

Class of 2018

NEWSLETTER

February 1, 2016

Valentine's Day Carnations are BACK!



Show someone you care!

Hey Class of 2018! The officers and I are happy to announce that we will be bringing back carnations for Valentine's Day. Last year we were very successful with this fundraiser, and we are hoping to do even better this year! Carnations will be available in the colors pink and red with an accompanying note writing station. Discounts will be offered to purchasers of last year's Student Activities Card. We will send a follow-up email with information regarding who will be selling in each lunch block. Reps please contact me (claire.donahue@mcvts.org) if you are interested.

Dates: Wednesday, February 10 through Friday, February 12

Prices: One Carnation: \$2/Two Carnations: \$3

SA Prices*: Three Carnations: \$4

*We have a running list of SA Card purchasers so there is no need to bring your card

Student Council Decoded

Advisors:

Mr. Cohen and Ms. Visconti work behind the scenes by calling businesses, communicating with admin, scheduling meetings, and offering guidance to all the officers.

Officers:

The ones making the magic happen!

President- Claire Donahue

Vice President- Aashka Patel

Secretary- Riya Gupta

Treasurer- Maddie Berzak

Chairpeople:

Pep Rally- Alexa and Sruthi organized the Class of 2018 theme and Incredibles Mask fundraiser

Community Service- Stacy and Laura oversee our service (last year we hosted a BBQ picnic for the kids of Homeless Solutions)

Representatives:

(AKA rep) Students who hand in the club permission slip by the due date, attend student council meetings and events, help to fundraise, raise spirit, make the school a better place, and have the opportunity to attend the Spring Rewards Program at Six Flags.

Process for Approval:

All things need administrative approval ranging from fundraisers to community service projects to field trips, here is how the process works.

1. Brainstorm at a General Assembly Meeting/Take a vote if necessary
2. Write, Sign, and Submit a specific description on a Student Activities Form
3. Wait 2-8 weeks for administrative approval

NJASC:

Stands for New Jersey Association of Student Council which MCST is now a part of as a registered school for the 2nd year in a row. It offers valuable leadership development, fundraising and service ideas, advisor training, and school networking through its workshops and keynote speakers.

LTC:

Stands for Leadership Training Conference which is run by NJASC and takes place over the summer at the College of New Jersey. This is oldest continually operating state Leadership Training Conference of its kind in the United States with over 60 years under its belt. Everyone interested in student council or leadership is encouraged to attend as a rep for MCST.

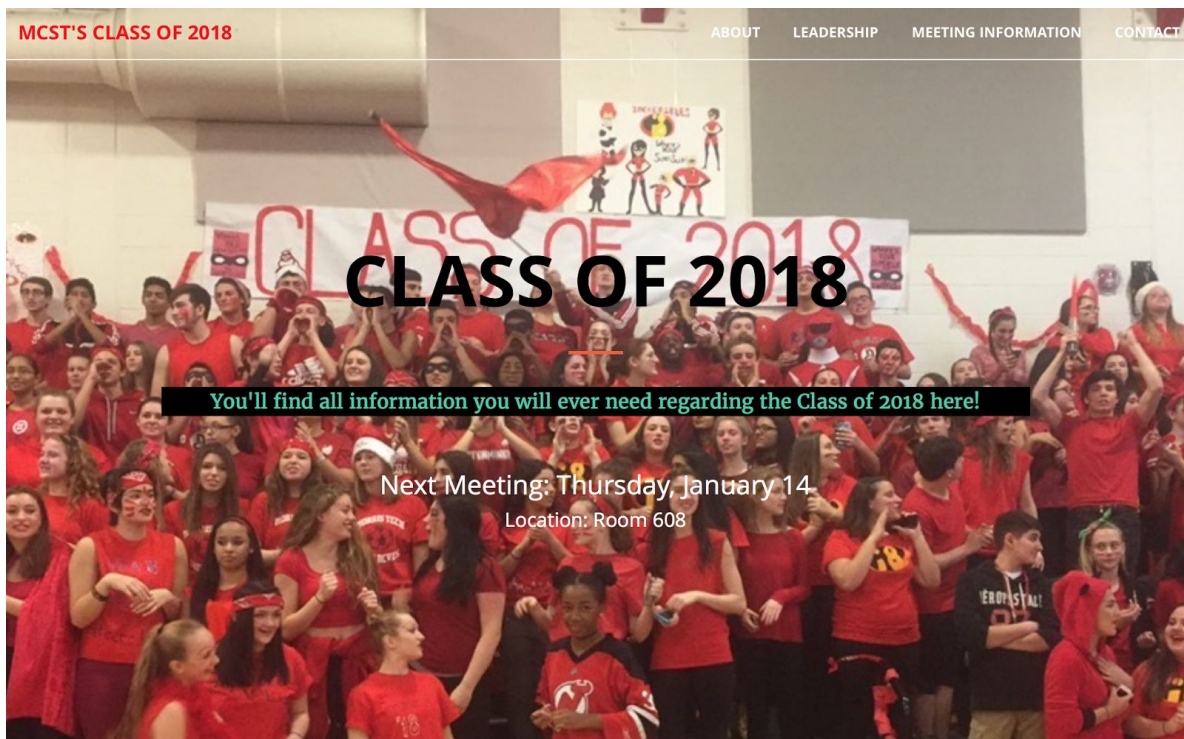
Confused about anything else? Let us know. We will promptly answer and put it in next month's Decoded.

