



# MATIGNON HIGH SCHOOL

*“Expect Excellence”*

## *Newsletter*

October, 2011

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### *Campus Ministry*

By: Dan Milch

Campus Ministry office is off to an exciting and busy start to the school year. Father Nedder, who has been a Matignon favorite, will be hosting our Masses on a more regular basis this year. Also we are looking forward to the next Mass that will be held on October 19. This Mass will be unique because a select few students will receive their special blessing as they serve us as Eucharistic Ministers. The freshmen retreat occurred on October 6<sup>th</sup> at St. Bridgid's in Lexington, where the new students came together as a community and started off their Matignon spiritual journey.



### *Social Studies Department*

By: David Jang

The Social Studies Department is pleased to welcome Ms. Kathy Kenney as a full time staff member. Ms. Kenney is currently teaching U.S. History and World Cultures. Coming from the Somerville Public School System, she brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our department and Matignon community.

### *Main Office*

By: Rob Dunn

Welcome Class of 2015, and to everyone else, welcome back! Open House dates are Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-3 PM and Sunday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 6:15-8:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

### *Matignon Parents Group*

There will be a Matignon Parents Group meeting on Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm in the Library Media Center. Anyone interested in joining, please come!

### *Athletic Department*

Fall sports are now in full swing. Games and schedules for upcoming events will be online. Come and support the girls soccer team and the football team at their homecoming games on October 22<sup>nd</sup>. These game will be in support of breast cancer awareness so everybody wear pink!

### *English Department*

By: Nikko Mejia

The New Rep Theatre, from Watertown, will be coming to Matignon on November fourth, all juniors and seniors are welcomed! The play presented will be The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn. The next play from them will be on March twenty-sixth for freshman and sophomores, and will be known as The Works of Edgar Allen Poe. For more information on the New Rep Theatre, visit <http://www.newrep.org/>!

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## Matignon High School Alumni Golf Tournament

By: Katherine Morrison

Monday September 26th marked the annual Matignon High School Alumni Golf Tournament. The school's golf team along with coach Mr. Carabello, enjoyed a day of golfing with various alumni who attended the event. The tournament was held at the Andover Country Club located in Andover, MA. The beautiful edifice was where alumni, student golfers, and Matignon's administration gathered for a buffet-style meal, two different raffles, and an open auction. The raffles included prizes such as Matignon apparel and a plethora of gift cards, whereas the open auction offered a trip to Ireland and a day of free golf with three friends. Student golfer Ryan Mahan offered his opinion on the day, saying that, "The Matignon High School Alumni Golf Tournament was a great way to meet the alumni of Matignon. We got to play eighteen holes of golf and enjoy plenty of great food." The alumni were eager to discuss the success of the day, as well as to share their feelings about Matignon since they had attended high school. Many people agreed on the success of the school, both from what they witnessed with regards to the golf team's representation of the school and from their own personal experiences. Coach Mr. Carabello exclaimed, "It was a great day for the kids. It's always nice to see current students interacting with alumni in a positive way." Along with positive interaction, the tournament displayed serious competition when the student golfers tied the alumni golfers when the results were read after the match. Overall, the tournament proved to be a successful day of golfing, a relaxing evening of dining and bidding for the open auction and a great event for Matignon.

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## Matignon Clubs Update

By: Elena Meuse

As a new school year begins, Matignon clubs spring into action. From S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions) to Science club, Matignon has a large variety of clubs available for students to participate in. Within the first few weeks of school many clubs such as photography club, science club, and yearbook have already begun meeting regularly.

Art club has also begun meeting monthly on Mondays as club members begin working on pieces for the winter art fair. National Honors Society is also preparing for their first service project at the WGBH All Classical Cartoon Festival at Symphony Hall in Boston in late October. The Matignon band performed at the school pep rally on September 30<sup>th</sup> and the choir has performed at the first school mass of the year.

The drama club has begun meeting after school, under the direction of new advisor Tierra Bonser. In addition, several more clubs including the French club, Latin club, Spanish club, Academic Decathlon, Key club, Dance club and International club are also prepared for a year of fun activities. The majority of these clubs are still open to new members and are thankful for all the support they receive from students. Overall, it should be a fun and productive year for all Matignon clubs and organizations.

### Matignon Dance Team

We are proud of our Matignon Dance Team dancers and of their performance at the last Magic of Matignon. Their performance was an indication of their discipline, poise, grace and self confidence which will be of great influence for them throughout their lives and will bring forth rewarding and fulfilling experiences of pride and sense of accomplishment. Currently, Matignon's Dance Team will start up again Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7am at our school auditorium. Students are all welcome to join. The Matignon's Dance Teams willingness, dedication and pure enjoyment of dancing are what made them shine. Due to the high volume of participants we are led by two Team Captains this year: Amanda Mckenzie-Team Creator (females) and Akeem Anderson (males).



