

# **METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL**

**May 11, 2010**



**TO: All Parents/Guardians**

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

Since the Junior-Senior Prom (May 27) and Graduation (June 22) are near, I urge all parents to join us in supporting celebrations that are free of alcohol and drugs. To that end, the High School again will cooperate with the **Middlesex County Driving While Intoxicated Task Force** during prom weekend and on graduation night. I have attached letters from County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan to all students concerning the DWI Task Force's Checkpoint system and to all parents concerning drinking and driving. Also attached is information from the National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse (NCADD) of Middlesex County for all parents concerning parties and substance abuse.

In addition, the High School Substance Abuse Coordinator (Judi Cheung) will sponsor a SAV-A-LIFE assembly program on Wednesday, May 26, for all students attending the prom. The program includes an interactive driving-while-intoxicated simulator that will be used by sophomores, juniors, and seniors. This day-long event will be held in the gymnasium for all physical education and health education classes. If you would like additional information about this program, visit the website: <http://www.savealifetour.com>.

As parents, you can do your part by not condoning parties or celebrations where alcohol and/or drugs are present. Also, be advised that you do have legal responsibility and civil

liability if alcohol and/or drugs are consumed by high school students in your home or on your premises. Do not allow your children to attend parties that are not properly supervised by parents or other responsible adults.

Please note that **Project Graduation**, the alcohol-free and drug-free graduation party for seniors (sponsored by senior parents), will be held again this year. All seniors will be bused to and from the affair. Specific details will be provided prior to the party.

Let's all work together to keep May and June, especially prom weekend and graduation night, a happy, safe and sober memory.

If you have any questions concerning the prom, graduation night, and/or substance abuse, please call Acting Vice Principal, Susan La Fauci, or me for clarification. We will be happy to discuss the above with you (732-321-8744). Thank you for your cooperation in such an important matter.