

# fishbowl

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## THE HEADLINER

### What to Know About the New Grading System

**What's happening:** MSMHS introduced a new grading system that aims to better reflect student understanding of content, rather than their behavior. The system gets rid of completion-based grading, only using assignments that are graded on correctness to determine the final grade.

**What students say:** Senior Mckayla Tyrone finds the increased importance of tests stressful, saying “For people that aren’t good at test taking, it’s going to be hard to get

good grades.” Many juniors and seniors agree with this sentiment, expressing worry about how transcripts will look on college applications.

**Yes, but:** In response to these student concerns, the school is planning to add a note to each transcript that explains the new grading system to employers and colleges.

*Read the full article in this month’s email edition.*

## SNAPSHOT



MSMHS students in the Noank Rowing Club’s “Learn to Row” program practice on “erg” machines. Over eight sessions, students were instructed in the basics of a range of rowing skills, including single-oar sweep rowing and two-oar sculling.

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## EVENTS & HAPPENINGS

### Indigenous Peoples’ Day (No School)

OCT. 9

### School SAT Day

OCT. 11

### Shark Bite Fundraiser at Chipotle

OCT. 11

### Picture Day

OCT. 12

### Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal)

OCT. 26, OCT. 27

### Homecoming

OCT. 27, 6:00 PM

### The Current Meetings

EVERY THURSDAY, 1:43 PM

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### Jacob Zelinsky on Driving

Just about everyone on the road is distracted to some degree. Humans just have a certain incapacity to be fully aware. Because of this, make sure to drive defensively — it could save your life.

### Small Snakes Eat Snails

With a maximum length of one foot, the DeKay’s brown snake is one of Connecticut’s smallest snakes. To make up for its size, the DeKay’s uses special jaws to pull snails out of their shell and eat them.

### Be a Newspaper Maker

Are you interested in writing, reporting, or design? Join *The Current*, Marine Science’s own student-run newspaper (and the creator of the poster you’re reading now! Meetings every Thursday at 1:43 p.m.