



MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL

“Expect Excellence”

Newsletter

November, 2011

Guidance Department

November 4th - First Quarter Marks Close

November 9th - Quarter 1 report cards will be posted on Edline

November 17th - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Seniors:

Now that 1st quarter is finished, seniors should be completing the **College Application Process**. Once a senior has decided which colleges he/she is applying to, he/she should give transcript release forms and the common application SR (school report form) to the guidance administrative assistant. 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.

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** on December 1, 2011, at 7:00PM.

A letter will be sent home through the *Edline* email system to inform parents of the program. If parents cannot attend, keep in mind that in order for a student to receive any kind of financial aid from a college, they must file the FAFSA Financial Aid Form.

Final SAT dates for seniors applying to college for fall 2012:

December 3, 2011 – Matignon is a test center
(November 8th Registration deadline)

January 28, 2012 – Matignon is NOT a test center
(December 30th Registration deadline)

Matignon CEEB #220-515 Matignon Test Ctr. # 22260



Main Office

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at the Open House on October 23rd. It was a great day to showcase Matignon. The next Open House is Wednesday November 9th. Come show your Warrior pride!

Matignon is happy to welcome new nurse Ms. Maureen Cummings to the Warrior community. The new nurse brings to Matignon plenty of experience and a masters degree in pediatric care. She has been very busy over the first few weeks collecting physicals for athletes, reviewing health forms for students, and meeting new people. Also, she is in charge of the popular student group S.A.D.D. which stands for Students Against Destructive Decisions. The first meeting was recently, and topics included the annual drive to support the troops, organized by Local Heroes Inc. New members are always welcome!

Athletic Department

The Matignon athletic department would like to thank all those who contributed to the “Think Pink” Breast Cancer Awareness Week. Members of the Matignon Parent’s Group, faculty, staff, families and most importantly, our students made this week a big success.



In addition, we would like to congratulate, commend and thank the senior fall athletes who are participating in their last games and matches. Thank you for representing the school and athletic department with pride, honor and integrity, good luck with all your future endeavors! You will be missed!

Come support the Matignon Warriors at the Thanksgiving Day football game at Dilboy Field. Game starts at 10:00 a.m.!



Foreign Language Department

Student-of-the-Month

The Foreign Language Department is pleased to announce that we have two students-of-the-month for the month of November. Isabella Palange and Sandra McQueen are both seniors in the French IV class. For the past four years they have earned top grades in all levels of French. They are members of the French Honor Society, and of the French Club as well. In 2009 both girls participated in our French exchange program with the Lycee Bossuet in Meaux, France. It was our first exchange trip and they are to be commended for taking the leap of faith necessary to embrace such a challenge. Congratulations to Sandra and Isabella for their consistently excellent contributions to all things French at Matignon High School.

Campus Ministry

By: Dan Milch

As we rolled into November we celebrated the Feast of All Saints on the First. Father Nedder returned to serve the Mass. There will be a Thanksgiving prayer service before the break in order to give the community one last chance to come together. A food drive will also be taking place during the month, so prepare to come in with canned goods. There will be two trips to Cradles to Crayons on November Tenth and Seventeenth. And finally, make sure to come down to Campus Ministry to fill out the Community Prayer Tree Leaves and write down your intentions.

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

French Concert at Matignon

On October 24th, French singer-composer Eric Vincent appeared in concert in our auditorium. Eric is known as the French James Taylor. He has been performing world-wide for many years and the French Department was delighted that he chose Matignon as one of his four concerts in Massachusetts this year. Student enthusiasm and participation was at a very high level as Eric led them in the singing of his Haiti song, as well as his popular Crocodile song. Matignon students were joined by students from Arlington Catholic and Lexington High School, all of whom thoroughly enjoyed the concert. We hope that Eric will make Matignon a regular stop on his tour list. Un grand MERCI to Jen Chisholm, Christina Listro, Jenna Virnelli, Vikki Volante, Mat Altekruise and Kaitlyn Delaney who comprised the stage crew for Eric and his team. Eric made a point of thanking our students during the concert for their knowledgeable and efficient assistance before the performance.

Spanish Re-Discovery of America!

Five hundred and nineteen years after Columbus' discovery of America a tired but eager group of 30 Spanish teens, along with their three professors, arrived in Boston to make their own "discovery" of America. The group from our partner school, I.E.S. Fuerte de Cortadura in Cádiz, Spain is the second in as many years to participate in the Matignon Exchange Program, begun at the behest of Headmaster Galligani, on the heels of the successful France Exchange Program begun over three years ago. They were enthusiastically welcomed by Matignon host students and their families to begin a 10 day visit in the Boston area before capping off the trip with a weekend in NYC. While here the students spent a day at MHS shadowing their hosts and making a wider circle of friends among the many who welcomed them. Visits to the MFA, Quincy Market, Salem, the Aquarium and Museum of Science and a Boston Duck Tour were among highlights of their visit in their organized program. They enjoyed an excursion to Plimouth Plantation and the Mayflower II in conjunction with Ms. DiBenidictus' ELL class. Outings with the host families included apple picking (an unusual activity for them), Canobie Lake Park and shopping at Wrentham Outlets, as well as visits to other historic or cultural sites around Boston made it a fun-packed, experience-rich week. The students as well as their parents were thrilled and so happy with the welcome they received by the Matignon community. And we in the Foreign Language Department want to express our very profound appreciation to the generous hospitality offered to these young people by our Matignon families! In turn, a group of MHS students will travel to Cadiz, Spain in early spring to complete the exchange.
