



School Update
December 17, 2010

On the final day before vacation, we wanted to send out a quick note before break:

- Congratulations to the music department for an outstanding concert season! Band, Chorus, Orchestra, and Guitar all did a spectacular job preparing for and presenting an amazing couple weeks of concerts.

- Congratulations to the Middle School and High School Thespians who went to regional competition on December 11, 2010. Ms. Ross, Ms. Stern, Ms. Carty, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Bajjaly, Ms. McLeod, and Ms. Sherer prepared and took 25 individual events to the competition, with 16 individual events receiving a superior rating, 6 receiving an excellent rating, and 3 receiving goods. Several students earned “Best in Room” status, and Maria Wirres was chosen as the District 6 representative overall for the Jr. Thespians state competition. Congratulations to everyone who participated and performed. We are proud of all your hard work. Many of our students will be moving on to the state level of competition later in the spring.

Name	Category	Score:
Haun / Johnson	Duet Scene	Superior
Seth Mead	Costume	Superior
Channing Weir	Solo	Superior
Golden & Co. *	Ensemble/Crucible	Good
Emily Wain-Oato*	Solo Musical	Excellent
Renee Thompson*	Solo Musical	Excellent
Thompson/Mattick	Duet Musical	Good
Krissy Pizzo	Solo Musical	Superior
DeBarros/Jean-Pierre	Duet Acting	Superior

Drake/Mattick	Duet Scene	Excellent
Golden & Co.*	Sm Group (Zip a Dee)	Superior
Pizzo/Southwick	Duet Musical	Superior
Sam Grutzner	Solo Musical	Superior
Grutzner/Weir	Duet Musical	Superior
A.Santaniello	Solo Musical	Superior
Quick and Co.	Sm Group Musical (Mamma Says)	Superior
Santaniello/Priebe	Duet Scene	Superior
Miller	Monologue	Good
Maria Wirres*	Solo Musical	Superior –Dist Represent. @ Middle School States
Dake/Valverde	Duet Scene	Excellent
Estephania Romine*	Solo Musical	Excellent
Azzille & Co.	Lg. Gr. Musical	Superior
Dylan Southwick	Solo Musical	Superior
Weir & Co.	Sm Group Musical (Hero)	Superior
Haley Golden *	Solo Musical	Excellent

- On Tuesday, December 14th, Ms. Werner and Mr. Brelsford took 12 students to Florida Gulf Coast University for their 8th annual Invitational Math Competition. Our students did very well, placing overall higher than ever before. Two specially noted performances are Gustavo Arellano (8th Grade) who finished 12th out of 112 competitors in the Algebra I category and Samantha Grutzer (11th Grade) who finished 17th out of 190 competitors in the Algebra II competition. Congratulations to everyone who represented MSA so well at this annual event.



- While we enter the holiday season, we wanted to bring the upcoming Dual Enrollment testing to your attention. Any student, grades 8-11, who has a GPA of 3.0 or higher can take the College Placement Test (CPT) to qualify for taking Dual Enrollment (college) classes both here at MSA and at the State College of Florida. Please see your guidance counselor if you have any questions, and don't miss this opportunity to get advanced coursework and FREE college credit. We will take a fieldtrip to test and tour SCF in the early spring.
- We would also like to congratulate Mr. Bajjaly and his cast in their premier presentation of "The Secret Life of Girls," an original production which focuses on the pressures of teen life and Cyber-bullying. The cast will be performing for middle school students throughout Manatee County over the next few months, spreading this important message to other students. The premier, held on Tuesday in our Large Theatre, was a huge success and was presented to all of the Middle School students here at MSA.

We hope that everyone has a great Holiday Season, a well deserved rest from the hecticness of our normal routines, and an opportunity to spend time with friends and family alike. Remember, school begins again on January 4, 2011!!

See you next year...

Upcoming Events

December

20-Jan 2 Winter Recess

January

3 Teacher In-Service Day – No School for Students

4 Back to School!!

7-8 Alice's Wonderland

12 6th Grade Dance Recital

13-14 Alice's Wonderland

15 Dance Elective Showcase

February

12 Yes! We Can Dance Performance

21 No School – President's Day

24-26 Putnam County Spelling Bee Performances

Please check the website for more dates and times
www.msfta.org