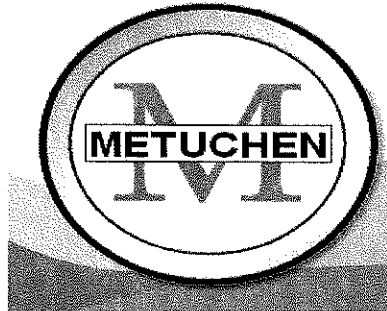


METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

April 2011



TO: All Parents/Guardians

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

MHS Ensemble Night – THURSDAY, March 31

The MHS Music Department is performing its ever popular "Ensemble Night" on March 31, 2011 at 7 p.m. beginning in the cafeteria. This evening features our student performers in small groups in a more intimate setting than our formal concerts. The students will play and sing a variety of music from many genres in duets, trios, quartets, quintets, etc. The second part of the program will feature the Winter Guard and Percussion Ensembles in performance. The evening ends with a Jazz Ensemble performance in the auditorium. You won't want to miss this exciting evening.

Project Graduation 2011 Memory DVD

Senior Parents and students -- In order to put together this wonderful Memory DVD we need your help! Please submit your photos as soon as possible, as per the attached instructions, so that your senior can be a part of this great project and let's make this the best Memory DVD possible! All pictures need to be submitted by April 29. Sincerely,
The Project Graduation 2011 committee

Genesis Parent Module

In an effort to reduce costs and become a "green" district, beginning with the 2011-2012 school year we will no longer be mailing interims or report cards. These can be accessed in our Genesis Parent Module. If you do not already have a parent account in genesis, please send an email to metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us with your name, and your child's name and grade. The email you send the request from will be your login. If you have any questions, please call the guidance office at 732-321-8750.

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Naviance Family Connection Reminder

Please be reminded that communication by the Guidance Department is conducted through the use of Naviance Family Connection resources. If you need assistance to register please call 732-321-8750. Seniors, please review the scholarship postings on Naviance Family Connection weekly (use scholarship tab).

SAT and ACT Test Dates

The SAT is being offered at Metuchen High School on May 7. The regular registration deadline is April 8th. The ACT test date at Metuchen High School is April 9th, registration deadline, March 4th. For more information and to register please visit their websites at www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org. If you have any questions, please call the Guidance office at (732) 321-8750.

Interdisciplinary Project Fundraiser

Metuchen High School students in the classes of Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Stanski, and Dr. Kamin are currently working on an interdisciplinary project with regard to poverty throughout the world. The unit will include a study of international footwear, breads, and cultures, culminating in a display at the Metuchen High School Arts Festival on April 14. Students will be collecting sandals, sneakers, and shoes for the needy, from March 4 through April 8. Donation boxes for the footwear will be available at Metuchen High School.

Teacher Recognition Program 2010-2011

Please see attached flyer for additional information regarding the Teacher Recognition Program. All Nominations must be returned to the school by Friday, April 8, 2011. Please submit only one nomination. Thank you.

Dine Downtown

Please see attached flyer for information regarding Metuchen High School PTO "Dine Downtown"—March 28 – March 31. Please note this is a new flyer including Tooty Burner & Salad.

Meet The Candidates Night

Meet the Candidate's Night will be held at the high school on Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00pm. Please see attached flyer for additional information.

Parent Communication Survey

Please see the attached letter from Mrs. Pollifrone-Sinatra, Superintendent of Schools, in regards to a parent survey.

National Take-Back Day

The second National Take-Back Day will be held on Saturday, April 30. Please see the attached sheet for additional information.

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MHS Summer SAT Prep Class

SAT Prep Class will be offered again at the high school on August 1 – 5, 2011. Mrs. Grauer has 14 years experience teaching and tutoring SAT Prep. Mr. Stevens has taught this course the last two years, he has taught math at the high school for 12 years and has worked at the College Board writing SAT questions. Please see attached for additional information.

Senior Sports Award Night

Senior Sports Award Night will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at the Colonia Country Club. Please see the attached flyer in regards to donating to the scholarship fund or taking an ad in the Senior Sports Award Journal.

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Reminder #1— Third Marking Cycle is Thursday, March 31. Report Cards will be mailed out around April 6

Reminder # 2 – Student Council Dance will be held on Friday, April 1 at 7:00pm in the high school gymnasium.

March 28, 2011

Dear Metuchen High School Seniors and Parents,

Project Graduation is 86 days from today! Part of the excitement for the evening will be the traditional photo **MEMORY DVD**.

Here is what all of us (parents of seniors and seniors) need to do to make sure we get the best Memory DVD possible:

**PROJECT GRADUATION 2011
MEMORY DVD**

- Find pictures of individuals or groups of students **from the Class of 2011** including pictures from elementary, middle, and high school days.
- The pictures may also include parties and just hanging out, prom, winter formal...
- **Please no photos of your senior with Uncle Harry at Yellowstone.**
- Pictures of teachers and/or class pictures from elementary and middle school days are good to include.

Option 1:

- **Put the photos in an envelope, clearly labeled:**

Project Graduation Photos

(Your Name and Phone Number)

Attn: Lisa Freed

- **And give them to Kathy Mallory at the High School**

We will scan the photos and return them to you.

Option 2:

If you can, follow the instructions below. Please scan and upload photos to the website.

