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News from
around
CATS Academy
Boston



Boston Newsletter 2016-17

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CATS Academy Boston has enjoyed a stellar start to 2017!



This past Tuesday afternoon, our students planned, organized, and put on a spectacular Cultural Diversity Fair that included exhibits representing many of the countries that our students call home. Tables were set up in our gymnasium that offered food tasting, games, flags, maps, pictures, film, costumes, and interesting facts about each of the nations. In addition, students held a fashion show and performed musical selection that are representative of the cultures from which they come. This was an opportunity for all of our students and faculty to gather together and celebrate the cultural diversity that is a primary strength of our school. It was one of the most successful events we have ever held at CATS Boston and the best part was that it was almost entirely the result of the work of our students.

I would also like to congratulate our six students who have been invited to show their art work at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth campus at the "Emerging Young Artists 2017 Invitational Exhibition." Congratulations on your wonderful achievement!

Chris Angell
Interim Co-Head of School
CATS Academy Boston

Announcements

This week:

Exam dates
Newspaper club
Re-enrollment dates
Recycling at CATS

REMINDER!

Last week of classes for seniors:

May 22- May 26

Graduation:

May 26

Final exam week for underclassmen:

May 29- June 2

**CATS ACADEMY BOSTON DOES NOT RESCHEDULE EXAMS DUE TO TRAVEL.
PLEASE SEE DATES ON THE LEFT AND SCHEDULE YOUR FLIGHTS
ACCORDINGLY.**

NEWSPAPER CLUB WANTS YOU!

Are you a writer? Do you like to write stories or poems? Are you a critic? Do you like you write reviews about restaurants, movies, or anything else? There are many advantages to join the "CATS Academy Courier" Newspaper Club!

Interested?

Contact:

Mr.Walecka or Ms. Bowen in room 162

or email us at:

catsnewspaper@googlegroups.com.

To the CATS Academy Community:

It is hard to believe it is already time to plan for academic year 2017-18! As our student population continues its steady growth, we are experiencing a great interest in the Academy. It is our intent this year to start the Re-Enrollment process a little earlier than we have in prior years to ensure that currently enrolled students have every opportunity to re-enroll before we commit to admit new students.

Our Re-Enrollment contracts will be available to families and agents on **March 1, 2017**. The Re-Enrollment period for the 2017-18 academic year will be **March 1 to April 1, 2017**.

We are excited to hear back from you during that time. If you have additional questions or concerns regarding re-enrollment, please contact the Student Services office at studentservices@catsacademyboston.com.

Thank you.

The CATS Academy team



The Student Satisfaction Committee has been very active, along with our Maintenance team, in championing a recycling culture at CATS. So far they have ordered and will soon distribute blue recycling bins to each room in the school. Currently, we are waiting for the bins to arrive, and then they will be labeled and distributed. In the meantime, we want to educate our students about the importance and necessity about recycling and the environment.

What happened this week

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Engaging minds



Engaging Minds has sent three instructors to CATS to begin working with our first group of students.

At Engaging Minds, their primary focus is on strengthening students' executive function skills (organization, prioritization, initiation of tasks, study skills, time management, goal-setting, planning). They offer a unique approach to traditional tutoring in that they teach students how to learn and provide them with academic skills and strategies they need to succeed over the long-term.

They use the student's own schoolwork as the foundation to teach these skills, and students leave each session feeling accomplished and prepared for the week ahead. With these fundamental executive function skills in place, students are better able to effectively approach, manage and complete nightly homework assignments, and are better poised to achieve their full potential. Our overarching goal is to guide students to become independent and self-confident learners.

