

MSMHS FISH TALES



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of January 22, 2019

WHEN AND WHERE IS GRADUATION 2019?



GROTON, CT - Ceremoniously, the questions begin around this time in my inbox each year: "When and where is graduation?" "I need to know when graduation is for the graduation party." "I have family flying in and they want to book their flight today." All great and understandable questions, however, there is one major issue: WE LIVE IN NEW ENGLAND!

In Connecticut, high schools must announce the 'set in stone' graduation date by April 1st of the school year. Moreover, schools must complete 180 scheduled school days for graduation. With 180 school days set in the school calendar, each snow day means that we add an additional school day onto the end of the school year. As a superstitious person, I hate even saying that we have yet to extend our school year with a cancelation. Since we do not hold graduations on Fridays, our current MSMHS Commencement Ceremony date is set for Thursday, June 6th at

6 pm in Leamy Hall on the campus of the United States Coast Guard Academy.

If it was only that easy! With snow expected in the months ahead, here is the another wrinkle to the scenario. The first/next snow day we have will move the graduation date to Monday, June 10th. Each snow day after that will move it another day (ex. 2 snow days: Tuesday, June 11, 3 snow days: Wednesday, June 12, etc.). If the last day of school falls on a Friday after several snow days, graduation would be on the Thursday or following Monday depending on the availability of Leamy Hall.

So in summary to answer the questions that I receive, we really don't know the graduation date until it stops snowing!

MSMHS Blood Drive: Wednesday, January 23



American Red Cross

This Wednesday, January 23rd from 8:30 to 1 pm, MSMHS will host the 1st blood drive of the 2019 calendar year. The American Red Cross is in a shortage and needs donations during these winter months. As an incentive, blood donors will receive a \$5 Dunkin' Donuts Gift Card (while supplies last) and will enjoy a wide-selection of food items at the canteen.

If you are interested and eligible in saving a lives by giving blood, please call Mrs. Alvarez at 860-446-9380 to schedule an appointment. If you plan on giving blood, be sure to drink plenty of water, eat a well balanced meal with leafy greens the night before, and be sure to eat breakfast and drink water the morning of the blood drive.

Student Council Penny Wars Begins Monday



The Student Council Penny Wars will begin Monday in the Great Hall!

Coins of any kind, support the specific class in this competition. However, paper money (cash bills) hurt a class' point total. In past years, the freshman class has always been the "losers" in this friendly competition, until recently when upperclassmen have escaped.

As in the past, the winning class will receive a Dunkin Donuts breakfast and the losing class will sing classic love songs in front of the entire student body on the day after Valentines Day - all in great fun! All funds go to student council. Bring in those pennies and dollar bills!

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS



A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22nd

C.O.A.S.T. WEEK!

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

Check the website for times and dates when all of the MSMHS Clubs and Teams meet. Get involved!

NEXT PTO MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23th AT 6:30 PM

SPELLING BEE PLANNING MEETING AT 5:30 pm

WINTER FORMAL

Friday, February 8, 2019

7 pm to 10 pm - \$10 per ticket

Next American Red Cross Blood Drive

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MSMHS Simulator Room - By Appointment



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