



School Update
March 19, 2010

Spring break is on the way – check out what’s going on at MSA. (I know, bad rhyme)

- Everyone at MSA would like to thank you for your support throughout the FCAT testing time this year. Our faculty and staff worked very hard to assure that students were prepared for the assessment and had an optimal environment for testing. Students have been working hard all year at developing the skills needed to advance their learning. We have already started preparing students for next year’s assessment!!
- Please, as you are driving on and around the MSA campus, do not use your cell phone!! There is a lot of activity here on campus at all times – and safety is our prime concern always. We appreciate your attention to this matter. Please also review pick-up and dismissal procedures, and give us a call if you have any questions.
- Mrs. Simon’s 7th Grade Geography students are working on a **major** country project. This project is due beginning April 12th and continuing until all students have presented their projects. Please ask your student how you can assist them. They may need computer time, a trip to the public library or supplies. This is a large portion of their 4th quarter grade, so please check with your student.



- Reminder – The end of the third term is this coming Thursday, March 25th. Report cards will be mailed out over vacation. Please look for them, and if you have not received yours by the end of spring break, please let us know!!
- Students in grades 7-10 will be filling out their elective sign-up forms this coming week for the 2010-2011 school year. If you would like to preview the course offerings with your child, please check out the link on the website (www.msfta.org). The course handbooks are linked from the homepage. Please make sure you choose the correct handbook for the grade your child will be in next school year (the course offerings are different at each grade level). Your child will be coming home with a form with the

classes they have chosen for you to review and sign. Your child will then return that form to the front desk. Let us know if you have any questions!!

- If you have not gotten your tickets to see “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown,” please note that tickets for the 7:00 performances are SOLD OUT. There are still remaining tickets for the 2:00 Saturday Matinee performance. You can purchase tickets for this show in advance at the front desk or at the box office in the small theatre lobby. Thank you to everyone for your amazing support!!



- Seniors – please note the following information from the State College of Florida (formerly known as MCC):

SCF is offering our “Jump In!” spring break event for any high school senior wishing to attend SCF in the fall. These events are designed to assist those students in learning about our degrees/programs, financial aid information, taking a campus tour, and completing the admissions application. Students who attend will be put in a random drawing to win a \$500 scholarship as part of the “Go Higher Get Accepted” campaign put on by the state.

SCF Venice Event

Wednesday, March 31st
10:30-12pm
Bldg. 14

SCF Bradenton Event

Thursday, April 1st
10:30-12pm
Bldg. 800

- Congratulations to our ballroom students who competed last Sunday in Tampa. MSA swept up over 20 first place awards, 24 second place slots, and many other high level awards. We are also proud to say that our students swept the competition by placing 1st and 2nd in the Jr. World Championship standard, as well as 2nd and 3rd in the Jr. World Championship Latin. They also earned an overall grade of "A" for our group routine, which also received an astounding standing ovation!
- As we approach the end of the year, please make extra efforts to have your child at school on time each and every day. We have seen a spike in tardy students in the past month. Please help us provide the best education possible for your children.

Thank you to everyone for your support. We are almost three quarters through the year. Summer will be here before we know it.

Upcoming Events

March

18-20 You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown (tickets sold pre-sale ONLY)

26 No School for Students – Records Day

29-April 2 Spring Break

April

5 Back to School

15-17 Theatre Showcase

23 Senior Grad Night – Hollywood Studios

Please check the website for more dates and times

www.msfta.org