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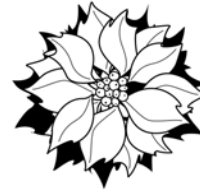
“Expect Excellence”

Newsletter

December, 2011

Main Office

By Rob Dunn



A big thank you to the Matignon High School Community for supporting the school in our

Christmas Wreath and Poinsettia Fundraiser. We had a very successful fundraiser with over 100 wreaths and 65 poinsettias sold throughout our community in support of our school. **THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Open Houses on October 23rd and November 9th, they were great days that showcased the Matignon community to over 450 people.

Congratulations to Isabella Palange and Rob Dunn for their Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Program. They earned their letters through their performance on the SATs.

There has been ad radio running on WBZ and WEEI for Matignon. Hope you had the chance to hear the voices of our very own students!

To all Students: There is a board in the Office mailroom with a calendar that lists the dates and times of already scheduled meetings for clubs. Please try to work around these to set up additional meeting so there are not multiple meetings on one day.

Matignon Parents Group

There is a Matignon Parents Group meeting on Thursday December 8th at 7:00 pm. New parents are welcome!

Modell's Sporting Goods is partnering with Matignon High School!

Modell's Sporting Goods strives to support the communities by developing programs that give back. The Team Weeks program is a way to enable the members within the Matignon Community to make purchases from November 25 through December 22 and receive a 15% discount. All purchases will be tallied and at the end of the period if the entire Matignon Community has spent more than \$500, Matignon will receive 5% of the coupon sales back as a donation. Thanks to all of you we had received over \$200 last year. Team Weeks are twice a year, once during the Christmas season and once in the spring. These coupons can be used again and again. It is a great way to shop for all your sports needs for the Christmas and Winter Sports Seasons.

Remember to use the coupon from November 25-December 22 for your 15% discount.

If you forget to bring the coupon just tell the cashier that you are affiliated with Matignon High School. Happy Shopping! Coupons are available to download on Edline and are in the Main Office. If you are unable to download coupon, please contact Fran Levas at flevas@matignon-hs.org or 617 876-1212 ext 37.

Campus Ministry

By Dan Milch

Prepare your shirts and ties, and blouses for the upcoming Mass on December 8th. This mass will be our first implementing the New Roman Missal. There will be a sophomore retreat on December 15th. Take a trip down to the Christmas Giving Tree that will be up throughout Advent. Finally, make sure to sign up for the next upcoming Cradles to Crayons trip on December 13th

Athletic Department



We have just concluded a very successful fall sports season. All of our teams put forth a superb effort this year. The Athletic Department would like to extend a special congratulation to the boys' soccer team and to the golf team, who both won their league this year. We look forward to the winter sports season and wish all of our teams the best of luck!

Congratulation to the following athletes for making the CCL All-Star teams:

Girls' Soccer: Mareta Guiendon and Sarah Gauthier

Boys' Soccer: Ricky Canales, JB Thompson, Hee Won Yon, Ryan Anglin, John Shanahan and Santiago Gonzales

Volleyball: Gabriella Farrell

Football: Owen Bullock, Ron Slager, Jonathan Barry, John Flaherty and John Colford.

Academic Decathlon

On Saturday, November 19th, Matignon High School hosted the small schools division of the Academic Decathlon competition. Fifteen schools competed in seven subject areas. This is not a trivia contest. Each year there is a specific theme and students are expected to be well-versed on that theme in all seven areas. This year's theme is the Age of Imperialism.

The following scholars garnered medals for their efforts: Christopher Ackerman - Gold Medal in Language and Literature; Irene Wong - Bronze Medal in Language and Literature; and Quynh Tran - Bronze Medal in Economics. Our top team scorer was Christopher Ackerman, our team captain. The following students worked the competition and received kudos for their excellent work: Christina Listro, Victoria Volante, Isabella Palange, Alyssa Donovan, Jennifer Chisholm, Katlyn Delaney, Tayler Lahaise and Shawna McGaffigan. We are now preparing for the second round of competition in February. State finals will be held in March. Wish us luck!

Guidance Department

The Guidance Department hosted an informational meeting with the Assistant Dean from the Northeastern Bouve College of Health Sciences School of Nursing in the Library Meeting Center on Tuesday November 22, 2011. Students interested in the health science field attended the meeting to learn more about the career choice. This was a great opportunity for students to gain knowledge and ask questions about the health science field. Thank you to Mrs. Ramdin for a great presentation!



Matignon Clubs Update

By Elena Meuse

In the past few weeks several new clubs have formed at Matignon offering a diverse selection of choices for students. There is a new yoga club, chess club, step team, sports management club, and business club. As many in the Matignon Community know, if a student has an idea for a new club based on a hobby or interest, then that student can bring the idea to the school's administration to form new clubs. This is the case with many of these new clubs.

Already each of these clubs has a large number of members, and they are still open to new sign ups.

In addition to all these new activities forming, some older clubs have been very active as well. Following up their successful bake sale for UNICEF, the key club has also recently completed a canned food drive to benefit Father Best's parish in Roxbury. The drama club has also been very busy preparing for their upcoming performance of the murder mystery *Night is my Enemy*. Show dates are December 8th, 9th, and 10th at seven o'clock. Admission is five dollars per person. All members have been working really hard to put the play together and hope for a large turn out on the nights of the play.

New Business Club

By Andrej Klatecki

Ms. Lemos, with one of Matignon's juniors, Won Yun, will be starting Matignon's first business club. They will talk and research anything and everything dealing with business. They will get a better understanding of the financial industry. The club will use imaginary practice in developing various kinds of businesses and answering business-related questions. If you are interested, please attend our next meeting in room 14 on December 20th at 1:45 pm. If you have questions please see Ms. Lemos. Have fun planning your financial future!

