



School Update  
November 5, 2010

It is hard to believe it is November already. Before we know it the holidays will be upon us. Check out what is going on at MSA:



- You should have already received your child's first quarter report card. If you have not, please give us a call so we can get another copy to you. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher to find out what can be done to assist your child in their academic endeavors.

- Mark November 17-20 on your calendar for MSA's 2010 production of FOOTLOOSE! All shows start at 7:00. It is going to be an amazing show, with singing, dancing and some of the best performers in Manatee County.



- **CALLING ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF MSA....** EARTH CLUB IS PLANTING A NATIVE DROUGHT TOLERANT WILDFLOWER AND BUTTERFLY GARDEN. WE ARE LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF TOP SOIL OR MANURE/COMPOST TO HELP PREPARE OUR SOIL. IF YOU HAVE ANY DONATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT REBECCA LENTZ AT [RLENTZ@MSFTA.ORG](mailto:RLENTZ@MSFTA.ORG)



- **FCAT Explorer: Free FCAT Practice On The Internet**  
FCAT Explorer is a free, online practice program from the Florida Department of Education. It features four practice programs created especially for middle school students: *Reading Island*, *Reading Boardwalk*, *Math Navigator*, and *Science Voyager*.

All four programs offer practice for the skills tested on the FCAT and feature lots of stuff to help you get the most out of your study time. *Reading Island* offers 37 reading passages with over 250 practice questions. *Reading Boardwalk* contains 60 reading passages and over 500 practice questions to help you do your best on the FCAT. *Math Navigator* contains 140 math questions and features an online calculator and a handy formula reference sheet. *Science Voyager* contains 190 practice questions, along with vocabulary exercises and 8 lessons on each of the areas tested in the Sunshine State Standards.

Best of all, FCAT Explorer is online, which means you can use it on any computer connected to the Internet: at school, at the library, even at home.

Your performance on the FCAT can benefit from the extra time you spend studying math, reading, and science on FCAT Explorer. Your FCAT Explorer info will be sent home shortly through your child's Language Arts/English class. Check it out, log on, and expand your learning today!

- Come out to Chili's on US 301 in Bradenton, **TUESDAY, NOV. 9th**, to support the **MSA HEAT DANCE TEAM!** 10% of their sales will be donated back to our dance team! Stop in to Chili's anytime tomorrow for lunch or dinner and be sure to mention the MSA HEAT!
- A big THANK YOU to the **Parrish Professionals, Inc.** for sponsoring the Dunk Tank for the 2010 Fall Fling! Your generous donation helped make our event a success! Please visit them at [parrishprofessionals.org](http://parrishprofessionals.org)



- MSA's Jazz Band is off to Orlando on Monday to perform at the state Charter School conference. They will be performing during the opening reception from 5:00-7:00. Good Luck!!
- Be sure to keep up on the calendar and everything that is going on here at MSA... it is a busy time, and there will be lots of outstanding performances from our students. Don't miss out on the chance to see some great shows!! Check the calendar on the website ([www.msfta.org](http://www.msfta.org)) for details...
- October 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, a group of Juniors and Seniors attended the Florida Theatre Conference in Lakeland, FL. After our prestigious win last year for "best one-act play," MSA continued its success at the conference with students earning callbacks from twenty-four schools at the national College and University auditions. Several students were given early acceptance, and a few even offered scholarships (as indicated by asterisks below). Students were called back to the following schools: The New York Film Academy, Rollins College, Loyola University, Florida International University, Jacksonville University, University of Florida, The University of Central Florida, Flagler College, The University of the Arts, The University of Miami, Roosevelt College, Winthrop University, The University of Tampa, Southern Methodist University, Florida School for the Arts\*, Savannah College of Art and Design, Barry University\*, AMDA, Nova Southeastern

University, New World School for the Arts\*, Florida State University, The University of West Florida, Wake Forrest University, and The New York Conservatory. We will continue to support students in their pursuit for degrees in theatre and in obtaining funding to assist in their education.

## Guidance Corner

1. A reminder for all juniors and seniors about signing up for the ACT/SAT. You can find more information in guidance office.

Upcoming dates:

<u>Test Date</u>	<u>Sign up Date</u>
ACT - <b>December 11, 2010</b>	<b>November 5, 2010</b>
<b>February 12, 2011</b>	<b>January 7, 2011</b>
<b>April 9, 2011</b>	<b>March 4, 2011</b>
<b>June 11, 2011</b>	<b>May 6, 2011</b>
SAT - <b>December 4, 2010</b>	<b>November 5, 2010</b>
<b>January 22, 2011</b>	<b>December 23, 2010</b>
<b>March 12, 2011</b>	<b>February 11, 2011</b>
<b>May 7, 2011</b>	<b>April 8, 2011</b>
<b>June 4, 2011</b>	<b>May 6, 2011</b>

2. **\*\*\*ATTENTION ALL SENIORS!!!** MTI applications are now available for Spring semester (January 2011). Deadline is November 19, 2010. If you are a senior and interested in MTI see a counselor for application and details.
3. Scholarships and deadlines posted on guidance website. Ask counselors for more details.

Ms. Brianne Nickelsberg  
Guidance Counselor  
Last names beginning A-L

Ms. Laura Swinsburg  
Guidance Counselor  
Last names beginning M-Z

From everyone here at MSA to you – have a great week!! Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or concerns... Thanks

## **Upcoming Events**

November	5	Payback Night – 6:30 – MS students and parents ONLY
	8	Jazz Band Performs at State Charter School Conference
	11	No School – Veterans Day
	17-20	Footloose – 7PM
	24-27	Thanksgiving Vacation – No School
	29	Progress Reports sent home with students
December	6	Jazz Ensemble Winter Concert – 7:00 PM
	7	Chorus Winter Concert – 7:00 PM
	9	Orchestra Concert – 7:00 PM
	16	Guitar Recital – 7:00 PM
	20-Jan 2	Winter Recess
January	3	Teacher In-Service Day – No School for Students
	4	Back to School!!

*Please check the website for more dates and times*

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