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News from
around
CATS Academy
Boston



Boston Newsletter 2016-17

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CATS Academy Boston.



Dear CATS Academy Boston Community:

We have so many wonderful activities taking place at CATS Boston as we approach Spring Break that it is difficult to focus on any one or two, but I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate in particular the effort of our boys and girls basketball teams over the course of their winter seasons. The girls team is a very talented group whose team members contribute a wide variety of skills that are critical to success on the court. Their play improved throughout the season and they have built themselves into a formidable group that no other team is anxious to play.

Both the boys Varsity and Junior Varsity teams ended their seasons in spectacular fashion, the Junior Varsity with a thrilling double overtime victory that saw them tie their game with 0.7 seconds to play just to get to overtime, and the Varsity with a resounding victory in their last game kicking off Spirit Week, in front of a standing room only crowd of students, faculty, and staff. Congratulations to these teams and to all our competitive athletic squads who have brought such pride and honor to our school.

Chris Angell

Interim 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 to write reviews about restaurants, movies, or anything else? There are many advantages to joining 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.

Bowling trip

“This was a fun and entertaining trip for everyone”

Lorenzo, Brazil, Grade 11



Keep up to date with the latest activities at CATS Academy Boston. CATS has planned some amazing spring activities that will include baseball, basketball and ultimate frisbee

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 tubing



Spirit week 2017



Student Achievements



The Arts Department is thrilled to announce...

Anna Yoonjeong Park

Winner of Scholastic Art and Writing Awards Silver Key and Honorable Mention!



Student of the Month program, in which we recognize outstanding students in our CATS community.

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Coming up

CATS Chorus - Gospelfest Saturday 8 April

Gospelfest a full day workshop and performance coming up on Saturday, April 8th at the Groton School (a renowned private boarding school) along with 9 additional independent school Choruses including Belmont Hill School, Brimmer and May, Brooks School, Dana Hall, Groton School, Milton Academy and Stanford Park - a visiting chorus from Ireland of 94 singers! This will be CATS' third time singing with the annual Gospelfest, which will be celebrating its' 16th season!

We will learn music together during the day with three fabulous Gospel directors from the Boston area, then each group performs individually in an evening concert (dinner provided), followed by the entire mass choir performing onstage.

What is Gospel?

*Gospel is a celebratory, religious form of music that emerged from the African-American Christian tradition - it rocks the house! HOWEVER, the beauty of Gospel is that you don't have to be Christian to enjoy singing. It has an uplifting, joyous spirit and a universal, unifying message. If you want a powerful, memorable singing experience - come join us!

Amherst college tour

The College Counseling Team is excited to announce that we will be planning a trip to Amherst, MA to visit colleges on Sunday, April 9th.

The team are still finalizing the itinerary but would like to see who is interested to coordinate accommodate as many students as possible.

Please sign up with your advisor during advisory to secure a spot. If you have any questions, please stop by the college counseling office.



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

Extracurricular Activities

- Fashion Club
- Crew
- Zumba
- Boxing
- FitFactory
- Weymouth Fitness Club
- Rock Climbing
- Soccer
- 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...

Spring Activities



Sports

Basketball Recap

The JV boys basketball team ended its season with a thrilling, double overtime, home victory over the Global Learning Charter School, Friday.

After falling behind in the final seconds of regulation, CATS got a boost from freshman forward Sebastian Uribe Munera, who sank two free throws with 0.7 seconds left on the clock to knot the score at 42 apiece. The two free throws pushed the game into a first two-minute overtime period, where the team once again came back from a small deficit to force a second overtime quarter.

A quick start to the final quarter and a big shot from sophomore Pu-Heng (Henry) Wei carved the way for CATS' come-from-behind, 49-46 win.

It was great way to end the season for Coaches Alex Walecka and Peter Bard and their young team.

Cats Madness!

3 on 3 basketball

CATS Congress is proud to present to you the first annual CATS MADNESS 3 on 3 basketball tournament!

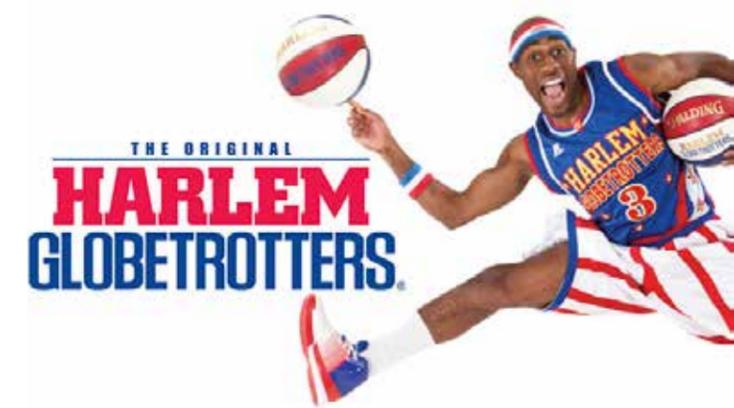
WHEN: Friday night April 7th

WHERE: the gym

There will be music, food, games, prizes and basketball.

