



# FISH TALES



October 14, 2022

## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month



Rashel Garcia, *Groton*, and Cristina DeLaCruz, *New London*, took the lead in planning and coordinating MSMHS's first celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Working closely with Senora Cronin and Ms. Amatrudo to plan the event, the day included an advisory session on learning about cultural diversity to explain the importance of celebrating Hispanic culture. During lunch waves, students had the opportunity to sample different foods from Hispanic cultures including pernil, chicha morada, papa rellena, and inca cola. Women Between Cultures had a table set up showing traditional dress, artifacts and food from Latin America. All students signed up for a workshop of their choice to learn more about a part of Hispanic

culture that were are interested in. Some of the workshops included fashion and beauty, making piñatas or papel picado, dia de los muertos face painting, soccer, dominos, hacky sac, etc. To end the day, we held a school wide assembly to hear from Efrain Dominguez, Jr. a Social Studies teacher at Bennie Dover, Latinos in Action Leader, and New London City Council President, discuss his experience an Hispanic American. When asked about the celebration, Rashel and Cristina commented, "It is important for students to learn about these cultures and have a bit of immersion to help them understand people from different backgrounds. We are most excited to see students enjoy themselves today and try all the delicious foods! As a diverse school we hope that this day becomes a tradition and will continue to be honored and celebrated even after we graduate."



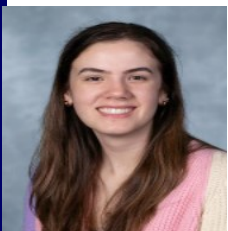
### Z'Nyah Thomas September SOM

Z'Nyah Thomas, *New London*, has been selected by the MSMHS teachers as the first 2022-2023 Student of the Month! Z'Nyah is currently a junior and was nominated for her tremendous growth and demonstration of grit. Already during the first month of school Z'Nyah has been giving excellent tours to new students and is very welcoming to new members of our school. It is not surprising that she is also a Student Ambassador. She maintains a level of



professionalism when talking with parents, community members, and staff. Additionally, she is persistent in all subject areas and works hard to understand concepts and show her best work. She has proven to be a good resource for peers and enjoys being able to help others.

### NMSC Commended Students



Congratulations to CeCe McCormick, *Groton*, and Quinn Sawyer, *Griswold*, on being a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. These students are placed among the top 50,000 student who took the PSAT/NMSQT. CeCe and Quinn are both extremely talented seniors enrolled in a rigorous slate of courses.

CeCe is a very accomplished musician who spent the summer playing the piano in Italy. Quinn, when not taking care of their many farm animals, is a strong leader in her 4H program and here at MSMHS. Congratulations to CeCe and Quinn!!



## UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS



### Family Movie Night

Oct 21st 6-8pm

### Parent Teacher Conferences

Oct 27th (Early Dismissal Day)

Oct 28th (Early Dismissal Day)

### End of Quarter 1

Nov 1st

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