*Matignon High School is a co-educational, independent Catholic high school committed to teaching & promoting the message of Jesus Christ, academic excellence, respect for one's self and others, and service to church and community. As a college preparatory school serving a diverse student population, Matignon High School is dedicated to educating the whole person spiritually, academically, and socially so as to inspire compassionate and confident advocates for the greater good.*



## **Guidance Department**

### Important Dates:

October 6 – Interim Report Day

October 12 – Testing for freshmen, sophomores, juniors

October 12 – College visitations for seniors. Senior homeroom teachers will emphasize that this is not a “day off.”

October 13 & 27 – Mini College Days for Seniors and Juniors

October 20 – Freshmen parents meeting “Foundations for the Future”, 7:00pm

November 4 – First Quarter Marks Close

November 17 – Parent/Teacher Conferences, 5:00 to 8:00pm

### Websites:

[www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

[www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)

[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

FASFA Financial Aid Forms are scheduled to arrive at High Schools in December. You will be notified when we receive them. PROFILE forms are in now.

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\*\*\*SENIORS SHOULD PLAN ON TAKING ALL SAT and ACT TESTS BY JANUARY 24, 2012.

Mr. Carabello has met with all seniors to give them specific information regarding the college application process. This information is also available on the Guidance section of the Matignon website. On Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup>, seniors will have the day to visit a college of their choice.

All seniors and juniors will attend the October 13<sup>th</sup> and October 27<sup>th</sup> Mini College Fair which will be held here at the school there will be over 100 colleges represented on both days. This will allow the seniors to continue their college search and juniors to begin the college research process.

On Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, the freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be taking standardized tests. Mr. Carabello and Mrs. Graves will give students information and practice material for the test. Parents will receive, via the students, a letter explaining the test.

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Dear Freshmen Parent/Guardian and student,

Matignon High School will host a “Foundations for the Future” Workshop for the freshmen and their parents on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. As a parent of a college bound high school student, you will want to attend this workshop on planning for higher education.

The workshop will cover what to consider when preparing for college: high school resumes, career interests, high school curriculum for particular college majors, standardized test scores and grades, and financial aid hints.

We hope to have upper class Matignon students present to describe their experience in preparing for the college preparation process.

### Guidance contact information:

Mr. Carabello, Director of Guidance: 617-876-1212 ext.15, [jcarabel@matignon-hs.org](mailto:jcarabel@matignon-hs.org)

Mrs. Graves, Counselor: 617-876-1212 ext.20, [sgraves@matignon-hs.org](mailto:sgraves@matignon-hs.org)

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Christine Carabello, Administrative Assistant: 617-876-1212 ext.12, [ccarabello@matignon-hs.org](mailto:ccarabello@matignon-hs.org)

## *Edline*

A few years back Matignon High School decided to implement a web-based tool called Edline where both students and parents can log in and access information about their students' classes. Edline provides a simple, single point of access to all of the key information students and parents need about their classes: homework, grades, attendance, progress reports, test dates, missing assignments, class news, resources, and more. A combined calendar provides a unified, big picture view, and email alerts provide instant notification when important new information is available. Edline makes it easy to communicate the daily, mission-critical information parents need to guide their children, enrich their education, and become effective school partners in raising student achievement.

It is extremely important to participate in the email feature mentioned above because this will be the primary means of communication for academic information that will be posted throughout this school year. Returning students and parents should re-use last year's account. New students please contact Andrea Lemos by email ([alemos@matignon-hs.org](mailto:alemos@matignon-hs.org)) if you have not yet activated your accounts.

Some important Edline dates to keep in mind are:

- biweekly report updates occur every other Monday by 10am
- homework assignments are posted nightly for each class
- Quarter 1 Interim on Edline only will be on TUESDAY October 11, 2011
- Quarter 1 Report Cards will be on Edline only, (no paper mailing) on November 9, 2011

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## *Theology Department* By: Katherine Morrison

It is with great excitement that Matignon High School welcomes Miss Lenn into the Theology department, teaching both juniors and seniors. Being the only new member of the department this year, Miss Lenn shares her experiences both with regards to service and her first few weeks here at Matignon.

Q. How has the transition proved to be so far from teaching middle school to teaching high school?

A. "I appreciate the greater depth of conversation that can come from the given topic of conversation. Especially with a topic of Theology when you're reaching more toward faith, it's easier to discuss with older students who've had the time to think about what their faith means to them."

Q. During our first meeting of social justice Theology, you mentioned you had lived in Nicaragua. What did living there entail, and what lessons did you take from this experience?

A. Miss Lenn lived in Nicaragua for two and a half years, and she was there with the Capuchin Franciscan Volunteer Corps. There, she started sewing classes, led discussions on faith formation at a parish, led a health and aerobics class, and traveled on mission trips. There were fourteen communities, only accessible by boat or walking. She traveled with a team consisting of a priest, a nun, and community members. At times, both their team and the different people there took five hour journeys to celebrate masses. What she gained from this experience were lessons in both generosity and hospitality.

