



MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL

“Expect Excellence”

Newsletter

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Matignon Students Support Cradles to Crayons

Each month twenty students from the Matignon community head to Cradles to Crayons in Quincy, for a day of service. Cradles to Crayon, is an organization that provides poor and homeless children with, as they call it, “the basics of life.” These basics include clothes, toys, coats, school supplies and even birthday presents. Cradles to Crayons provides these items to tens of thousands of children of a variety of ages, all across the state. While at Cradles to Crayons, the Matignon students work on sorting, cleaning and fixing many different types of toys and games, as well as create clothing packs for children. The Matignon students have given over 500 hours of service and many bags of donations to Cradles to Crayons this past year, and are looking forward to contributing even more over the months to come.



Trip to Spain

Matignon students studying Spanish will travel to Cadiz, Spain on March 19 to spend what promises to be a fantastic week! While in Cadiz, students will live with local families and visit cultural landmarks they have studied in Spanish class. The trip will be chaperoned by Mrs. Stephanie Cuddeback-Salim and Ms. Sarah Hewitt. Students from IES Fuerte de Cortaduro will then spend a week living with Matignon families April 5-13. Any family interested in hosting students, particularly boys, please contact Mrs. Cuddeback-Salim at scuddebacksalim@matignon-hs.org

National Foreign Language Week

The first week of March is designated every year as National Foreign Language Week. This is an event that gives us an opportunity to learn about each other’s cultures and languages. On Tuesday, March 2nd, Matignon’s cafeteria will be festooned with banners and posters depicting the more than fifty countries represented at our annual International Festival. Students wear costumes, perform dance numbers and play music typical of those countries. Many booths include food samplings as well. Some dishes are quite exotic, some are very familiar – Italian meatballs and pasta, French omelettes, and Haitian griot. Projects are judged and several students come away with well-earned prizes for their efforts. Each year Senorita Hewitt orchestrates the entire event with aplomb. In foreign language classes, students prepare projects of all sorts. Spanish students make tostones ; French students sample quiche, salade Nicoise, éclairs and croissants. On Friday, French students will take the National French Exam. Each year Matignon’s French scholars garner several awards. Spanish students are preparing for our first exchange program with a high school in Cadiz, Spain.

Every day during Foreign Language Week, language students seek to share what they have learned with the entire Matignon community. This is a wonderful way to join hands and celebrate our diversity.

Winter Sports Update

Congratulations to our Winter Sports Teams for a successful season. Spring Sports start on Monday, March 15th. Please remember that you must have a completed and signed permission slip, an up-to-date physical on file in the nurse's office, and your \$100 user fee paid in order to participate in a Spring Sport. If you have any question, please call Mr. Arria in the Athletic Office.

Academic Mentoring

Students who would like to improve grades in any subject area can take advantage of Matignon's Academic Mentoring program. Sign up with Mrs. Gaffey in Room 202. You will be matched up with a student who is strong in the subject area in which you need help. This usually takes place before school in Room 202, but individual schedules may vary. There is no charge for the mentoring program. This program is open to all students. Often students who have a strong B, but would like to raise the grade to an A, take advantage of this program. Please see Mrs. Gaffey for more information.

Academic Decathlon

On February 6th, Matignon's Academic Decathlon Team participated in a second-round competition at North Reading High School. Our scholars represented their alma mater very well by winning the following awards: Pechsiree Pechvijitra – Gold Medal in Economics; Chau Pham – Gold Medal in Science; Khang Nguyen – Silver Medal in Science; Chau Pham, Khang Nguyen, Won-Sik Jung – Honorable Mention in Math; Catalina Rufin, Christopher Ackerman, Isabella Palange, Patrick Phelan – Honorable Mention in Art. Our scores were good enough to allow us to advance to the State Finals on March 6th where we are.) hoping to earn even more honors for our team.

Guidance Update

Senior Parents: FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION: A reminder that the FAFSA AND/PROFILE should be filed ASAP in order for seniors to be considered for FINANCIAL AID by the colleges. Again, any questions regarding Financial Aid should be addressed to counselors.

Seniors and parents: Colleges have begun sending decisions regarding acceptance. Carefully read the acceptance letters, being especially aware of the required deadlines for deposits. These deposits hold a student's place as an enrolled freshman. Additional deposits are required for housing. Also be aware of deadlines for financial aid.

Each college and university has their own deposit and refund deadlines. Contact the guidance office with any questions. A college representative will speak to all seniors during the school day on March 30th regarding survival techniques for the first year of college.

THE SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP LIST IS UPDATED BI-WEEKLY AND POSTED ON THE WEB PAGE AND IN HOMEROOMS.

Junior Parents: Juniors are encouraged to take the SAT'S in May or June. The Guidance staff will instruct the juniors regarding the SAT registration process during the week of March 1st.

Juniors will be given information regarding the college search process, the college application process and the college interview at a workshop on March 30th. A similar workshop will be presented to the parents of juniors on March 30th at 7:00pm. Parents will be notified of the date and time of the workshop by mail.

All juniors will attend the annual COLLEGE FAIR at the World Trade Center on April 27th. More details will follow.

Parents of Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen:

Your child's course selection sheet for the 2010/2011 school year should have been signed and returned to school by February 23rd.

Blood Drive

We are pleased to announce the annual Blood Drive at Matignon: Thursday, March 4th from 8:00 -1:30 in the gym.

Sign-up sheets are in the Nurse's office for:

Donors – Must be age 17 or older

Workers – Should be members of SADD and have cleared the time with your teachers. No student should be missing more than 1 mod for each service (total 2 if donating and assisting.)

Note: This year, The Brigham and Womens Hospital is in charge - not the Red Cross.

There's Still Time For The Tuition Raffle

Matignon High School is preparing the 2010 Tuition Raffle. Take this opportunity to win tuition credit at Matignon High School for 2010-2011 school year. Buy a chance or many chances to win. The amount of the credit depends upon the actual tuition balance after scholarships and aid for the winning students. Tickets are \$20 each. There are 4 chances to win. We will begin selling tickets on February 9 at "The Magic of Matignon" and the drawing will be held on March 16, 2010. Imagine winning and not worrying about your child's tuition next year! The four prizes are as follows:

- 1st Prize: 2010-2011 FULL tuition credit
- 2nd Prize 2010-2011 75% tuition credit
- 3rd Prize 2010-2011 50% tuition credit
- 4th Prize 2010-2011 25% tuition credit at Matignon High School

Have grandparents, godparents, aunts, uncles and friends purchase a ticket in your child's name. Everyone could use a little help this year. Buy 3 tickets and get one free.

You may purchase your tickets in person in the Main Office during school hours or the Business office. You may purchase tickets by credit card, cash or check. For information, please email flevas@matignon-hs.org. The odds are great!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 National Foreign Language Week	2 International Festival	3	4 Red Cross Blood Drive	5 National French Exam	6
7	8 "New Rep" Players "Macbeth"	9	10	11 Science Fair 8am-11am	12	13 SATS (not @MHS)
14 Daylight Savings Time begins	15	16 Spring Fling	17 St Patrick's Day No Classes	18 Math/English Proficiency test for class of 2014 - 3 pm	19 Spanish Exchange Trip St. Joseph's Day Mass	20 Spring begins
21	22	23	24	25 Foreign Lang. Proficiency test for class of 2014 - 3 pm	26	27
28 Palm Sunday	29	30 Jr/ Sr Guidance Assemblies College Search & Junior Parents Seminar	31			

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak but their echoes are truly endless." - Mother Teresa