

# The ROUNDTABLE

EDUCATION. OPPORTUNITY. EQUITY.

## Scholar vs. Staff Basketball Game...



On March 26th, 2021 as part of the Mansion March Madness Attendance Challenge selected scholars took part in a friendly basketball game versus the Mansion staff.

The scholar lineup included **Abdul-Musawwir Anderson, Taniyah King, Dorean Devine, Abdul-Hadi Anderson, Jay Alexander, Sasha Goody, and Tashir Walker**. Senior scholars **Nicole Butler and Tykeria Perry** assisted with the clock and scorebook. The scholar squad was coached by **Señorita Culpepper**. The Mansion staff lineup included **Mr. Knepp, Mr. Byrne, Chef, Ms. Henry, Mr. Royal, Ms. Sullivan, Mrs. La Pera, Ms. Alexander, Mr. Savage and Ms. James**.

Coached by proud **Principal McCracken** of course! After the intense competition and impressive showing off of baller

skills from both teams, the Mansion staff pulled out the victory 44 to 43. Participants were treated to water ice and soft pretzels, and everyone received a team jersey created by the Mansion Media Arts Department. Scholars also were recognized with certificates after the game for demonstration of P.R.I.D.E. during the month of March, and Jay Alexander scored a custom hand painted pair of Adidas sneakers. Congratulations!



**APRIL 1-4**  
NO SCHOOL!  
Spring Break



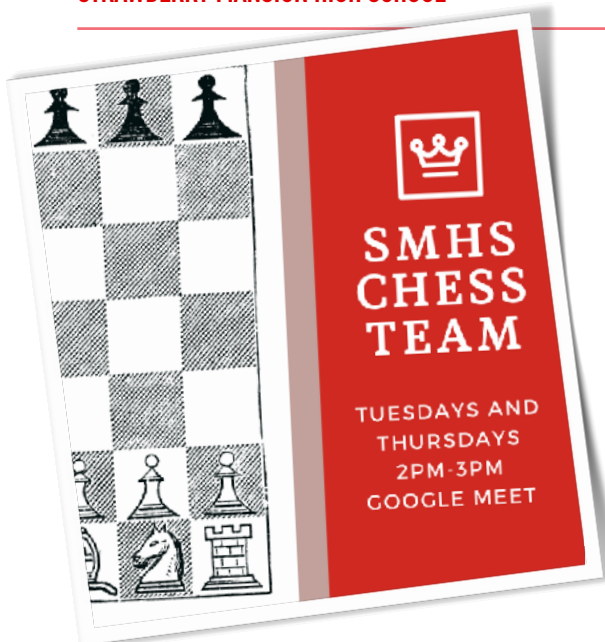
**APRIL 8**  
Parent/Teacher  
Conferences



**APRIL 29**  
Media Arts  
Showcase 1pm



**APRIL 30**  
Town Hall 11am



## CHESS CLUB @The Mansion!

We are proud to announce the opening tournament for our Strawberry Mansion Chess Team, sponsored by Philly ASAP. The team is open to all Mansion scholars, and no experience is necessary! Come develop your problem solving and critical thinking skills with the 150 other chess clubs and 2,300 scholars who play chess in the School District of Philadelphia. Scholars who join will get access to an App (IOS, Android or Browser) where the live chess is played. There is also a robust virtual training option so you can work on your game anytime. Practices will be from 2 to 3 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our first Tournament, The PECO/ASAP Checkmate Violence Chess Marathon Tournament, will be on Saturday, May 1st at 10:00 AM. It will be live streamed on Twitch, and all participants will receive a USCF ID and rating. We will be preparing for this over the next few weeks, you will have plenty of time to be ready to bring home some victories for The Mansion!

## Can you DIG IT?

This year's **Lady Knights Girls' Volleyball team** got off to a rough start after months of virtual practices. Even though many scholars signed up to participate, when it was time to practice in person, in the building, wearing a mask, the team did not have enough players. As a result, the Mansion cheerleaders were recruited to play since many members of the volleyball team were also cheerleaders. Coached by **Ms. Alexander**, the roster includes **Nicole Butler, Kierra Vaughn, Tykeria Perry, Sasha Goody, Jahnise Goody, Anastasia Roane-Spencer, Rahmirah Wilson, and Enijah Sherard**. According to Coach Alexander, "All the girls really enjoy learning how to play the game of volleyball, and some have even fallen in love with the sport. We have a strong team and know we will make it to the playoffs. This team looks and plays like professionals and I am so PROUD to be their coach." The Lady Knights are 2-2 with wins against Roxborough and Parkway West. There are 3 more games left in the regular season and due to COVID-19 regulations, spectators are not permitted. We wish them the best of luck and look forward to (virtually) cheering them on in the post-season!



## WE ARE HIRING...



SMHS is a transformative school that is driven to provide an exceptional education and equitable opportunities for all scholars. Through rigorous academics and career pathways, each scholar will extend their learning to develop the competencies necessary to compete in the 21st century. Scholars will graduate with two viable options: a high-quality diploma, and an industry certification. Currently, we are in the process of "site selection." Site selection is the SDP's process whereby eligible teacher and counselor candidates apply to open positions in their content area(s), interview and receive offers. A huge thank you to all of the scholars and parents that have participated in the interviews and demonstration lessons thus far. We look forward to welcoming a few new faces to our community in September and safely inside our beloved brick & mortar building!

The **School Advisory Council (SAC)** is a peer elected, collaborative team that works to improve student achievement, effective teaching in the classroom, and parent and community engagement in the educational process. Being on Mansion's School Advisory Council is a wonderful opportunity to work in partnership with parents and participate in school planning. The next SAC meeting is Thursday, April 29th from 6-7pm via Google Meet. For additional information, please email Mrs. Vargas at [svargas@philasd.org](mailto:svargas@philasd.org).

