at Yale University. Mr. Litvinoff is one of the five founding teachers since MSMHS opened its doors in 2011. The small faculty at the time, named Mr. L the 2012 Teacher of the Year because of his commitment to the school in all areas. Known affectionately as DJ Aquaman because of his willingness to DJ every school dance and prom along with his Director of Aquaculture responsibilities, Mr. L has only missed 20 days at MSMHS. That is 20 calendar days! He has never missed a school day and has worked 1,805 days at MSMHS in just 5 years. Moreover, he has filmed every video/Lip Dub and has only missed one PTO Meeting since the first meeting was held in September 2011. the PTO honored Mr. L for his commitment to MSMHS in 2015 with the Anchor Award.

As an instructor, Mr. L is an exemplary teacher who uses technology to enhance his instruction. Next year, he will begin teaching a new course: AP Computer Science Principles. The long list of committees and experiences that Mr. L has been apart of is impressive. Mr. L is a member of

the Safe School Climate Committee, Principal Advisory Committee, LEARN Technology Committee, LEARN Educator Performance Plan Committee, NEASC Steering Committee, the Technology Project Leader, the teacher liaison with Mystic Aquarium, New England Sailing and Science (NESS) and Project Oceanology, NEASC Chairperson for Community Resources, and the MSMHS PTO. He has led professional development multiple times with Mrs. Cregger based on the work learned at Stanford University. He was selected a year ago to study with Dr. Bob Ballard in the Gulf of Mexico with the Ocean Exploration Trust group. Moreover, his work at the annual Curriculum Academy has been used in Australia, South Africa, Japan, and local districts. Mr. L's greatest work is with the relationships he has with students. He loves them and they certainly love him!

MSMHS Receives National Recognition



In the latest national rankings released a few weeks ago by the Washington Post, MSMHS was ranked as the 9th most challenging high school in Connecticut. Moreover, the Washington Post ranked MSMHS as the 978th most challenging high school in America!

This year's US News & World Report ranking jumped up 24 spots to 27th in CT. Furthermore, MSMHS is ranked the 3rd best magnet school in CT and has a National Ranking of 146th amongst all magnet school in America. This improved ranking gives MSMHS the recognition of being a known as a Silver Medal School.



The national rankings are based upon 2012-2013 school data which was the second year of the school when our current seniors were freshmen. Rankings are based upon student to teacher ratio, AP test takers and pass rate (3 or higher), and state standardized test scores in reading and mathematics. During this time of reporting, our school took AP exams for the first time.

These rankings are quite an accomplishment seeing that the data used does not account for the robust AP Program at MSMHS. With our AP program growing considerably each year, we are all excited to see next year's ranking! How does Top 10 in the state on both lists and a Gold Medal sound?



UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16th

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

MSMHS PROM

Friday, May 20, 2016 at Water's Edge Resort

MSMHS GRADUATION

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

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Call the Main Office to Sign Up

AP & ECE SIGN-UP NIGHT

June 1, 2016 at 6 pm
Mandatory Meeting for all Families of a Student
Taking an AP or ECE Course Next School Year