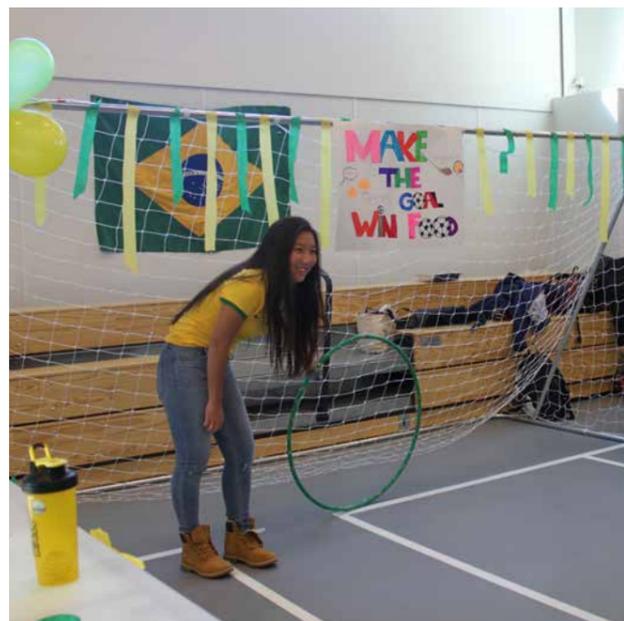
Snow Day



Cultural Fair 2017

Congratulations for making the CATS Academy Boston 2017 Cultural Fair a resounding success! To all those students and dedicated faculty who helped plan, organize, support, perform and host this event, I want to give a special thanks. The booths were informative, the food was tasty, the costumes were beautiful, and the music was uplifting. My hope is that we have many more fairs in the future that are as much fun as this one!

Chris Angel



Emerging Young Artists 2017

We are proud to announce the following CATS Students had artwork exhibited in the UMass Dartmouth "Emerging Young Artists 2017 Invitational Exhibition.

- Fengwei Zhang
- Miron Unzhakov
- Xuhan Chen (Lionel)
- Suet Yi Li (Sherley)
- Meng Kang Hsiao (Mike)
- Princewill Uvivo

We congratulate these students on this wonderful accomplishment!



Students travelled this Saturday to the University and attended the exhibition.

The exhibition had been on view in the CVPA Campus Gallery on the first floor of the CVPA building at UMass Dartmouth, 285 Old Westport Road, North Dartmouth from January 23 to February 11, 2017. A closing reception for the exhibiting young artists, their art teachers, the UMass Dartmouth community, and the general public was held on Saturday, February 11th.

The Emerging Young Artists 2017 Invitational Exhibition recognizes the exceptional merit of high school art students from thirty-four high school art programs in Massachusetts.

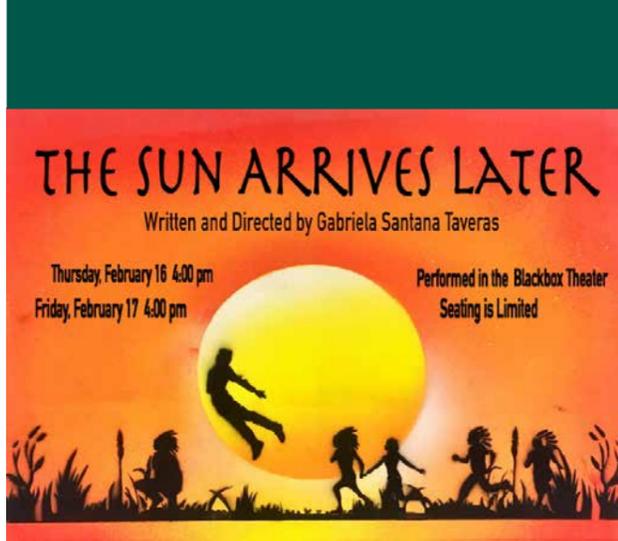
“Congratulations Ms. Barry, Mr. Archer, and your outstanding Art students!

Your students are so impressive! Your work brings me so much joy every day! It is a thing of beauty to watch each of you work and grow and develop! How wonderful to see you and your work honored! I am so proud that we have so many creative, talented artists in our CATS community, and I am in awe of your inspiring teachers!

BRAVI TUTTI! CONGRATULATIONS EVERYONE!
Mrs. Segal

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Coming up



Calling all talented CATS students!!

Whether you are the next Beyonce, David Blaine, or Cristiano Ronaldo, we want to see your talents!

The talent show will be held during Spirit Week on Thursday March, 2 in front of the whole school.

To sign up for auditions email:
rlewan@catsacademyboston.com

CATS Academy Talent Show Auditions:

Friday February, 17
Tuesday February, 21
During advisory - Blackbox Theater

Requirements for your Act

1. The time limit for each act is 4 minutes.
2. You can also only participate in ONE act, regardless of whether it is a group or solo act.

Our senior, Gabriela Santana Taveras is making her personal dream come true- three years ago when she first came to CATS (from the Dominican Republic), Gabby said that she wanted to write, produce, and direct her own play for her senior year. She wrote "The Sun Rises Later" over this past summer, and after casting it in the beginning of the year (with twelve dedicated, talented students), they have been rehearsing every week for a semester and a half.

