

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

April 2010



TO: All Parents/Guardians

**From: Bruce J. Peragallo
The Office of the Principal**

End of Course Biology Test – Monday, May 17 and Tuesday, May 18

All students enrolled in Modern Biology and Honors Biology are required to take the New Jersey End of Course (EOC) Biology Test on Monday and Tuesday, May 17 and 18. For optimum test-taking conditions, the EOC Biology Test will be administered in separate rooms on the second floor. All students are to report to test rooms at **8:30am** on that day. The testing will begin at 8:45am and conclude by 11:00am. Make-up days for the test will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, May 19 and 20.

Please note that students enrolled in Advanced Placement Biology and/or Advanced Studies in Biology and Chemistry are not involved in this testing.

State testing regulations prohibit cell phones in testing sites. Therefore, all student cell phones will be collected by proctors upon entering the test rooms and returned upon exiting the rooms at the conclusion of the test. Failure to comply will result in a student's test being voided.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor or the Test Coordinator, Traci Grauer.

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Spring Concert – Thursday, May 20

The Music Department will present its annual Spring Concert on Thursday, May 20. The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. and take place in the MHS Ina Schlein Auditorium. The band, the orchestra, and all choral groups are scheduled to perform. All parents, students, and friends of MHS are invited to attend.

End of Course Algebra I Testing – Monday, May 24, 2010

All students enrolled in Algebra I are required to take the New Jersey End of Course (EOC) Algebra Test on Monday, May 24. For optimum test-taking conditions, the EOC Algebra I Test will be administered in separate rooms on the second floor. All students will be expected to report to test rooms at **8:30am** on that day. The testing will begin at 8:45am and conclude by 11:00am. Make-up day for the test will be held on Thursday, May 27.

Calculators are permitted on part of the test and, therefore, it is recommended that students bring their own calculator with them on the day of the test. School calculators will be available for student use.

State testing regulations prohibit cell phones in testing sites. Therefore, all student cell phones will be collected by proctors upon entering the test rooms and returned upon exiting the rooms at the conclusion of the test. Failure to comply will result in a student's test being voided.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor, the Test Coordinator, Traci Grauer, or the Math Supervisor, Joann Zebrowski.

Genesis

In our ongoing effort to strengthen home/school communication, we would like to remind all parents about Genesis. Genesis is a system which will allow you to access your student's grades, attendance, and other important information online. It is designed to be a supplemental way for busy families to track ongoing student progress. Web access to the parent Module is secure. Access is set up for individual families only, and families will have access solely to the record(s) of their children. Please keep your login information confidential.

If you have not already done so, you may register for the Parent Module by sending an email to metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us. The email address that you use to request access will become your username to login to the Parent Module so please be sure to choose the email address that you wish to become your permanent electronic address. Once you are registered in our system, you will receive, via email, instructions and a

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password. You will have the ability to change your password once you are in the Parent Module.

To register, please send an email to metuchendata@metboe.k12.nus.us. You must provide the following information in the text of that email:

*In the subject line: fill in “**Parent Module Registration**”

*In the body of the email, please provide the following:

Parent(s) Guardian(s) first name, last name

Student(s), first name, last name

Grade level of student(s)

Metuchen High School

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Parent Module, please email us at metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us. If you do not have an email address, free email can be obtained through www. Yahoo.com or <http://gmail.google.com>.

Music 4 Motion – Friday, May 14, 2010

Music for Motion, a fundraiser concert to help the Marching Band will be held on Friday, May 14, at 7:00pm in the Metuchen High School. Tickets are \$2.00 for Band and Guard Students, \$5.00 All Other Students, and \$7.00 for Adults. The concert will feature MHS Bands as well as Tom Brislin from *Spiraling*.

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Reminder #1 – Reality Check #2 will be held the evening of April 29 at 7:30pm in the MHS Media Center. The invited speakers are: Laura Callahan from the Middlesex County Prosecutor’s Office. She will address Cyber bullying and the latest laws, Internet Safety, and Gang Awareness. The second invited speaker is Jennifer Gibbs, a Rutgers University professor of Communications. She will speak about the changes in social networking sites (MySpace, Facebook) and other pertinent topics. All parents and students are invited to attend.

Reminder # 2 - The next PTO meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 3. It will take place in the MHS Library and start at 7:30 p.m.

Reminder # 3- Seniors - The application deadline for all scholarships is Monday, May 17th. Information pertaining to local scholarships will be distributed to seniors at an assembly in the auditorium on Monday, April 19th, period 3. If your child does not bring the package home, additional packages will be available in the Guidance Office, or online on the Guidance Department homepage after the assembly.

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Reminder # 4 - School will be closed Friday, May 28 and Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

Reminder # 5 – Please note that Wednesday, June 23, is now the last day of school due to the use of an inclement weather day on February 26. However, graduation exercises will still take place on Tuesday, June 22, at 6:00pm.