

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL
Mailing to all Parents/Guardians
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From the Office of the Acting Principal
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Cellular Phones and Electronic Devices

The use of cell phones during school hours is strictly prohibited in any context unless specifically authorized by the administration. The ringing or vibrating of cell phones as well as the picture-taking and text-messaging capabilities are disruptive to the learning process and may result in harassment and cheating. To ensure an appropriate academic environment, staff members will confiscate cell phones when they are seen or heard (including the vibrate setting). As always, parents may contact their children via the main office and the MHS administration will assist any student in contacting a parent in an emergency.

Confiscated phones will be held for three full school days, or if preferred, the phone will be handed over to a parent sooner. Repeat offenders may be subject to disciplinary action. A student refusing to hand over a phone to a staff member will face more severe consequences for the insubordination. The same policy will apply to other electronic devices, such as iPods.

Smoking on School Grounds – An Appeal to Adults

Board of Education policy prohibits smoking in the building and on school grounds. All students are aware of this policy and the vast majority cooperate fully. Those few students who do not are punished consistently. As in past years, we are appealing to the adult community to help us keep the newly renovated MHS a totally smoke-free environment. Parents and other adults who attend school-sponsored events are asked not to smoke on the MHS playing (athletic) fields or outside the building during such activities as sports contests or practices, concerts, plays, awards nights, board of education meetings, or other functions. To help remind the public, no smoking signs have been posted outside the main entrance. Please cooperate with us in this joint effort.

Letter from the School Nurse

Enclosed is a letter from MHS nurse Maureen Kazelesky concerning the scoliosis screening program. Please take the time to read this important communication; if appropriate, respond as soon as possible.

PSAT/NMSQT & SAT-I/SAT-II Information

Enclosed is a memo from the Guidance Department detailing PSAT/NMSQT and/or SAT-I/SAT-II information for students in grades 10-12.

Season Passes for Athletic Events

The Athletic Department is offering separate season passes for the fall (football) and winter (basketball and wrestling). The cost of each pass is \$25 and it includes a guest. Interested parties can contact Athletic Director John Cathcart at 732-321-8755 or the Main Office at 732-321-8744.

PTO Brownie Barrel/Metuchen Country Fair – Saturday, October 3

The High School PTO will again sponsor its “Brownie Barrel” at the Metuchen Country Fair on Saturday, October 3. The PTO is respectfully requesting that each family bake a batch of brownies or make a donation. Brownies should be individually wrapped (health regulation) and brought to the Main Office by Friday, October 2 (or brought to the booth the day of the fair).

Grade 9 Progress Reports and Interim Notices – Wednesday, October 7

Please note that Progress Reports/Interim Notices for students in Grade 9 and Interim Notices only for Grades 10-12 will be mailed home on or about October 7. The ninth grade report informs you of the current academic status of your child as of the first 4½ weeks of school. If you have any questions concerning the Progress Report or Interim Notices, contact your child’s guidance counselor.