Foreign Language Department

Student of the Month

Margot Berman is a student in Latin III Honors. She has attained a high level of academic excellence through consistent hard work. Her grades are superior and she is one of the best Latin students in the school. She frequently receives the top grade in her class. She has a great curiosity and enthusiasm for the Latin language and Roman culture which is evident everyday in class. Her talent for learning language and intellectual curiosity earn her the honor of Student of the Month.

National French Week

From November 8th to November 14th, Matignon's French celebrated National French Week, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Students labeled various rooms around the building in French. Each morning they recited a prayer in French over the loud speaker. This was followed by the recitation of French Fun Facts that students had researched. Each day we listened to a musical piece by either Edith Piaf or Eric Vincent. In their French classes, students sampled a variety of French culinary delights such as quiche Lorraine and quiche aux legumes; crepes with Nutella, strawberry jam, or speculoos, a Belgian speciality; eclairs; and croissants with chocolate, strawberries, or apples. Amy Volante, mother of Victoria Volante in French III, also sent in a batch of her wonderful home-made crepes with raspberry and blueberry jam. Merci, Amy. Thanks also to the entire Matignon community for their support of our French program.

“A Day in Pompeii”

On November 17th, the Latin students went on a field trip to the Museum of Science in order to see the (excellent) exhibit entitled “A Day in Pompeii.” The exhibit itself is impressive. The artifacts which were pristinely preserved by the eruption of Vesuvius are diverse and come from every aspect of Roman life. Artifacts like jewelry, make-up, food (there is even a loaf of carbonized bread baked the morning of the eruption), frescoes, wine jugs, coins and tombstones showed how similar an ordinary Roman’s life is to our own. The plaster casts on display were heartbreaking and most of the students commented that these were the images which impacted them the most. In addition, we watched a movie in the Omni theatre entitled Greece: Secrets of the Past. It was all-in-all a fun field trip adventure and I look forward to taking the students to the Museum of Fine Arts in the spring.



Math Department

By Michael Medina

Mr. VanSteenburg is incorporating holiday cheer into his lessons. His Christmas themed, “tree of knowledge” helps his students memorized the many geometric theorems that are taught in class. The roots represent undefined terms, while their definitions grow into the trunk of the tree. Geometric postulates employ the branches as their emblem, while the leaves denote theorems themselves. The name, “Jeoma-tree” was thought of by Mr. Zaya, in order to have the “a” pronounced. The tree was hand-made out of wood by Mr. VanSteenburg and the start of the tree is represented by an equilateral triangle. This tree will be added to all year and will be available for anyone to see in Mr. VanSteenburg’s room.



Guidance Department

SENIORS: Now that 1st quarter grades are ready, seniors should complete the **College Application Process**. Once a senior has decided to which colleges he/she is applying, he/she should go to the Guidance Office and pick up Transcript Package Request forms. One Transcript Package Request form must be filled out for each college to which the student is applying. *The School Report Form* from the Common App. must also be submitted to the student's guidance counselor, but we only need one copy of that form.

Please make sure your Transcript Request Forms are received by the Guidance Office **no later than December 2, 2011, if the college you are applying to has a January 1st deadline**. This is to ensure that the transcripts are sent out prior to Christmas break.

It is extremely important and urgent for any senior who has questions regarding the college application procedure that he/she comes to the Guidance Office for assistance.

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 host its annual **FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS OF SENIORS on DECEMBER 1, 2011, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**.

Senior parents can download the new MEFA eBook before the seminar at www.mefacounselor.org. Parents visiting the site can also view all the other great online resources available through MEFA.

The remaining SAT testing date for seniors to take the required tests for college:

January 28, 2012 registration deadline December 30

(Matignon is not a center for this date)

Junior parents: PSAT results should be available before Christmas break. Parents should review these results with their child. Parents may contact their child's guidance counselor with any questions. The PSAT results will be used in the junior SAT prep classes after the holiday break. Juniors can access their "MY COLLEGE QUICK START" with the codes on their answer sheet.

Sophomore parents: PSAT results should be available before Christmas break. A workshop will be held after midterm exams with the sophomores regarding "MY COLLEGE QUICK START", a College Board Program.

My College QuickStart™ is available now. This online college and career planning kit is available free of charge to all students who take the PSAT/NMSQT®. It's powered by the student's responses on the test and provides personalized information that helps students take the next step in the college search process. Students will need the access code printed on their 2009 PSAT/NMSQT paper score report.

QuickStart features include:

My Online Score Report

Enhanced report that allows students to review each test question, their answers, and the correct answers with answer explanations.

My SAT Study Plan™

Customized SAT® study plan based on student's PSAT/NMSQT test performance, highlighting skills for review and practice.

My College Matches

Starter list of colleges based on the student's home state and indicated choice of major.

My Major & Career Matches

Extensive information about majors and careers, including insights about what to expect and what courses to take now.

My Personality Detailed personality test that helps students learn about themselves and discover majors and careers that fit their strengths and interests.

Freshmen Parents: Explore Test results will be given to students before the Christmas break. Parents should review these results with their child. Parents can contact guidance counselors with any questions. The guidance staff will be meeting the freshmen after Christmas vacation regarding these tests

Matignon Alumni Association

****Stay Connected**** - Visit our new website for up to date news and events.

<http://www.matignonalumni.org/>

****Get Involved**** - Join the Matignon Alumni Association! We are seeking volunteers to join our board and share their time and ideas for the benefit of the students of MHS.

Contact: Bob Colandreo at rmcoland@comcast.net or Chuck Landry at cjl27@columbia.edu.

Fran Levas – Director of Development and Alumni 617-876-1212, 37.



We wish our Matignon High School Community a very happy, safe holiday season!!