Class of 2018 Website

Stay Updated!

Thanks to our wonderful tech savvy Vice President, Aashka, we have started a class website with all of our minutes from meetings, updated point system information, meeting updates, permission slips for joining, and a message box for concerns and questions. Look to it for upcoming events and general assembly meetings. In addition, look to our SA monthly newsletters for even more information!

<http://classof2018.github.io>



Past/Upcoming Event Review(PAST) Pep Rally:

We brought our A-Game with decorations and spirit! It was INCREDIBLE! Great job with spirit days, cheering, tug-of-war, and all other pep rally competitions! We made \$54 from Mask Sales so a BIG THANKS to everyone who purchased



one. A lot of work had to be put together in order to make it such a success! MORE BIG THANKS go out to Kimi for the beautiful Incredibles poster, Stacy and Mallory for the huge banner, Gianna and Christa



for the spirited flag, Sabrina for the back-up flag, Sruthi

and Alexa for organizing masks sales, Mr. Lopreiato for representing the grade in our donut eating competition, our very own advisor Ms. Visconti for competing AND WINNING in the duct tape wall contest, Keiran, Jess, and Christa for supplies, and all the representatives for their help with creating posters! We are looking forward to organizing the Pep Rally next year! If you have any awesome ideas, don't be afraid to reach out to the officers.

(PAST) Candy Fundraiser:

Thanks to our Movie Theatre Candy fundraiser, the Class of 2018 made about \$250 from 5 boxes this January. Thank you to everyone who purchased candy from us and supported our class!!! We hope you enjoyed the variety; give us your feedback. This fundraiser was super SWEET and we hope to do it again in the future. Also, thanks to all the reps that volunteered to sell for us!



(PAST) NJASC Winter Conference:

On January 6th, all the Class of 2018 officers plus two Class of 2019 officers, attended NJASC's (New Jersey Association of Student Council) Winter Conference (<http://www.njasc.org>) at The College of NJ with Mr. Cohen! We all listened to motivational speaker, Tyler Durman, who we are trying to secure as a speaker at MCST. He spoke about spreading kindness, understanding, and leadership throughout the school. We then broke up into groups.



Claire (Class of 2018 President): represented our school by listening to speeches and voting for 2016-2017 state officers

Chintan (Class of 2017 Vice President): represented MCST and listened to state officer speeches

Maddie & Riya (Class of 2018 Treasurer & Secretary): went to the Pep Rally and Homecoming Workshop to learn how other schools are bringing together their grade through elaborate homecoming dances and spirit weeks with fun ideas like Pixar movie themed hallways

Aashka (Class of 2018 Vice President): went to the Ultimate Spirit Week Workshop ran by Randolph High School to learn about how to better our own spirit week and make the most of our pep rally through events on the weekend, tailgates before school, hallway decorating, a drive-in movie, and a hypnotist



Navpreet (Class of 2017 President): went to the Sweetheart Dance Workshop to learn about the awesome event that Bayonne High School holds for special education classes with decorative invitations and a romantic dance for Valentine's Day

(PAST) New Point System:

To keep track of active representatives, we have created a point system that is shared with all of the reps, so you can see what your score is. The amounts are as follows:

10 points for attending a meeting , 5 points for half a meeting

5 points for volunteering

2 points for supplies and productivity

1 for fundraiser support.