Performance times: February 16 and 17 at 4:00 in the Black Box Theater

Cast:

Gabriela Santana Taveras.....Writer, Director
Norah Laoui.....The Doctor
Daniel O'Hare.....Edward
Shirley Suet Yi LiBilly Billy
Victoria Yuhan Shi.....Billy Joe
Anna Merzliakova.....Jimmy
Vladimir Karaschuck.....Homeless Many
Saule Pranskaityte.....Julia
Gigi Yi Chi Lai.....Charlie
Alice Anh Truc Nguyen.....Peace
Horacio Ornelas Ramirez.....John
Caden London Stone.....William
Sandrine Veilleux.....Lily
Alexia Salomons.....Jean
Amber Thu Hong Nguyen.....Malcolm*
Pranav Sultania.....Sebastian*

*Special note: Pranav and Amber are stepping in last minute to cover these roles due to illness! plus special musicians, Mr. Lewan, Ha Nguyen and Miron Unzhakov

We hope to see you there!

CATS Bermuda Trip and SCUBA Club June 2017



The Trip

Students will be traveling from Boston to Bermuda for a week-long excursion to this tropical island. While there, students will be engaging with scientists and learning about the unique environment that is Bermuda. We will be staying at BIOS Bermuda (www.bios.edu), a biological research station that has done research and education for all ages for over 40 years. Students will see the amazing coral reefs, beaches, mangroves, and outlying islands of Bermuda, in addition to the experiencing the lovely culture of the island's towns.

Sample Day

8:00: Breakfast at BIOS

8:30-12:00: Tour of Nonsuch Island and snorkel at beach

12:00: Return to BIOS and Lunch

1:30pm-5:00pm: SCUBA dive of wreck

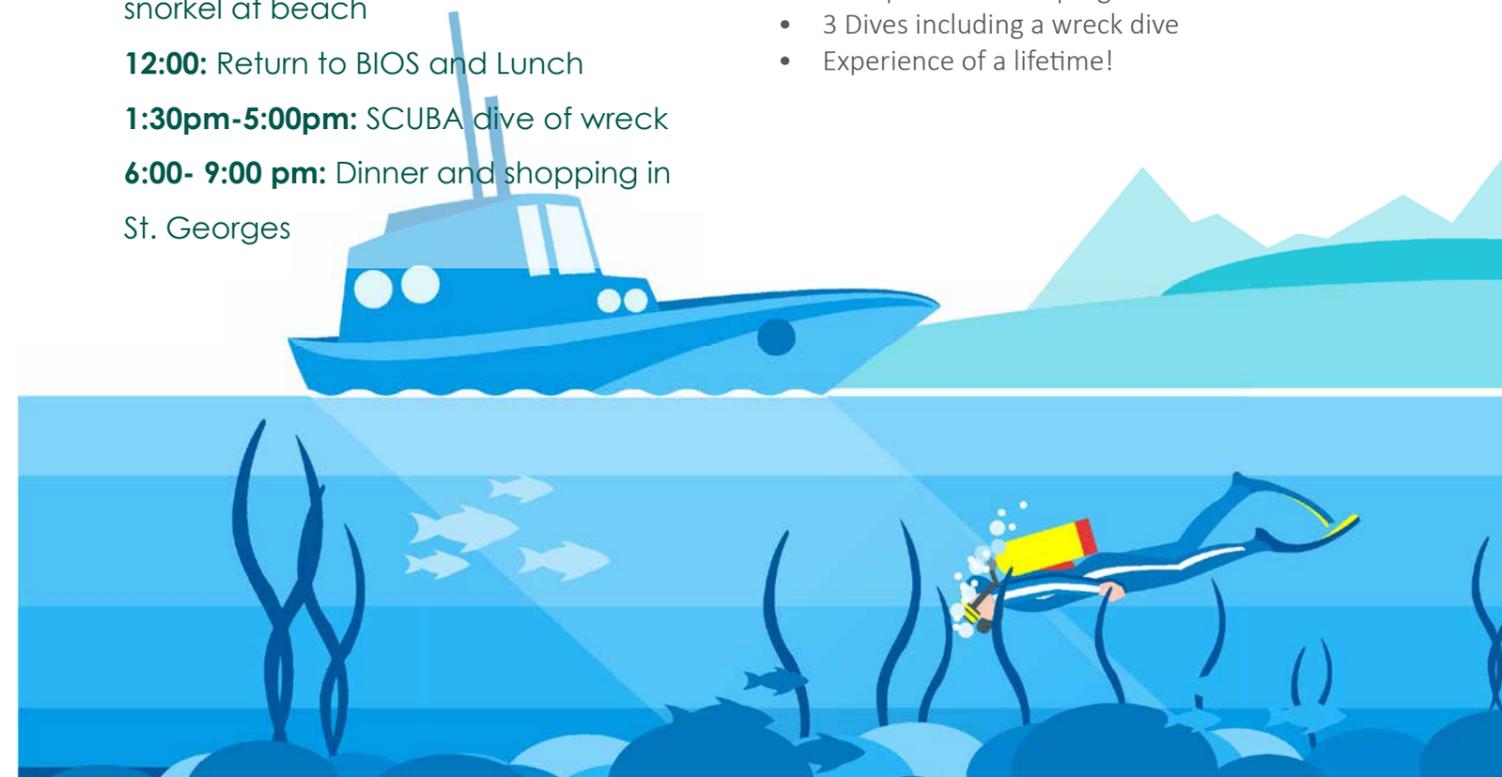
6:00- 9:00 pm: Dinner and shopping in St. Georges

