



School Update
April 21, 2010

We are definitely moving toward the end of the year, and things are extremely busy here at MSA. Please make sure you keep up-to-date on the MSA website and calendar, and help your child be organized at this busy time of year. Please note the following:

- Dr. and Mrs. Jones visit with former MSA student Syesha Mercado after a performance of *Dreamgirls* in Los Angeles over spring break. Syesha, an American Idol contestant two years ago, is featured in the role of Deena Jones played by Beyonce in the movie version. They had a great time catching up, and Syesha gave them a tour backstage and of her dressing room, and showed them the 27 costumes she wore in the show. Syesha is trying to get back to MSA to catch up with her old school, as soon as she gets a break on the road. We will be looking forward to having her stop by!!



- Congratulations to our High School Thespians Troop who competed at the Florida State Thespians competition on April 10, 2010. Our students got 5 Superior ratings and 3 Excellent ratings. Congratulations to:

Solo Musical: Channing Weir - Superior Rating
Mime: Delise Fourie & Brandon Dake - Superior Rating
Costume Construction: Devin Lemke - Superior Rating
Duet Acting: Shea O'Neil & Delise Fourie – Superior Rating
Costume Construction: Shea O'Neil – Superior Rating
Costume Design: Seth Smith - Excellent Rating
Solo Musical: Matt Quick - Excellent Rating
Solo Musical: Dylan Southwick – Excellent Rating





- On Saturday, April 17th, our student government was out again cleaning up the highway... Their dedication to making our world a better place is outstanding!!

- The National Junior Honor Society was at the Parrish Railroad Museum again both this past weekend and the weekend before, volunteering at the “Day with Thomas the Train” festival. Our students



did a wonderful job assuring the festival ran smoothly, and a good time was had by all. Great Job!!

- MSA is proud to announce our new partnership with Florida State University and the Asolo Conservatory!! We will be offering a college credit theatre program taught by graduate students from the conservatory. The program will begin starting in August 2010 and will culminate in a performance at the Asolo Theatre in May of 2011. Please check out the specifics of this wonderful program on our website at www.msfta.org.



- **Pet Food Fundraiser** - The purpose of this fundraiser is to help with the collection of pet food that will then be given to Meals on Wheels. The food will be distributed it to local families in our community who are homebound and have pets that are in need of provisions. A special Meals-On-Wheels collection barrel will be located in room 31 during the week of May 3rd – May 7th, 2010. Donations of pet food may be placed in the designated barrel and a special happy face animal pin will be given to anyone who makes a donation.

FYI: Meals On Wheels makes trips out three days a week, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and services about 90 families locally. About 75% of those have pets. Thank you for your support!

- We're planning a trip to London and Paris during spring break 2011. Any student who will be in high school by the 2011-12 year can go-as well as parents and others. If you enroll by May 1, 2010 you get \$150.00 off the total price of the trip. Please contact Mme Turner at mtturner@msfta.org if you have any questions.
- Dr. Jones is also planning a trip to Oaxaca, Mexico for June 2011. If you are interested in more information, please come to a meeting on April 27th at 7:00 here at MSA.

- Some notes from the Library:

(1) The last day to take out books will be May 14th. They will be due two weeks later, the usual period allowed, but won't be renewed. In an effort to get all the books back before the students go flying out of here for the summer to parts unknown, we have to have the books back by the **28th of May** in order to have a couple of weeks to track down the students who haven't returned books.



(2) Students who have checked out textbooks in their name must return their books before the last day of school. Seniors must have all their library and textbooks returned before graduation. **Please encourage your children to rummage through cars, wade through their bedrooms and check in all their bags to find those books.**

(3) For joy, for joy! The book fair is coming. Preview flyers will be distributed through middle school English teachers. The fair will start Friday, and it will run through April 30th.

- Please see the attached letters for very important information on the upcoming dance showcase performances!!
- **Important Chorus Updates:** May 13th – Spring Choral Concert – 7:00 PM – Large theatre – All MS and HS choral students will perform a variety of musical styles. HS Chorus will perform highlights from **Les Miserables**.

May 17th – Musical Theatre Showcase – 7:00 PM – Small theatre – All MS and HS musical theatre students will perform; HS Thespians will be featured performers for this event.



- Attention 6th Grade students: the Etiquette Dance is coming... This is a very special event here at MSA, a tradition since the first year we were open!! Leading up to the dance, and during the event, we practice our manners, dining

etiquette, and how to eat a four course dinner. This is a great opportunity for students to practice refined cultural experiences!!

Upcoming Events

April

- 22 MSA Heat – End of Year dinner – 6:30
- 23 Senior Grad Night – Disney’s Hollywood Studios
- 27 Mexico Trip Informational Meeting – 7:00
- 28-29 Theatre Showcase Performances – 7:00

May

- 1 6th Grade Etiquette Dance
- 4 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony – 7:00
- 7 8th Grade Grad Night – Busch Gardens
- 10 Band Concert – 7:00
- 11 Orchestra Concert – 6:30
- 13 Chorus Concert – 7:00
- 15 Jr/Sr Prom – 7:00
- 31 No School – Memorial Day

Please check the website for more dates and times

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