

# Calendar

DECEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Tree Lighting Ceremony 6:15 PM College Financial Aid Night 7 PM Media Center	3	4 Winter Drama Production 7 PM	5 SATs@ Matignon Winter Drama Production 2 PM
6	7	8	9	10	11 Q2 Interims Calendar Drive Ends	12 High School Placement Test 8 AM
13	14	15	16	17 Parents Group 6:30	18	19
20	21	22	23 Half Day Christmas Vacation Begins	24	25 Christmas	26
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## MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL

*“ Expect Excellence ”*

### Principal's Message

December 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

I hope that everyone in the Matignon High School Community enjoyed a safe and joyous Thanksgiving. While we remember those in need, the Matignon High School family is mindful of the many reasons we are thankful at this time of year.

The end of November also marked the close of the fall season for athletics. Our girls' and boys' soccer squads qualified for the State Tournament and the girls' team became the Catholic Central League Champions. The golf team enjoyed its best record in years. We are very proud of all our athletes who participated in the fall, regardless of the wins and losses. While representing Matignon High School, our teams played with outstanding school spirit and determination while also exhibiting character and sportsmanship.

December is a very exciting and busy month for everyone at Matignon High School. The month brings the drama performance, the SAT exam, the calendar drive, and Mass on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, there are two special events at the school for both students and their families. The college financial aid night will occur at 7PM preceded by our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual tree lighting ceremony at 6:15PM outside the main entrance to the school. It is a wonderful opportunity for our entire Matignon family to celebrate the Christmas season by singing carols and drinking hot chocolate.

I, along with the entire staff, would like to extend our most sincere wishes to our students and their families for a glorious and holy Christmas season. Although it is a hectic month, it is a time for everyone to celebrate many wonderful traditions. It is also a time to be grateful for everything that we have in our lives and to do whatever we can to bring joy and comfort into the life of those less fortunate than ourselves.

The Christmas season is my favorite time of the year. Everyone becomes nicer, more patient, and more compassionate than they may be at other times of the year. As Norman Vincent Peale once said, "Christmas waves a magic wand over this World, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful."

Sincerely,

Joseph A. DiSarcina  
Principal

Sister Virginia O'Connell, CSJ is recovering from her 2<sup>nd</sup> successful knee-replacement surgery. The thoughts and prayers of the Matignon Family are with her for a speedy recovery and return to Matignon High School.

**Junior/Senior Semi Formal**  
**January 22nd, 2009**  
**Crestview Banquet Facilities**  
**Woburn, MA**  
**7:30pm-10:30pm**  
**Tickets: \$35 pp**  
**On sale December 8th- January 8th**

### Athletic Dept:

Congratulations to all Fall Sports teams for their great season. The Winter Sports Season starts on Monday, November 30th. Please go to the Matignon website and look under "Athletic Participation" for the requirements needed to play a winter sport. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Director of Athletics  
Matignon High School  
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### Drama:

The Winter Drama Production will be held on Saturday, December 5th @ 7PM and Sunday, December 6th @ 3PM. All are invited to come enjoy NEIL SIMON'S - "JAKE'S WOMEN" - Tickets are only \$ 5.00 and all proceeds benefit the Matignon Drama Club. This year's cast is **Vinnie Ferlisi** as Jake, **Katherine Morrison** as Maggie, **Jessica Costigan** as Karen, **Nicole Deltorto** as Edith, **Nicole Williams** as Julie, **Isabella Palange** as Young Molly, **Emma Cunneen** as Older Molly, and **Elena Meuse** as Sheila "Jake's Women".

### Student Council Officers

#### 2009-2010 school year!

Seniors:

Vincent Ferlisi- President  
Caitlyn Farren- Vice-President  
Eugenia Prezas- Secretary  
Asya Francisque- Treasurer

Juniors:

Max Stoff- President  
Andrew Blacquier- Vice-President  
Jillian Brunning- Secretary  
Caroline Hulin- Treasurer

Sophomores:

John Murphy- President  
Emma Cunneen- Vice-President  
Elena Meuse- Secretary  
Katelyn Delaney- Treasurer

Freshman:

Ronnie Slager- President  
Joey DePace- Vice-President  
Geoffrey Guerin- Secretary  
Julia Croxen- Treasurer

### Lottery Calendar Drive

Matignon High School Annual Lottery Calendar sales start this week. Each and every student is responsible for selling at least 10 calendars. Each calendar allows the recipient 31 chances to win \$100 –to \$1000. The calendar sells for \$10 each and make a great Christmas Gift. Give them for stocking stuffers, the office grab, Yankee swap, even to grandparents. (We all know how hard it is to buy for them.) This is one of Matignon's **biggest fundraisers**, and we need your support to make it another success. **Incentive for students:** Any student who sells 10 calendars is entitled to 1 free calendar per 10 purchased and will be allowed to "dress down" for the remainder of the drive. The student who sells the most will receive a prize of \$100.00. Second place will receive a prize of \$50.00, and the homeroom that sells the most will receive a restaurant lunch.