The points are added accordingly after attendance of meetings or events and special contributions. This gives us a way to decide what reps will represent MCST on the Six Flags trip at the end of this year.

(UPCOMING) NJASC Spring Conference @ Six Flags:

After administrative approval, we are finally all clear to attend. On June 1st, Class of 2018 representatives with the highest point counts will be able to attend the Spring Awards Conference at Six Flags as a student council field trip. This trip is dedicated to the most dedicated and hard-working of representatives.



Letters from the Officers

Letter from the President:

Hello fellow sophomores,

After the Winter Convention, the officers and I came back with with even more ideas to better the school through fundraisers, service projects, and spirit. We are hoping to have more events with collaboration between grades. The Classes of 2018 and 2019 are considering combining councils in order to run a service project for the NJASC state charity. I also want to make everyone aware of what is going on in student council. This newsletter is for YOU! I hope that it satisfies everyone who wants to get more involved. A major goal I have for this year is to draft a Constitution for Student Council at MCST. In addition, I want to end the year with at least \$1000 in our class account and complete a service project with the community service committee. Next year, I would love to have a representative run for state office when the board is elected from North Jersey; this will elevate the status of our school further. I am looking forward to our Rewards Program at Six Flags and hope it motivates representatives to participate and be engaged fully. The roster will be needed soon so make sure to help out with carnations for extra points :). Also, sincerest thanks to reps who helped out with the pep rally, chocolate sales, and everything in between. We could not do it without you! Class of 2018, keep up the great work.

Let's win more,
Claire

Letter from the Vice President:

Hi Everyone,

This year has been a year of many firsts for our class and school. We have had many fantastic fundraisers and our school got involved in NJASC! The officers and I are hoping to unite the four different class councils through NJASC and boost overall school spirit. Through NJASC, our school can be recognized on a state level by being awarded helping charities. By the end of this year, the officers and I want our council to partake in at least one community service project (reach out to us with any ideas you have). Let's show our community what the Devils are all about!

As you know, the Class of 2018 has a website. This website is there for you. The website will include any information relevant to our class to make sure you are involved in student council as much as possible. We love our representatives. You aid us in ascertaining the fundraisers run smoothly and boost overall class spirit, and the officers and I want to make it easier for you to be aware of everything that is happening within student council. The website will include the minutes from

every meeting, the updated point values, and the monthly newsletter! We also have a contact form so you can reach out us about anything. Together we can ROCK THE HOUSE!

One of the opportunities that is available to you is attending LTC 2016. LTC, or Leadership Training Conference, is NJASC's summer program that is meant for anyone interested in leadership, friendship, mentorship, or simply having a great time. At LTC you will build lifetime bonds with your fellow leaders and attend life-changing workshops. More information about LTC can be found here: <http://www.ltcnj.org/> and if you have any questions, or want to hear about our experiences, do not hesitate to reach out to me, Claire, or Riya.

Thanks,
Aashka

Letter from the Secretary:

Class of 2018,

Our class has come a long way this year. We've already had four successful fundraisers, and an upcoming fundraiser is the Carnation Sale. In January, we attended the NJASC Winter Conference where we gained valuable leadership skills, which helped us improve our approach to student council. Additionally, all of the actions taken in student council are accessible through the meeting minutes that I've sent out after each meeting. The minutes are also available through the website, and if you have any additional questions, feel free to contact me! Thank you to everyone who's supported us this far and please continue to support our class!

Thanks,
Riya

Letter from the Treasurer:

Class of 2018,

Over the course of this year so far, we have increased our account to approximately \$710.00! This is good so far, but with carnations coming up, and hopefully more fundraisers in the spring we can get the account to \$1,000+! Thanks to everyone who has participated in our events and fundraisers, the only reason we have all this money is because of all of you! We made this newsletter so you all can stay updated on everything that's going on! Hope to see everyone at our next general assembly meeting.

Thanks,
Maddie