

# **METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL**

**April 2010**



**TO: All Parents/Guardians**

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The Office of the Acting Principal**

## **Inclement Weather Day Make-up**

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.

## **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 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.

## **Senior Scholarship Information**

Information pertaining to local scholarships will be distributed to seniors at an assembly in the auditorium on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 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. The application deadline for all scholarships is Monday, May 17th.

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### **Special Senior Exemption from Final Examinations**

Parents of senior students are reminded that seniors are exempt from final examinations under certain circumstances. Only seniors who are enrolled in an Advanced Placement course **and** take the Advanced Placement Exam in May **and** have all A's (A+, A, A-) for the four marking cycles and the mid-year examination are exempt from taking the senior final examination in that course in June. However, seniors who are exempt do have the option to take the exam.

### **College Board Services for Students with Disabilities**

The College Board is committed to serving students with disabilities by providing services and test accommodations appropriate to the student's disability. Students who receive test accommodations on school-based tests and have the required documentation in place are eligible to apply for test accommodations for the PSAT/NMSQT, the SAT, and the AP exams. If your child is planning to take any of the above tests during the 2009-10 school year, it is strongly recommended that you complete the eligibility form in the spring. These forms are available in the special services office. If you have any questions, please contact the MHS Child Study Team at 732-321-8749.

### **Parent and Student Seminars**

The high school is sponsoring two seminars in the month of April. The first one will be held on April 21 and is entitled Reality Check #1. The topic of the seminar is PRESCRIPTION DRUG ABUSE – THE NEW DANGER. We have scheduled two guest speakers who will cover this important topic in detail. The seminar will be held in the MHS Media Center at 7:30pm. 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.

### **Senior Seminar**

On April 13, the seniors will participate in a morning workshop called Senior Seminar. After a bagel breakfast, students will hear keynote speaker, Dr. Rob Gilbert, a Montclair State University professor and motivational speaker. They will attend three breakout sessions: *How Money Works*, *From Mischief to Misdemeanor*, and *Success and You*.

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### **Game of Life**

The Game of Life will be held at MHS on April 20. This is an interactive health fair and this year, we have added a career component. Students receive a “problem scenario” and are asked to solve it. Agencies from Middlesex County are located in the gymnasium and are the informational resources. In addition, agency representatives will be discussing their educational backgrounds, what their industry is like, and future employment opportunities. Feedback will be collected at the end of each class period for future planning.

### **D.R.I.V.E. Program**

On April 22, MHS students will complete the D.R.I.V.E. Program that originally started in October and was postponed due to rain. D.R.I.V.E. stands for Driver Response Impaired Vision Exercise and is run by Middlesex County. Students wear “Fatal vision” goggles (drunk-driving simulation) and experience how difficult it is to control a vehicle. Golf carts are used in the simulation. All MHS students age 16 and up in Physical Education/Health classes 5C, 6, and 7 will participate.

### **Music Department Ensemble Night**

The Metuchen High School Music Department will hold its annual “Ensemble Night” on Thursday, April 22, 2010, at 7:00pm. This evening of desserts and musical entertainment will feature the music students in small groups. You will hear string, wind, and percussion ensembles as well as the Jazz Band. Please join us for this popular event!

**Reminder #1** - 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 # 2** - End of Third Marking Cycle – Friday, April 9

**Reminder # 3**-Art Honor Society Induction Ceremony/Arts Festival–Thursday, April 15