Event will start at 6pm sharp, so teams need to be in the gym and signed in by 5:45

The Harlem Globetrotters are an exhibition basketball team that combines athleticism, theater, and comedy. Over the years they have played more than 26,000 exhibition games in 122 countries and territories.



Boston Red Sox



Boston Red Sox are an American professional baseball team based in Boston, Massachusetts. The Red Sox compete in Major League

Baseball (MLB) as a member club of the American League (AL) East division. The Red Sox have won eight World Series championships and have played in 13. Founded in 1901 as one of the American League's eight charter franchises, the Red Sox' home ballpark has been Fenway Park since 1912.

Trip to MIT



On February 27, 11 students from CATS Academy Boston's DECA Club went to MIT to see Paolo Sotero speak on the future of Brazil.

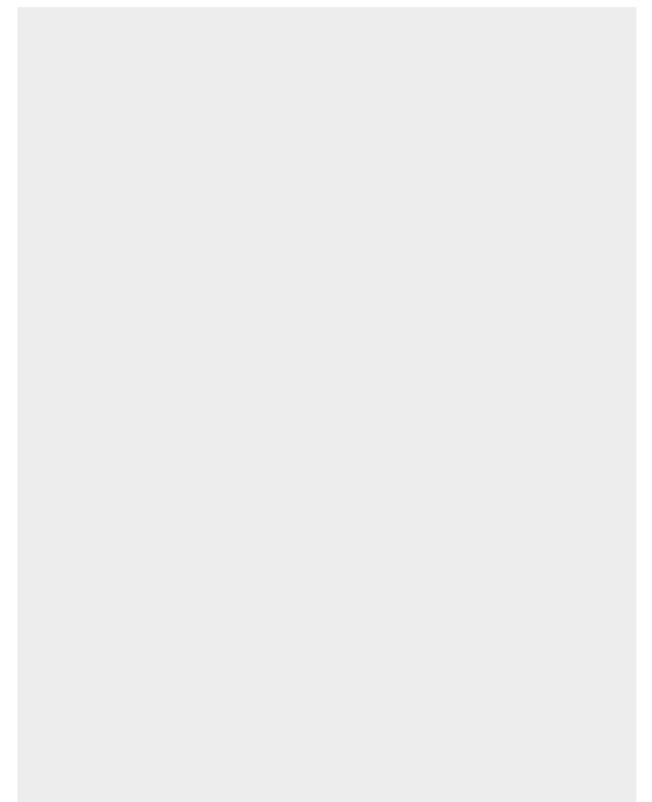
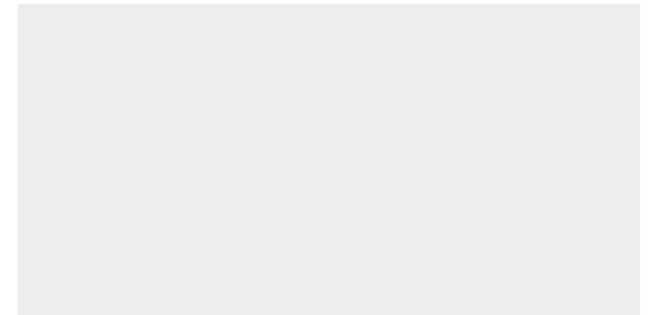
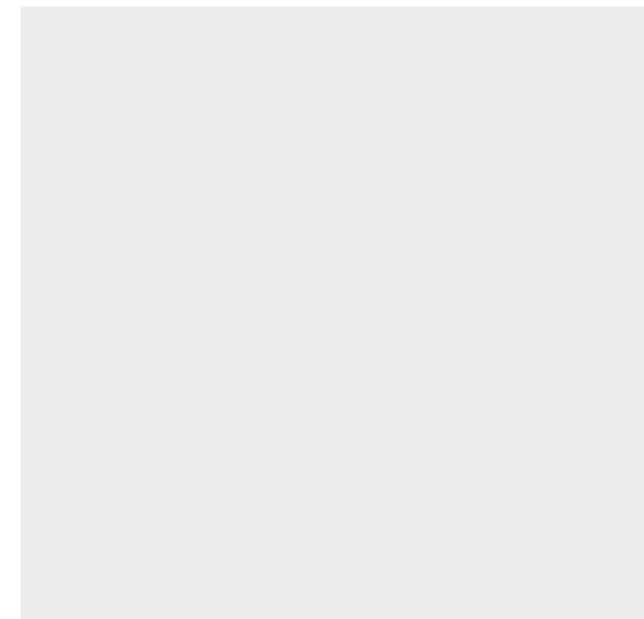
Sotero, head of the Brazil Institute at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington, D.C., is a leading analyst of Brazilian politics and economics. A native of Sao Paulo, he has been in Washington since 1980, mostly as chief correspondent for a leading Brazilian newspaper.

Sotero spoke for more than an hour without notes at MIT's Sloan School of Management. His animated and direct speaking style commanded the audience's attention, as he explored similarities and differences between the United States and Brazil. Students left the event with a better understanding of Brazil and its future.

The DECA Club is the business club at CATS Academy Boston. It regularly attends events at Harvard, MIT, and other universities in Boston. These outings are organized by DECA club student leaders.



Sports banquet



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