

**METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**November/December 2009**



**TO: All Parents/Guardians**

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

**Fall Season Athletic Awards – Wednesday, December 2**

The Athletic Department and its director John Cathcart will sponsor an awards night for fall sports on Wednesday, December 2. The program will be held in the gymnasium and start at 7:00 p.m. Athletic awards will be presented to those students who participated in cheerleading, cross-country, field hockey, football, soccer, and tennis

**Winter Holiday Concert – Sunday, December 20**

The Music Department invites all parents/guardians, students, and friends of MHS to enjoy an afternoon of seasonal music at the annual Winter Holiday Concert. The program will start at 2:00 p.m. Instrumental and choral performances will be presented by the MHS orchestra, stage band, concert choir, and choral club.

**Senior Athletes – NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse**

NCAA ELIGIBILITY CENTER: NEW REGISTRATION WEBSITE FOR COLLEGE BOUND STUDENT ATHLETES

Student athletes planning to enroll in college for the Fall of 2010 should register and enroll at a new web address at [www.eligibilitycenter.org](http://www.eligibilitycenter.org) . Student athletes who previously registered are required to log into their existing account at [www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net) to verify the email address of their account and select a new password. Information from the prior account will carry over to the new account automatically at that time. Once account information is updated, all information will be accessed and maintained at [www.eligibilitycenter.com](http://www.eligibilitycenter.com) and the old web site will no longer be needed. Transcript Release forms will no longer be required at the Eligibility Center and will be handled by the high school. If you have any questions, or need assistance, please call Mrs. DeLuca at 732-321-8750.

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## **Student Attendance – A Reminder**

Please review the below-listed student attendance procedures and information:

- Call the Main Office (732-321-8743), the Attendance Office (x8500), or the Nurse's Office (x8747) on the morning of the absence. If a phone call is not received, your child's absence will be considered "unexcused" and he/she will be considered truant. An excused absence is defined as illness/injury, religious holidays as designated by the state, death in the family, extreme emergencies, quarantine, or authorization by school officials (court appearances, driving test, college visits, etc.). Please note that documentation may be required.
- Call any of the above numbers when your child is tardy to school. Running late and/or oversleeping are not considered excused tardies.
- Call any of the above numbers or submit a written note one day in advance to request an early dismissal. The morning of the early dismissal the office staff will give your child a written pass that will allow them to leave class.

If there are ongoing health problems or personal matters that are causing frequent absences or tardies, please contact Acting Vice Principal Susan La Fauci, your child's guidance counselor, or the nurse to discuss the matter.

**Reminder #1**—Guidance Department Financial Aid Workshop—Thursday, December 3, in the **Auditorium** at 7:00 p.m.

**Reminder #2**—the next PTO Meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, January 4. All parents/guardians are invited to attend. The meeting will take place in the MHS Library and begin at 7:30 p.m.

**Reminder #3**—the Student Council Snow Ball Dance will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 7:30pm. If students are bringing guests who do not attend Metuchen High School, they must see Ms. La Fauci, Acting Vice Principal.

**Reminder #4** – There will be a 1:00pm dismissal on Wednesday, December 23 and schools will be closed from Thursday, December 24 through Friday, January 1, 2010 for Winter Break.