

# MSMHS FISH TALES



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of May 18, 2015

## Meet the MSMHS Student of the Months



GROTON, CT - It has been a few months since we have reported the MSMHS Student of the Month. Freshman Olivia Gonzalez (left), Junior Marissa Hanson (center) and Kaitlyn Pasqualini (right) have been named Student of the Month for the months of February, March, and April respectively. All three students have shown exemplary school pride and always give maximum effort. Furthermore, all three of these students have impacted the positive school culture and climate at MSMHS.

Olivia Gonzalez is a freshman from Waterford who has been on the High Honor Roll for all three quarters. Known to many as 'O.G.' at MSMHS, Olivia has positively impacted the school with her positive energy, willingness to help out at any afterschool event, and her leadership shown within student council.

In addition to the classroom, Olivia is a three sport athlete at Waterford High School and at MSMHS where she was a novice fencer this season.

Marissa Hanson is one of the kindest and hardest working students at MSMHS. She is a leader amongst her peers with her positive mindset with anything she encounters. This past week, Marissa was accepted to the competitive United States Coast Guard Academy AIM Program. Marissa has made high honors every quarter since transferring to MSMHS her sophomore year and is a member of the MSMHS Fencing Team and is taking the most rigorous course load a junior can take at MSMHS with 3 AP tests in the upcoming days ahead.

Kaitlyn Pasqualini is a great example of our school's core values where *effort creates ability*. Ms. Sayed stated that "Kaitlyn is one of the hardest working students at MSMHS who has improved her skills the greatest amongst the students at MSMHS." Her hard work has landed Kaitlyn on the high honor roll each quarter and has improved her skills enough to be eligible to take three AP & ECE courses next year. In addition to her hard work in the classroom, Kaitlyn has displayed great leadership as a student council representative volunteering at several events this year. Congrats ladies!!



### UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

#### A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 18th

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

#### MSMHS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, June 1st in the MSMHS Simulator Room  
8 am to 12 pm - By Appointment Optional

#### PTO Anchor Award

Thursday, May 21 @ 6:30 pm

#### SBAC TESTING

May 26th to 29th (JUNIORS ONLY)

**HAVE A GREAT MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!**

### MSMHS Receives National Bronze Medal



In the latest national rankings released this week by US News & World Report, MSMHS was ranked #51 in Connecticut and was recognized nationally as a Bronze 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 sophomores. 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.

This ranking was a surprise to all of us at MSMHS. It is quite an accomplishment that MSMHS received national recognition without an AP test taker. With our AP program growing considerably each year, we are all excited to see what MSMHS will be ranked next year when our 2013-2014 AP test takers are taken into account. The future looks bright for a silver or even gold medal for MSMHS in 2016!

Good luck students on your SBAC and AP tests in the upcoming week! They may lead to a Gold Medal in the future!