

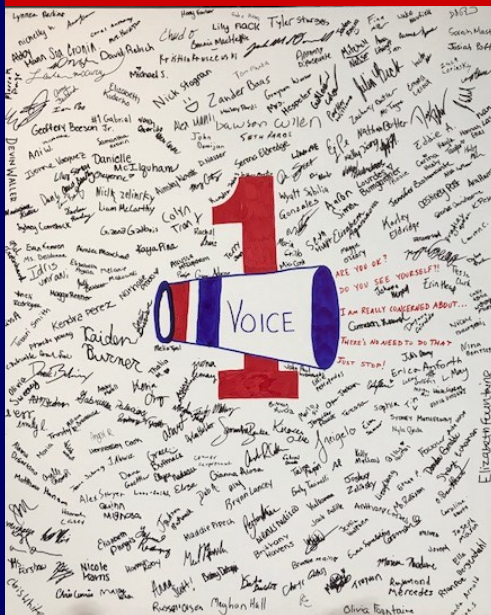
# MSMHS FISH TALES



*that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera*

Week of October 30, 2017

## 2017 Bullying Pledge: One Voice



GROTON, CT - This past Friday marked the seventh consecutive year that the entire MSMHS Family; students, teachers, parents, and community leaders signed the safe school climate pledge.

On Friday, October 27th, MSMHS students and teachers signed this year's pledge of *One Voice*. Parents and community leaders will have the opportunity to sign the pledge beginning Wednesday morning and evening at Parent Teacher Conferences. The campaign for this year's annual bullying pledge came from the Student Council Executive Committee. The student council wanted to ensure that students continue to do the right thing by saying something to an adult when they see something wrong online or in the school.

Messages from the Sandy Hook Promise Organization supported this year's anti-bullying slogan. The organization's mission is to *prevent deaths due to crime, suicide, or accidental discharge so that no other parent experiences the senseless, horrific loss of their child*. Statistics tell us that students are aware of violent acts before they happen through social media or other means. Bottom-line message, don't be a bystander when you see something that mentions or insinuates violence. It only takes *One Voice* to make difference.

Be that ONE voice.

### It is Official: the MSMHS SHARKS!

After 38 separate meetings over the last 5 months, the Marine Science Magnet High School has changed their mascot to the Sharks.

After establishing the first mascot, Navigators, in the first few weeks of the school in 2011, students, teachers, and parents wanted to discuss the possibility of rethinking the mascot at MSMHS. Known as the Fish School to most in southeastern CT, people logically believed that our mascot should be something that swims in the ocean.

Our faculty, students, and PTO all discussed and voted on the name this month with the PTO voting last with an *all in favor* 'shark fin' resting on top of their heads.

From this moment going forward, Spirit Week will now be known as Shark Week and in honor of our original mascot, the yearbook will remain the 'Navigator' for years to come.

In the upcoming weeks, we will unveil the new Sharks logo just in time for the holiday season. Go Sharks!

### Thanksgiving Drive Begins This Friday

Please help the PTO create Thanksgiving Baskets for our MSMHS deserving families. During spirit week, each item donated will count as a point and will added to the class' point total.

**Freshmen:** Crackers, Canned Cranberry Sauce, Biscuits (Bisquick), Dessert Mixes, Canned Gravy

**Sophomores:** Canned French Cut Green Beans, Canned Fried Onions, Cream of Mushroom Soup (Campbell's)

**Juniors:** Large Turkey Pans, Instant Potatoes, Instant Stuffing, Dessert Mixes, Canola or Olive Oil

**Seniors:** Boxes of Mac & Cheese (Annie's or Kraft), Canola or Olive Oil, Canned Vegetables – Carrots, Corn, Canned Fruit

### UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS



#### A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 30<sup>th</sup>

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
No School	B Day/ Advisory	A Day	B Day	A Day/ Advisory

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

#### NEXT PTO MEETING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>th</sup> AT 6:30 PM

#### HOMECOMING DANCE

Friday, November 17, 2017

7 pm to 10 pm in the Great Hall

Tickets are now on sale for \$10 each

Guest Forms are now available at the Main Office

#### THE FISH BOWL IV

Friday, November 17th at 3 pm

MSMHS Field

Juniors vs Seniors