



HOW ABOUT SOME *CHILLY* CHEER?

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Let's Celebrate the End of a Great Year!

Happy Holidays from the MASC Executive Committee!

We hope that you are having a lot of fun gearing up for this wintry season.

This year has been an extraordinary year for MASC. We started the new year of 2011 with an excellent Region 4 Meeting in Minneapolis. Following the Region 4 Meeting, MASC geared up for our *Jammin' to Leadership State Convention* in Walker.

The State Convention rock and rolled through leadership training taking a smooth jazz stop to be real and talk through hot topic issues across the state. Our two speakers, Monte Selby and Alvin Law, educated the students in attendance about the necessity of persistence in the face of adversity, and the power of having a

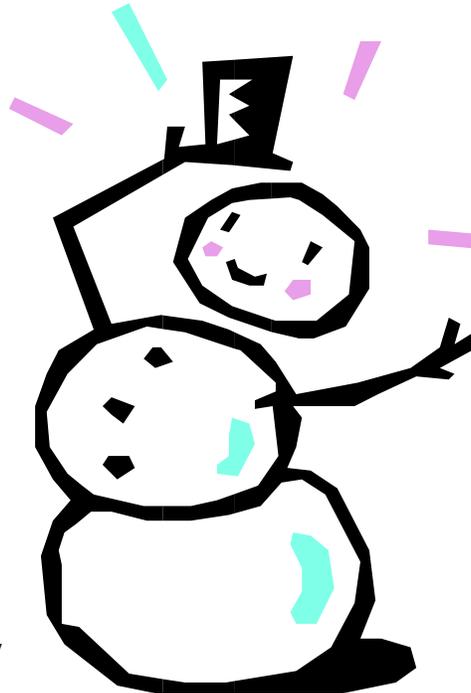
dream. MASC was also able to perform a service project during the conference. Students and advisers packed care packages for the 34th Red Bull Infantry Division of

the Minnesota National Guard. There was overwhelming enthusiasm towards the project—it definitely hit close to home.

This summer, MASC attended the STARS Leaders Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. It truly was a momentous building of character and leadership. The upcoming National Association of Student Councils' National Conference will be held at Yukon High School in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Get more information about this conference and many more at nasc.us.

It has been an incredible year for both the state and MASC. As we look forward, state conference close on the horizon. We just cannot wait!

Happy Holidays Everyone!
- Sophia Sodhi, MASC



Happy Holidays!



Spark Some Snow-filled Spirit

- *Have a snowman making contest! Ask participants to take pictures of their creations and have a panel of faculty vote for their favorites!*
- *No snow? For a little fun in the cafeteria, try building snowmen with marshmallows and tooth-picks!*
- *Throw a snow week! When your winter days seem like they never even start, it is fun to add some sparkle! Spread some lady power with a Sadie-Hawkins!*



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Instantly Revive your Bleak Hallways

As the winter days continue to get longer, the school hallways can sometimes take a toll. Students drag in slush from the snow and salt from the parking lots as they come in each day and sometimes it feels like the school could use a little Extreme

Makeover: Hallway Edition!

It is not difficult to design on a dime if you will in your school! Cut out snowflakes from coffee filter paper during your next meeting and hang each one from the main school hallway with string.

Wooooosshh! You have carried the wintery white into the building while leaving the cold at the front door!

If you have some extra time, try to write the name of each student and staff in the school on the flakes!



Hello! From the Division Presidents

1 State—10 Divisions: Introducing 7 Presidents

Northwest Division

Kyle Fondness *Bemidji High School, 12th*
Favorite Ice Breaker: Poison Apple and Killer Monkey Basketball,

What are you excited for this year: Finally making some college decisions, and playing in indoor soccer and tennis tournaments.

Division Goals: Have a successful Division Service Project, connect Student Council with the State Government, and make some memories.

Southeast Division

Ishtpreet Singh *Rochester, 12th*

What are you most excited for this year: Finishing senior year with a bang!

Division Goals: Increase participation and school attendance in division conventions.

Hennepin Division

Tori Wilson *Orono High School, 12*

Favorite Ice Breaker: Zoooooo

What are you most excited for: A successful hockey season!

Division Goals: More interaction and connections between individuals and councils of all of the schools AND an involved community service activity to pay it forward.

Capital Division

Sonny Le *Irondale High School, 12*

Favorite Ice Breaker: Ninja, hands down!

What are you most excited for this year: Getting reckless and having good times. Aside from getting accepted into Madison Wisconsin or the U of M Twin Cities!

Division Goals: Increase the number of schools that attend division conventions, better communication system, and possibly a division service project!

Central Division

Andrea Franz *Sartell High School, 11th*

Favorite Ice Breaker: Laughing Bellies

What are you excited for this year: Having fun with my friends and family and the ski season!

Division Goals: Organize a President's Forum for the council presidents, increase inter-school connections and bonds, and ignite strong division spirit!

Eastern Division

Bri Maas *Buffalo Senior High, 12th*

Favorite Ice Breaker: "Finish the Song" a game my friend and I came up with this year.

What you are most excited for this year: I'm most excited, although extremely anxious, to begin the rest of my life!

