



Parent Update  
December 16, 2011

We wanted to get out one more quick parent update before the break... check out what has been going on here at MSA:

- Congratulations to Mr. Dan Tasedan who was the grand prize winner of the Cruise Raffle!! Thank you to everyone who supported the school in the fundraiser – we made over \$7000 for the school!!
- Congratulations to the Math Team from our Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society. Students went to the 9<sup>th</sup> annual math competition at Florida Gulf Coast University on Thursday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Several students earned trophies, including Evan Ward, who competed individually and earned 8<sup>th</sup> place out of 207 students in geometry. The statistics team, comprised of Nicoletta Lanese and Lauren Pierce, also won 8<sup>th</sup> place. Several other students were in the top 20%, including Isabella Benitez and Carly Villatoro. If you are interested in math, competing, or joining Mu Alpha Theta please contact Ms. Werner at [hwerner@msfta.org](mailto:hwerner@msfta.org).
- Attention Senior Class parents: if you would like to purchase a congratulation ad in the yearbook for your child, the deadline is January 6, 2012. Please call Ms. LeBuffe at 721-6800 x1052 for more information.
- If you missed it, the music department did a GREAT job at all their concerts this year. Band, chorus, orchestra, Jazz Band, and guitar were all spectacular. We look forward to what they will bring forth in the spring!!
- The Junior Thespians were in action at the regional competition on December 10, 2011 in Tampa. Our students did a great job, and several will be off to the state competition in the spring. Congratulations to everyone for a good job. All the hard work in preparing the performances has paid off!!
- In case you wondered, our website of a new look. The company we work through for our web-hosting has upgraded the software and it has some changes, but still provides all the same features you have come to expect from our website. Please check it out regularly and keep up to date with the events going on here at MSA!!
- On December 16<sup>th</sup>, our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the annual Greek Olympics here at school. Students had a great time, and culminated their study of ancient Greece with this fun and exciting event!!
- The 7<sup>th</sup> grade had a great time on their annual trip to EPCOT this past Friday – the kids tied in their learning in Social Studies to a real life experience at Disney!!
- High School students enjoyed the Winter Wonderland Dance on Friday, December 9, 2011 – the 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> grade team put on an exquisite night. The Semi-Formal dance was well attended, and all the kids left with blue teeth, due to the cotton candy. It was a hoot!!

- Please help us in letting Santa know that we would really appreciate it if he would bring a load of pencils and paper to some students. Students' back-to-school supplies are running short now that we're almost halfway through the school year. Time to restock so that everyone can come to class prepared!
- Some dance showcase reminders:
  - Reminder to **6th grade parents** that their child's Dance Elective showcase will be on Wednesday, January 11<sup>th</sup> with shows at 6pm or 7:30 pm. Please make sure to have your child check with their teacher to make sure you know what time they are performing.
  - The Dance Elective/Showcase for students in 7th-12th grade will perform Thursday, January 12 (6 pm or 7:30pm), Friday January 13 ( 6 pm or 7:30 pm) or Saturday January 14 (11:30 am, 1:00 pm, or 2:30 pm) Please check the detailed schedules given to the students by their teachers.

**Please read this important school store note:**

The school store will be open December 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-5:00 and December 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-Noon – this would be a great opportunity to get a little bit of MSA for holiday gifts!!

Remember also, the school store will be open from 9:00-9:45 and from 4:30-5:00 when we get back to school in January.

Also – a reminder to all 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents – ALL 6<sup>th</sup> grade students change electives at the semester (the end of January) – 2<sup>nd</sup> semester will require new uniforms for electives. Students who are currently in dance will be in PE second semester, and students in PE will be in dance. Please pick up the appropriate uniform before the first day of class. Prices are as follows:

PE Uniform (shorts and t-shirt) - \$23.43

Dance Uniform (sweatpants and t-shirt) - \$26.63

Also, don't miss out on getting your MSA Hoodie, which makes a GREAT present for \$30.00. Please, remember too, students are not allowed to wear anything but an MSA sweatshirt or jacket over their uniforms. This is a great opportunity to bust the cold weather.

**Upcoming Events**

December

19- January 2 Winter Recess

January

3 School Resumes  
 11 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance Showcases  
 14 7-12 Dance Showcases

	16	No School – MLK Day
	18-19	Mid-Term Exams
	20	No School –Records Day
	31	MS Open House for Prospective Students
February	2	HS Open House for Prospective Students
	10	HS Masquerade Ball
	13-14	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science trip to Crystal Springs
	20	No School – Presidents’ Day
	23, 24, 25	West Side Story Performances– 7:00
March	2,3	West Side Story Performances– 7:00

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