### FINANCIAL AID:

Senior parents are now faced with the prospect of meeting college costs. In order to help parents of seniors with the FINANCIAL AID PROCESS. Matignon will hosts its annual FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF SENIORS DECEMBER 2, 2009 from 7:00 - 8:30 The (falsa) free federal aid form will be given to parents that evening, or to the student the following day, if parents cannot attend. Keep in mind, in order for a student to receive any kind of financial aid from a college, they must file the FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID FORM.

### Financial Aid:

Financial Aid Applications are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 school year. Apply online at [www.factsuitionsaid.com](http://www.factsuitionsaid.com) or pick up a paper application at school. Families must re-apply for financial aid each school year.

### Guidance Dept:

SENIORS: Now that 1st quarter grades are ready, seniors should complete the COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS. Once a senior has decided which colleges he is applying to, he/she should go to the Guidance Office to pick up a transcript release form. The transcript release form and a school report form (if required by the college) must be returned to the guidance office before transcripts can be sent. Seniors, please make sure your transcript release forms are received by the guidance office no later than December 4, 2009, if the college to which you are applying has a January 1st deadline. This is to ensure that the materials are sent out prior to Christmas break. It is extremely important and urgent for any senior who has questions regarding the college application procedure to go to the Guidance Office for directions.

### MHS Spain Exchange to hold Holiday Book Fair

On Friday December 11, 2009 MHS students will once again hold a book fair at the Burlington Barnes & Noble (Middlesex Turnpike) to raise funds for the first MHS-Cádiz Exchange Program in Spain. Funds raised through sales made in the name of Matignon will benefit program expenses as students initiate this exciting new program.

### Hockey Cheerleaders

#### Fundraiser: **"All You Can Eat" Pasta Dinner**

Bring the whole family! For just \$9.95 per person \$7.95 per child under 10, you can feast upon penne pasta, meatballs, salad and garlic bread. All proceeds go directly to the hockey cheerleaders. Serving from 4:30-7:30 on Friday, December 11, 2009

### Spanish:

Hispanic Flamenco Ballet returned to MHS. Matignon High Spanish classes once again gave an enthusiastic welcome to the Hispanic Flamenco Ballet of Miami, as they returned to our school for the third year in a row to offer two fabulous programs of music, dance and language reflecting the diverse cultural heritages of Latin America and Spain. On November 18 almost 200 Matignon students and others students from area schools sang, applauded and even danced on stage to join in a celebration of Hispanic heritage. As they became familiar with many well known dances like tango, merengue and salsa, they also learned about the cumbia, samba and maculele. Many students were thrilled to have a return performance of the daring "gaucho" spectacle, the breathtaking dance of the boleadores.

This year's program introduced the centuries old Spanish tradition of the university serenaders called "La Tuna" and revisited flamenco with a dramatic tableau. The excitement of Brazilian capoeira revealed the grace and art of this martial art form. Whether dancing in the finales to the salsa rhythms of the unequaled Celia Cruz or the

popular Macarena or watching their classmates on stage performing, everyone agreed the shows were a great part of the school experience. Spanish classes of Srta. Hewitt, Sra. Fitzpatrick and Profesora Salim will continue to re-connect the memories of this experience with varied culture topics related to the national foreign language standards throughout the school year as they progress in their language studies.

### French Dept:

This year National French Week was celebrated from November 4th to November 10th. French students prepared projects highlighting the many contributions of the French language and francophone culture. Each day French classes were treated to French specialties such as croissants and eclairs. In conjunction with these festivities, a Parisian "chanteur", Eric Vincent, performed a concert in our auditorium on November 12th. It was our first French concert, but one that will be repeated during future French Weeks, since our French scholars received great praise from Eric and his assistants for their enthusiasm and appreciation for the music and the language. Mikaela Oliverio, a senior in French V, was particularly singled out for her help with staging and lights, and her ability to use the language. Eric indicated that Matignon will definitely be on his list of concert venues next time around. Students from four other schools attended the performance along with our Matignon students. Both teachers and students proclaimed the performance a huge success. Students were encouraged to sing along with Eric, which they did with great enthusiasm. After the concert, Eric stayed for a photo session with students. Pictures may be found on the Matignon website.

### SAT test:

There are two more SAT testing dates for seniors to take the required tests for college:

**December 5<sup>th</sup>** registration standby only (*Matignon is a center for this date*)

**January 23<sup>rd</sup>** registration deadline December 15 (*Matignon is not a center for this date*)

Seniors planning on taking SAT'S in January should pick registration form in guidance office asap.

### Student Council

Junior President Max Stoff is leading an Environmental Club here at Matignon. Max, along with a group of students, is in charge of collecting plastic bottles and aluminum cans during lunch for the city of Cambridge recycling program. Soon, every classroom will have recycle bins for paper!

### Parents Group: Shaw's

#### Reward Program

Support Matignon High School by joining the Shaw's Community Rewards Program.

How It Works:

Shaw's will contribute a percentage of each supporter's eligible Rewards Card purchases made on any Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday to Matignon High School. Four times a year, Shaw's will issue a check to Matignon for the contributions earned by their participating supporters.

**How to sign up:**

Go to [www.albertsons.com/cp/shaws](http://www.albertsons.com/cp/shaws) click on shoppers login. Login by entering your Rewards Card number, click "my account", add the organization, Enter the 11 digit number for Matignon -**49001021258** That's all it takes.