Division Goals: So far this year our goal has been to increase networking and build relationships within our division. Our fall conference set aside a large amount of time for idea sharing, and we hope to do something similar in the spring.

Northeast Division

Macey Etter *Cherry High School, 12th*

Favorite Ice Breaker: Fruit Basket Mixup

What are you most excited for this year: I'm most excited for Snow Week and the softball season

Division Goals: Our goals are to introduce new members to the student council traditions to get them excited to lead and have an awesome state project outcome!

Division President's Meeting Alexandria, Minnesota



The Rockefeller Plaza Holiday Tree is illuminated by 30,000 LED environmentally friendly light-bulbs.



Presidents' Forum: 2011 Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria, Minnesota

MASC and MAHS kicked off an amazing year together in Alexandria, Minnesota on November 14th.

Guest speaker, Phil Boyte, interactively explored the power of establishing and maintaining goals and relationships in the real world. He had students raving by the end and everyone left with a new friend.

The Presidents' Forum also commenced the State Service Project, Teens Kickin' It: Childhood Diseases, for the year! The State Executive Boards joined together to describe the

importance of the service project and how all councils can get involved!

It was a very successful forum filled with laughter and learning! We definitely cannot wait until next year.



Phil Boyte,
motivational speaker



MASC Participants



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How to Deal with the "C" Word

What pushes the line with the word "Christmas?"

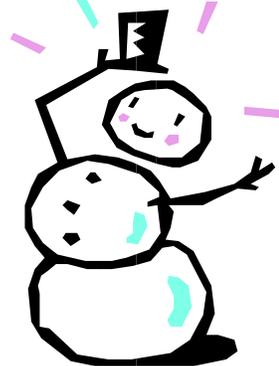
In schools today, councils are working to continue holiday traditions while maintaining cultural awareness.

So here are some helpful tips on how to safely navigate the world of tact!

1. Have your mascot hand out the candy grams! It adds a little more school spirit!
2. Decorate any old fake trees in the cafeteria with signs for donations—it is the perfect place to drop off winter gear

for a coat drive!

3. Celerate Christmakwanzahaunaka! Encourage any and all to share their culturally unique holiday traditions!
4. Sledding, snowmen, skiing, and skating are all fun activities to do with your council—or possibly even your student body! They're fun for everyone!
5. Painting snow with food coloring and water bottles is a fun way to be creative. There are plenty of ways to celebrate the season!



The coldest temperature ever recorded in MN was -60 degrees in 1996 near Tower, Mn.

Thomas Edison's Speculations About the Year 2011



Published in the Miami Metropolis on June 23, 1911

Predictions of 2011 from Thomas Edison himself

What will the world be a hundred years hence?



The house of the next century will be furnished from basement to attic with steel, at a sixth of the present cost—of steel so light that it will be as easy to move a sideboard as it is today to lift a drawing room chair. The baby of the twenty-first century will be rocked in a steel cradle; his father will sit in a steel chair at a steel dining table, and his mother's boudoir will be sumptuously equipped with steel furnishings, converted by cunning varnishes to the semblance of rosewood, or mahogany, or any other wood her ladyship fancies.

Books of the coming century will all be printed leaves of nickel, so light to hold that the reader can enjoy a small library in a single volume. A book two inches thick will contain forty thousand pages, the equivalent of a hundred volumes; six inches in aggregate thickness, it would suffice for all the contents of the Encyclopedia Britannica. And each volume would weight less than a pound.

In the magical days to come there is no reason why our great liners should not be of solid gold from stern to stern; why we should not ride in golden taxicabs, or substituted gold for steel in our drawing room suites. Only steel will be the more durable, and thus the cheaper in the long run. (access the entire article on i09.com or from the Library of Congress)

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Snowy Day at Washburn High

Winter break is quickly approaching and everyone is talking all about what they're going to ask for! With the new district wide policy on electronic devices everyone is looking to get iPad's! People are really excited to move the school into the next technology age and people also are dressing up in very colorful outfits. Our school is really excited for the festivities to start! The Spanish classes are making snow cutouts and decorating the school! Everyone is getting very cheerful! Even the teachers are getting into it, two dressed up in fluffy red coats!

The last day of school for the year we have a pep fest and there will be a lot of festivities to get everyone excited for the long

break! There will be a lot of celebrations on the last week including a lot of classes going to cook in the staff lounge. The cheerful vibe is being felt all over the school and around the neighborhood. It is a very cheerful time of year!

Sadie Hawkins dance came and went in a flash! We had a nice light fluffy snowfall that night that added to the "Cinema Sadie's" theme! At the dance we had many celebrities appear! You may have seen, The Men in Black, Santa, Pocahontas, and many more movie characters!



With the 2011 year coming to an end people can't wait to have a long break filled with many yummy treats. There have even been a lot of cookies and brownies brought into classes to spread the holiday spirit! Washburn High School is getting into the Holiday Spirit!

- Steve Kinney, Washburn High School, Minneapolis, MN



Teen's Kickin' It: Childhood Diseases

Do not forget to continue your support of this year's state service project! Remember to be creative and that this service project is meant to be flexible! Send in any of the creative or exciting things your school or community has taken on to support the State Service Project!

Click here to see more information:

<http://prezi.com/waxfywwzsqz/teens-kickin-it-childhood-diseases/>