



MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL

“Expect Excellence”

Newsletter

January, 2012

The Magic of Matignon

The “Magic of Matignon” is next month on February 7th! This event welcomes the accepted students of the Class of 2016 with school performances and dinner. Students can sign up in front of the Admissions Office to be a part of the night. Parent volunteers are welcome to volunteer for the event as well. Please email Sue Dunn with the Matignon Parent Group for more information at rojuad@comcast.net.

Main Office & Nurse

By Rob Dunn

The annual tree lighting ceremony was a huge success this year. Attendance was higher than ever before, and the night was a fitting way to start the Christmas season. A special thank you to the choir led by Mr. Kumin, as well as Mr. Lemos for his arrangement of the lights and preparation of snacks.

Thank you for all the generous gifts, goodies, and cards sent during the holiday season. We appreciate the kindness and value the opportunity to be associated with the many parents, students, alumni, and others who help make our school such a great community.

From The Nurse:

Please be sure to receive the flu vaccination shot as flu season approaches. Wash your hands thoroughly, and avoid activities that would cause sickness. If sick, please stay home and rest up until symptoms have subsided.

Vacation Raffle Underway!!!

Win a Vacation in Orlando During April Vacation

Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, we will be selling chances to win a week at the Florida resort during April school vacation at:

SHERATON VISTANA VILLAGES,
12401 INTERNATIONAL DRIVE,
ORLANDO, FL
for April 14- April 21, 2012.

You will have to provide your own airfare.

See details on page 6.

Campus Ministry

By Dan Milch

On January 6th, the Matignon community participated in a Mass celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany, led by the always appreciated Father Nedder.

A small group of students will be making a pilgrimage to Washington D.C. for the March for Life from the 22nd to the 24th of January.

During the last week of January we will be celebrating Catholic schools week.

Athletic Department

By Brian Bevilacqua

The Athletic Department looks forward to the rest of the winter sports season, which is currently in full swing. We wish the best of luck to all of our teams. We are especially proud of our girls hockey teams, which played Archbishop Williams at Fenway Park on January 5th. The girls played 2 exhibition games and then participated in a shootout to decide the winner, a shootout which they won. It was a great experience for the team and one of the year's athletic highlights. The girls played exceptionally well and received great support from the Matignon community. We look forward to our teams' continued success this winter.



Social Studies

By David Jang

The Social Studies Department will be welcoming two student teachers for Emmanuel College. Jessica Stanton and Cassandra Geraghty are seniors at Emmanuel and will be working with Ms. Burns (US History) and Mr. Salvucci (World History). They will be arriving at the end of January and will be with us until April 12.

Matignon Clubs

By Elena Meuse

December was an exciting month for the Matignon “Players” drama club. On the 8th, 9th, and 10th the club performed the murder mystery *Night is My Enemy*. The play drew in a large crowd and gained the approval of most students. Two weeks later, the club held tryouts for its next production “*The Auditioners*” which will be performed at drama fest this spring. The players are eagerly waiting to hear the casting decisions so they can begin working.



The National Honor Society held a bake sale in December for Wounded Warrior, a foundation set up to help injured soldiers.

With the start of the new year comes new opportunities and experiences for our Matignon High School student body. A handful of new clubs such as the Explore Historical Boston Club, Chess Club, Moviemakers Club and Debate Team have been formed at Matignon. All clubs are open to all new members!

Foreign Language Department

Student of the Month

Mathew Altekruze is our Student-of-the-Month for the month of January. Mat is a senior in French IV. Throughout his French studies at Matignon, he has continued to distinguish himself by his excellent class work as well as by the prizes he has garnered each year on the National French Exam. He is a member of the French Club and the French Honor Society. Last year Mat participated in our Exchange Program with the Lycee Bossuet in Meaux, France, just outside of Paris. He took full advantage of the opportunity to fine-tune his skills in French, and to endear himself to his host family to the extent that he and his family have standing invitations to spend time with two French families who found Mat to be an excellent ambassador for the program. Congratulations to Mat for all his hard work.



The Roman Festival of Saturnalia

On December 21st, the winter solstice, all Latin students celebrated the Roman festival of Saturnalia. Everyone participated by bringing in all kinds of food, a necessity for any good festival, and most important of all, by making a Saturnalia cake. In each class, the students who found the nut hidden in the cake became the king or queen of the day and was entitled to make decrees. A good time was had by all!

Guidance Department

Junior parents: PSAT results were distributed to students in December. 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. Juniors can access their "MY COLLEGE QUICK START" using their personalized account they set up last year as sophomores.

Juniors will be given material to register for the spring 2012 SAT exams in February. Matignon High School will again be a test center for the SATs in March, May and June. These codes #s are needed when students register for the SATs (Matignon High School Code # 220515 and Matignon Test Center # 22260) **Deadline for the March SAT registration is 2/10/12.**

Matignon High School is also an ACT test Center in June 2012 the following codes are necessary when students register. (Matignon High School Code # 220515 and Matignon Test Center # **238220**)

Sophomore parents: PSAT results were distributed to students last week. A workshop was held 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 College Matches

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

My SAT Study Plan™

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

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: ACT Explore results will be returned to students. Parents should review these results with their child. Parents can contact guidance counselors with any questions.

Senior parents: Any senior who is planning on attending college next year should be completing college applications now if they haven't already done so. It is important for seniors who are applying to colleges to notify the guidance office of the colleges to which they are applying. This is done by filling out a TRANSCRIPT REQUEST FORM FOR EACH COLLEGE. (These forms are in the Guidance Office). This is the only way the student's transcript will be sent to colleges.

Some colleges and universities require midterm report forms to be sent by the high school. Students applying to colleges that require this information must submit the form to Mr. Carabello or Mrs. Graves.

College Financial Aid: In order for a student to be considered for financial aid, the student must file the FAFSA and the profile forms to only the schools that require both forms. The state colleges and state universities require only the FAFSA. The FAFSA form can be submitted after 01/01/2011.

Mr. Carabello will be visiting all the AP classes and distributing the 2012 Student/Parent Bulletins to all students with information regarding the AP Exams that will be held in May 2012. The dates of each exam

and costs for each exam will be explained at this time. All students enrolled in AP courses are required to take the AP exam for their AP course.

News from the Alumni and Development Office

Hope that 2012 is going well for you and your families.

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The unit is a large, 2-bedroom, sleeps 8. It is minutes from Disney, Universal and outlet shopping, as well as a large assortment of restaurants. It has a full kitchen, a whirlpool bath in the master bedroom (king-size bed) and two double beds in the other bedroom. The large living room also has a pull-out sofa. A washer-dryer is in the unit. It also has a patio or balcony overlooking beautifully landscaped grounds! The pool is gorgeous and there are activities. **Value of this package is \$2000. RESORT ONLY.**

The website is: www.starwoodvacationownership.com/sheraton_vistana_villages/welcome.jsp

We will be selling chances beginning January 13 to win a week vacation. Each student will be given 6 tickets. Each student is responsible for either selling each of the tickets or for turning the unsold tickets back to the homeroom teacher. Any ticket not turned back to the homeroom teacher will be charged to the student responsible.

The tickets will be sold for \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The drawing will be held on February 3, 2012.

You may purchase additional tickets in person in the Main Office during school hours or the Development Office. You may purchase tickets by cash, check or credit card. To accommodate parents or other family members who are unable to come in person, a check may be mailed to: Matignon High School, One Matignon Road, Cambridge, MA 02140 Attention: Fran Levas, Development Director. For information, please email flevas@matignon-hs.org.

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.

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