



DECEMBER

SEMI FORMAL, COMPUTER SCIENCE WEEK

Did you know that the second week of December is designated Computer Science Education Week in the U.S? It is a national effort to "to recognize the critical role of computing in today's society and the imperative to bolster computer science education at all levels." Mass Academy celebrates this week annually with different challenges and events.

To mark CS Ed Week, juniors participate in nightly challenges. Each night, students are emailed a CS-related challenge. The first to respond with the correct answer wins a prize. Students are accepting the challenge, often responding within minutes of getting the challenge with their attempts at an answer.

The big event of the week is our annual CS alumni presentation. Each year several alumni speak to the juniors, in person or via Skype, about how computer science relates to their academic experiences and current careers.

In 2015, we won a National Video contest titled "We Are the Faces of Computing, and piloted a new curriculum called "Apps For Good", a collaborative project where students identify real issues they care about and learn to build a mobile, web or social app to solve them. We also compete in the national "Cyberpatriot" competition!

Mass Academy also hosts an awesome semi-formal dance to celebrate our hard work before we break for the holidays!

