

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL
Mailing to All Parents/Guardians
October 27, 2008

From the Office of the Principal
John R. Novak

Staff In-Service Program – Tuesday, November 4

Please be reminded that the High School teaching staff will be involved in a professional development day on Tuesday, November 4. All Metuchen schools will be closed on that day.

End of First Marking Cycle – Tuesday, November 11

The first marking cycle will end on Tuesday, November 11. Be advised that report cards will be mailed home on Friday, November 14.

Fall Theater Production – Thurs., Fri. and Sat., November 13, 14 and 15

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged), the Footlighters' Fall Theater production, will be presented on three consecutive evenings from Thursday, November 13, through Saturday, November 15. Directed by advisor Jane Harmon, this production is a comic take on all 37 plays in 90 minutes – it is Shakespeare presented as a cross between Saturday Night Live and Monty Python. Parents should be aware that the performance is rated PG for some adult references. The play will take place in the Ina Schlein Auditorium and start each night at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$7 in advance or at the door.

American Education Week – Monday-Friday, November 17-21

Please note that American Education Week is scheduled in all the schools from Monday-Friday, November 17-21. Parents who would like to visit will need to register in guidance or the main office in advance. Also, don't forget that Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 18 and 20 of the same week. By now, your child should be having his/her teachers complete the Request Form to schedule conference times.

Financial Aid Workshop – Wednesday, December 3

Please read the enclosed notice concerning the Financial Aid Workshop sponsored by the MHS Guidance Department. This informative program is designed for senior parents and is scheduled for Wednesday evening, December 3. It will be held in the auditorium and start at 7:00 p.m.

2009 Yearbooks – 2009 Yearbooks – 2009 Yearbooks – 2009 Yearbooks

Yearbooks for the Class of 2009 will be on sale soon. Please look for a separate mailing from the yearbook company, Jostens. Specific instructions for purchasing the book will be included. Please remember to make all yearbook checks payable to Jostens, not MHS. Also, senior parents should have received a first-class mailing from the yearbook business staff concerning senior ad information.

School Level Planning Team – Parent Volunteers for 2008-09

Parents of Metuchen High School students are invited to volunteer for the 2009 School Level Planning Team. The team is composed of parents, teachers, administrators, and students. The responsibility of the team is to review, develop, and/or revise student performance objectives for the 2009-10 school year, according to local policy and state mandates. The High School Team is seeking three parent volunteers. Do not confuse the School Level Planning Team with the Middle States Planning Team. Any parents who are interested should notify Mrs. Mallory in the Main Office by December 5. The phone number is (732) 321-8743.

Metuchen High School Guidance Review – Homework

Enclosed is a Guidance Department review about homework. Please take the time to read the information and if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact your child's counselor or me. Keep in mind that some form of homework (written, reading, review, or study) is usually assigned almost every day in every major subject. In addition, most teachers also require long-range assignments such as projects, research, essays, outside reading, and formal papers. If your child consistently does not have homework, something is wrong. In such cases, please call your child's counselor to determine where the problem is. Also, each teacher's website includes homework assignments and other pertinent information. Simply click on the "homework" icon.

Message about Lead Poisoning

Please review the enclosed information concerning lead poisoning. It was distributed to all schools by the New Jersey Commissioner of Education.

Reminder #1 – The next PTO Meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, November 3. The meeting will take place in the High School library/media center and start at 7:30 p.m. Librarian/media specialist Patricia Glave will be the guest speaker.

Reminder #2 – The next early dismissal for Middle States is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12. All students will be dismissed at 1:00 p.m. on that day.