

# introduction

# 2016 AQUARIUM PUZZLE HUNT

## *welcome, class of 2020!*

This is a puzzlehunt that will take place while you are at the aquarium. It is recommended that you work in teams of 5-8 people (Orientation groups are fine). There is a reward for the first 3 teams to solve all puzzles. Your team will need 1 phone that is capable of sending texts. Always use the same phone.

To begin, **text your team name to (619)-MIT-2020.**

***Need help? My accomplices located at Front Desk (where you received this sheet) are available for hints.***

My Dear Inspector:

I hear rumors that you've put your investigative services on hold to pursue a degree in underwater puzzle-writing at that unnamable Institute in Cambridge, USA.

It might come as an unpleasant surprise that your prized pet, Tim the Beaver, is now in my stolen possession. Beaver-napped, as one might say? You needn't worry, Tim is with my accomplices unharmed, for now. Though I could use a nice fur coat come wintertime - you know how unforgiving ours seasons here do get.

If you want your bucktoothed pet back unshaved, you're going to have to play my little game of 20/20. 20 cases. 20 questions. 20 more chances to save the day! Ahah! on second thought, as the exalted 'MIT student' you now are, I'm sure you'll make do with only 10 of them. There there, you've always admired the extra challenge!

Tick tock.. Sherlock. Time is of the essence.

Mystery certainly does follow mystery!

Always in enmity,

P.F.T.H.I

***There are 10 puzzles (mystery cases) scattered throughout the aquarium. Good luck!***

Submit answers by texting **(619)-MIT-2020** with the format: [puzzle number] [your solution].

For example, if your answer for puzzle 6 was sherlock, you would text **6 sherlock.**

**(THIS PAGE IS NOT A PUZZLE)**