SCUBA Diving

As a Spring activity, students will be taking the classes and practicing in order to be SCUBA certified as Basic Open Water divers (to 20m of depth). The classes and required dives will be done through a local instructor and dive shop that is the third oldest in the USA (>60 years of operation). This certification is good for life! As part of the classes, students will "dive" in a pool and then perform 6 dives over a weekend for their certification, in addition to classes to learn how to SCUBA safely.

Included

- Room and board for 7 days 8 nights
- Flights to and from Boston
- Lifetime SCUBA Certification and basic equipment
- Transportation and programs
- 3 Dives including a wreck dive
- Experience of a lifetime!



Activities 2017

Week commencing
Friday February 17th

Extracurricular Activities

- Fashion Club
- Crew
- Zumba
- Boxing
- FitFactory
- Weymouth Fitness Club (swimming and tennis)
- Rock Climbing
- Musical
- Yoga
- Anime
- Chess
- Community Service
- DECA
- GSA/Diversity
- Literary Magazine
- Math
- Model UN
- Photography
- Scale Model Club
- Snack
- Technology and Robotics
- Yearbook
- Russian
- Newspaper

and more...



Sports

Basketball Schedule

BVBB

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
2/8/17	Brimmer & May	Brimmer & May	4:00 PM
2/14/17	CCS Cambridge	CATS	After GJVBB
2/24/17	CHCH	Away	4:00 PM
2/27/17	Commonwealth School	CATS	4:00 PM

BJVBB

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
2/2/17	Atlantis Charter	CATS	6:00 PM
2/5/17	Maimonides	Away	1:00 PM
2/9/17	Atlantis Charter	CATS	6:00 PM
2/12/17	Yeshiva Ohr Yisrael	CATS	1:00 PM
2/13/17	CCS Cambridge	CATS	5:00 PM

GJVBB

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
2/2/17	Atlantis Charter	CATS	4:30 PM
2/7/17	Bradford	CATS	4:30 PM
2/9/17	Atlantis Charter	CATS	4:30 PM
2/14/17	CCS Cambridge	CATS	4:30 PM



TAZA Chocolate Factory Tour

We will be taking a tour of TAZA Chocolate Factory on **Sunday, February 19th**

The trip leaves at 12:20 and should return around 2:30

Space is LIMITED
Please sign up in advisory

Tubing

February 18

Back by popular demand, we will be going to Nashoba Valley for tubing on Saturday, February 18th

The Trip will leave promptly at 8:45 AM and will return around 2:30

Please wear appropriate winter clothing, for example, snow pants, winter coat, gloves/mittens, winter hat, scarves, long sleeve shirts, sweaters, Winter Boots

NO JEANS, NO SNEAKERS/
SHOES

Model United Nations

at MIT

From Friday February 10th to Sunday February 12th 10 students from CATS Academy Boston participated in the 9th MIT Model United Nations Conference.

These students roleplayed the representation of 10 different countries in 10 United Nations Committees. Countries ranged from Timor Leste to Uruguay participating in committees ranging from the UN Security Council to committees engaged in Futuristic topics. Committee topics ranged from prescient real-world issues including the Kashmir conflict, conflict minerals, the Syrian refugee crisis, medical care in Syria, and the Transpacific Partnership to hypothetical topics like the transnational considerations for the impact of point-to-point teleportation devices.



All 10 of our students participated excellently doing their best to represent the positions of their respective countries as accurately and as unbiased as possible. Our CATS students have particularly demonstrated an astute attention to identifying committee propositions that are easily agreeable but lack substance or serious proposals for specific actions and steps to solve problems.

Every student who participated in this conference deserves great praise. In particular, Norah Laoui won an Honorable Mention for her representation of Norway on World Health Organization committee. This is especially notable given that this was only Norah's second Model UN conference.

We at CATS Boston are especially proud of all of these students as they help us to build the foundation for a strong Model UN tradition here at our school.



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