Q. What do you find most difficult in teaching high school so far?

A. "I'd say making sure that everyone is really digging deep to think about the topics of faith, and making sure that each individual is present to their journey of faith and willing to discuss parts of it in class."

Q. What is your favorite aspect of social justice to teach about?

A. "The Incarnation and God's life within each of us, and also our connection with God to all of creation."

Q. What do you hope your students will get out of these courses? What do you hope to gain from teaching teenagers?

A. "I hope to inspire them to use their lives as instruments for a greater, more just world. I hope to encourage them on their journey of faith."

Thank you, Miss Lenn, for taking time out of your day to share these exciting experiences! The Theology department and Matignon High School welcome you, and wish you the best of luck this year!

"God is more present than ever in the Theology department!" - Mr. LaClair

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### **Foreign Language Department**

#### **SPANISH EXCHANGE PROGRAM**

On Tuesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 30 Spanish students from IAS FUERTE DE CORTADURA, in Cadiz, Spain, accompanied by three teacher chaperones, arrived at Logan Airport to participate in the second exchange between our schools. They are being hosted by many of our generous Matignon families during their ten-day stay in this area. Their visits include a weekend in New York City. Other activities include visits to Salem and Plymouth plantation, local museums, a Boston Ducktour, and many family-oriented activities. In the spring, the families of the Spanish scholars will be hosting our students for the second part of the exchange in Cadiz. The exchange programs, both Spanish and French, provide an excellent opportunity for our students to form relationships with families abroad. It allows them to experience another culture first-hand and to fine-tune their language skills in a real-world setting.

#### **"CANDIDE"**

On Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, French III and IV students will enjoy a field trip to the Huntington Theatre in Boston, where they will see Leonard Bernstein's musical version of Voltaire's novella "Candide." They will also have a tour of the theatre, which will include scenery and costume prep areas under the theatre, as well as the pets and rumored ghosts that reside at the theatre. This performance is aligned with our December culture capsule in which Voltaire is our literary personality for the month.

#### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE CLUBS**

French, Spanish and Latin Clubs are up and running for this school year and are open to all Matignon students. Any student interested in joining a language club should see Ms. Hewitt, Ms. Streletz or Mrs. Gaffey for information about joining.

#### **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

During the last week in July, junior Jennifer Chisholm traveled to Lourdes, France, to participate in the week-long Order of Malta Youth Pilgrimage. This is the fourth year that Matignon students have participated in the pilgrimage. During the week in Lourdes, students worked long hours helping "les maladies," the sick people who go to Lourdes to bathe in the waters of the spring where the Blessed Virgin appeared to Bernadette Soubirous in 1858. Jen, like the others before her, expressed her enthusiasm for the opportunity to participate in a wonderful program that provides spiritual succor to both the pilgrims and the "maladies." Kudos to Jen for giving up a week of her vacation to perform so many healing tasks.

#### **Students of the Month**

##### **September**

Miss Linda Wong is the MHS Language Student of the Month September. A senior in Spanish V, she has distinguished herself as both an accomplished student in many academic areas including Spanish and is an award winning artist. Her many achievements include National Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, and she is a member of Acadec and the Drama Club. She is proficient in Chinese as well. Linda aspires to a career in medicine and with her skills, enthusiasm and dedication there is no doubt she will continue to achieve success in her various fields of endeavor. The Foreign Language Department wishes Linda the very best in the future. ¡Enhorabuena, Linda!

##### **October**

Taylor LaHaise is a senior in AP Latin. She has excelled because of her dedication and consistent hard work. Not only did she achieve a top score on a difficult summer reading test, she continues to be an exemplary student despite the stress and time constraints of senior year. I am sure that because of her interest in Latin literature and Roman culture, her potential as a Latin student will only expand through the rigorous studies of the year to come. For these reasons, Taylor LaHaise has been chosen as the Student of the Month in October.



## Matignon Alumni Association

[www.matignonalumni.org](http://www.matignonalumni.org)

### Homecoming 10/22/11

10AM JV Girls Soccer at Matignon Field

12:30PM Varsity Girls Soccer at Matignon Field

2PM Matignon Football at Dilboy Field

*Stop by our table and check in with us...  
There will be fun for all ages!!!*

*Giveaways, School Tours followed by  
Wine & Cheese at the School!! 4:30 -6:30 pm*

### Stay Connected

Visit our new website for up to date news and events

### Get Involved

Join the Matignon Alumni Assoc. 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](mailto:rmcoland@comcast.net) or Chuck Landry at [cjl27@columbia.edu](mailto:cjl27@columbia.edu)

### Current Alumni Association Members

John Lopes '85, Michele Nazzaro '87, Chuck Landry '92, Paul Coakley '59, Connie McGreal '55, Peter Colleary '51, Dan Bolt '80, Bob Colandreo '91