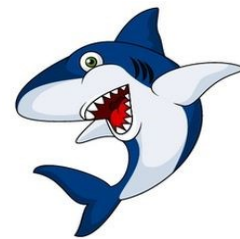


MSMHS FISH TALES



that are true from the desk of Dr. Spera

Week of February 25, 2019

MSMHS Rated the #1 High School by CT State Department of Education



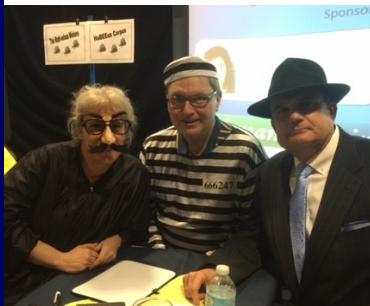
GROTON, CT - On Friday, the Connecticut State Department of Education released the ratings of all elementary, middle, and high schools in the state. The top schools named in the list receive the coveted Connecticut State Department of Education School of Distinction Award for Highest Overall Performance. For the fifth time in the six years of the award's existence, the Marine Science Magnet High School was named a School of Distinction for Overall Performance!

With a rating of 94.99, MSMHS ranked #1 amongst all other 200+ public high schools in the state and was 7th out of the 968 public elementary, middle, and high schools in Connecticut. The state average for all schools in CT was 74.9.

The ratings are based on a point system for several different areas including: English Language Arts and Mathematics performance on the SAT administered in the spring, chronic absenteeism percentage, UConn ECE and AP course participation and performance, graduation rates, and post secondary entrance to name a few. MSMHS earned 807.4 out the possible 850 points. An all time high!

Congratulations to the teachers, students, parents, and community members who continue to prove that Effort Creates Ability and that All Students Can Succeed. Let's keep earning these accolades and success by making sure we tell our students to...GET YOUR HOMEWORK DONE!

Parents: We Need You to Form Teams!



Last year our PTO raised \$18,000 at our PTO Spelling Bee. This year we are hoping to do the same, however, **we need our parents to form teams for the upcoming PTO Spelling Bee.**

For \$120, (\$40 a person) you and two others can dress up and participate with other parent teams for the *Battle of the Parents on Friday, April 26th at 7 pm. You do not have to be a*

great speller to win (or find just 1 good speller for the group). **The key is finding two other people who want to have fun and get dressed up in a funny costume.** Awards for the event are given for funniest parent team, best team name, best costume, most spirit, and best speller.

Here is how the Spelling Bee works:

- In teams of three, the emcee for the event says a word to eight teams competing against one another in the round.
- Working together, the teams have 30 seconds to write the word on a whiteboard.
- After time is up, each team holds the whiteboard up for the judges to find out if they spelled the word correctly (*above*)
- If a team misspells the word, they can use up to two 'lifesavers' (\$25 each) and stay in the round. Top two teams in each round advance to the Championship.

Please sign up today!! It is all about having fun and raising money for our amazing PTO! Your participation in this event allows our school to fund several important programs and provide resources for our students and school. If you have any questions, please contact our PTO President Jennifer Dipasquale at jdipasquale@learn.k12.ct.us.

UPCOMING EVENTS/PROGRAMS



A/B SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25th

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

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

PTO MEETING

Wednesday, February 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Spelling Bee Planning Meeting at 5:45 pm

MSMHS PROM

Friday, May 24, 2019 at Water's Edge Resort
Tickets will be on sale next week

UPCOMING VARSITY FENCING MEET

Home vs St. Bernard High School (SENIOR NIGHT)
Thursday, February 28 - 6 pm in the Great Hall



Be sure to sign-up for our snow alerts and other MSMHS updates via Twitter @DocSperaMSMHS or Instagram @docspera