

MSMHS FISH TALES



BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION!

that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of August 31, 2015

MSMHS RANKED 2nd IN THE STATE IN SCIENCE CAPT & ELA SBAC!

GROTON, CT - For the fourth year in a row, the teachers and students did it again! With the mindset that **'effort creates ability'** and the **grit** to battle through tough concepts and skills needed for success, the class of 2017 AND 2016 outperformed all but one high school in the entire state of Connecticut on the Science CAPT and the English Language Arts SBAC exams!

This past year, MSMHS teachers did an outstanding job using multiple sources of data to create lesson plans in the classroom to improve the skills of our current junior and senior students. Due to the incredible efforts of our amazing students, our 69 juniors and 70 seniors were able to place themselves 2nd overall in percentage of goal and above on the science portion of the CAPT and the ELA section of SBAC.

The class of 2017 results broke school records in percentage of students reaching goal and above with 82.6% and percentage of students scoring an 'Advanced' (5) on the science CAPT with 60.9% (previous record was 51.9%). Beginning last school year, the CT Department of Education made the science portion of the CAPT the only mandated section because of the transition to the Common Core test, Smarter Balanced.

The class of 2016 proved that last year's 10th place was no fluke! Our current seniors placed 2nd in Connecticut on the English Language Arts section of the SBAC out of the 200+ high schools in the state! 90% of our students scored goal or above on the ELA section of SBAC; only Pomperaug High School (91.4%) finished higher than MSMHS.

Please take time to reflect on the tremendous efforts that were put forth by our teachers students, and parents which made these results a reality. **EFFORT DOES CREATE ABILITY!**

This is a great example of what happens when **ALL stakeholders give tireless support. and amazing school pride!** Thank you for making MSMHS great with all your efforts.

CT TOP 10 - SCIENCE CAPT		CT TOP 10 - ELA SBAC	
1	New Canaan HS <i>New Canaan</i>	1	Pomperaug High School <i>Regional District 15</i>
2	MSMHS LEARN	2	MSMHS LEARN
3	Simsbury High School <i>Simsbury</i>	3	Connecticut IB Academy <i>East Hartford</i>
4	Ridgefield High School <i>Ridgefield</i>	4	Masuk High School <i>Monroe</i>
5	Avon High School <i>Avon</i>	5	Simsbury High School <i>Simsbury</i>
6	Staples High School <i>Westport</i>	6	Fairfield Ludlowe HS <i>Fairfield</i>
7	Joel Barlow High School <i>Regional District 9</i>	7	East Lyme High School <i>East Lyme</i>
8	Wheeler High School <i>North Stonington</i>	8	Ridgefield High School <i>Ridgefield</i>
9	Hall High School <i>West Hartford</i>	9	Joel Barlow High School <i>Regional District 9</i>
10	Wilton High School <i>Wilton</i>	10	Canton High School <i>Canton</i>

NESS & PROJECT O TRIP SCHEDULE COMING SOON

GROTON, CT - In the weeks ahead, MSMHS students will begin the first round of boat trips for freshmen, sophomores, and Field Research students. This year, our sophomore students will be experiencing a new program with the New England Sailing and Science (NESS) in Stonington, CT. Our freshmen students will enjoy different experiences on the Project O's Enviro-lab Boat.

Freshmen will be introduced to the Project O boat, water testing, and have an opportunity to see what is living in Long Island Sound. Our sophomores will drive small vessels at NESS which will allow them to use the skills and knowledge from the boat simulator to the water. **Be sure to dress warm this month when heading out on the Long Island Sound!**



UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS

COMING SOON....

MSMHS Clubs and Activities Schedule

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th

PTO Meeting @ 6:30 pm

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

Back to School Night @ 6:30

Meet all of your student's teachers by following your student's schedule from Advisory through Block 8!

TELL OUR MSMHS STUDENTS THAT DR. SPERA SAID:

"GET YOUR HOMEWORK DONE!"