<http://gallery.me.com/garyfreed/100160>

Username: project

Password: graduation

Rules:

- Any photos of your child from birth to present. Photos of your child only or with other students, preferably seniors. No photos with Uncle Harry at Yellowstone. (If the photo has other children in it, make sure the other parents have no objection to their child's photograph being used)
- ****IMPORTANT** When you upload the photos make sure your child's name, and approximate date of photo, are in the file name (i.e. JakeFreed2003a.jpg, JakeFreed2003b.jpg...)**
- **I don't know who your child is at 3 years old. So if the photo is not properly labeled I can't use it.**
 - Please add photos as **jpeg** images.
 - **If you are scanning 4x6 photos please scan at 300 dpi.**
 - **If you are scanning 8x10 photos scan at 150 dpi.**
- Make sure the **scanner glass is clean** and the **photos are clean**. Dust is the devil.
- Please only add photos that you own the copyright to. Do not upload photos done by a professional photographer unless the photographer gives you permission **in writing**.
- **Video** – You may upload short video clips, up to 10 seconds in length. I don't care what format you use. Just make sure the video is good quality.

- The montage will be distributed to students. If there are photos that you do not want posted on the Internet, do not upload them.
- If there are any photos that you find objectionable please e-mail me as soon as possible.
- Please start uploading photos today if you can. Don't wait until the last minute!

Thanks,

Gary Freed

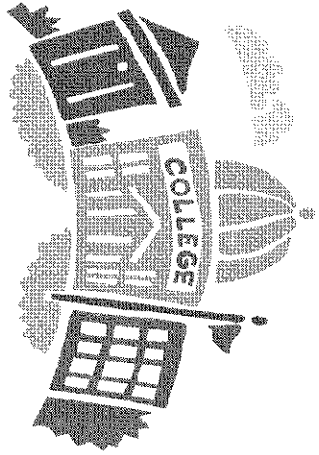
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****We need all pictures submitted by April 29th, 2011*****

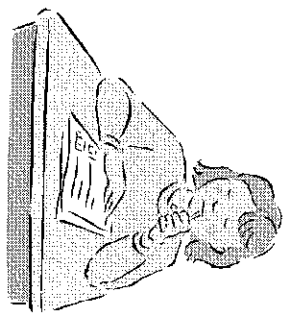
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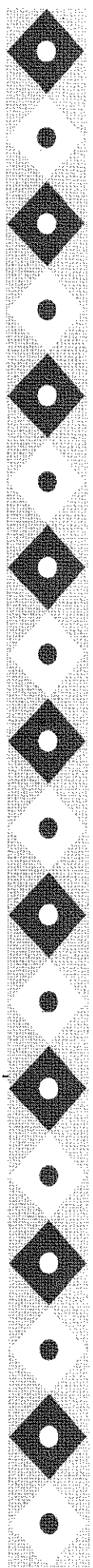
Get help to reach your goal!



Contact:
Mrs. Traci Grauer
Metuchen High School
400 Grove Ave.
Metuchen, NJ 08840
732-321-8751

MHS
Summer
SAT PREP
Class





SAT PREP

WHAT:

The SAT is a strategy-based reasoning test that is different from traditional classroom tests. In a one-week intensive course, we will teach you how to tackle the SAT through strategies and "short-cut" pointers.

WHEN:

August 1—5, 2011
Math, 9—11 a.m.
Critical Reading, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WHERE:

MHS Library

WHO:

Offered by Traci Grauer and Jonathan Stevens. Mrs. Grauer has fourteen years experience teaching and tutoring SAT Prep. Mr. Stevens taught this course the last two years, he has taught math at MHS for twelve years, and has worked at the College Board writing SAT questions.

COST:

\$250 for both Math and Critical Reading
\$175 for either Math or Critical Reading
This includes a \$25 non-refundable registration fee.

REGISTER:

Seats are limited. Applications will be processed on a first come, first served basis. Money will be refunded in full if withdrawal occurs before June 15. Half of the tuition will be refunded between June 15 and August 1. No refund will be given after August 1.

Mrs. Grauer can answer questions at
732-321-8751 until June 25.
You may e-mail the teachers at:
TGrauer@MetuchenHigh.org
JStevens@MetuchenHigh.org

SUMMER SAT PREP CLASS

I would like to register for both Critical Reading and Math

I would like to register for Critical Reading only

I would like to register for Math only

Student Name

Parent Name

Parent Signature

Please cut off this portion and return with payment.
Checks should be payable to Metuchen High School. Send to:
Mrs. Traci Grauer
Metuchen High School
400 Grove Ave.
Metuchen, NJ 08840



Metuchen Public Schools
Office of the Director of Curriculum
16 Simpson Place
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Phone: 732-321-8700 ext. 1026

Fax: 732-321-6567

March 2011

Our school will be participating this year in the **Teacher Recognition Program**. One educator from each school in our district will be selected to be honored for his or her excellence in May 2011.

Nominees may be either a teacher or an educational services professional. Educational services professionals include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate Educational Media Specialist• Athletic Trainer• Director of Student Personnel Services• Educational Media Specialist | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant• Professional Librarian• Reading Specialist• School Nurse• School Psychologist• School Social Worker | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Speech-Language Specialist• Student Personnel Services• Substance Awareness Coordinator |
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If you would like to nominate a teacher or educational services professional on our staff for this honor, please fill out the form on the reverse of this page and submit it to the principal of your school.

******* ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL *******
BY FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2011

Please submit only one nomination and respect the deadline. Thank you.

Metuchen Public Schools
Teacher Recognition Program 2010-2011

Criteria for Selection of Teachers

- Hold an instructional certificate;
- Use effective, innovative instructional strategies;
- Increase student achievement of the *New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards* in a student-centered learning environment;
- Utilize educational technology in an effective and efficient manner;
- Establish a positive classroom climate and rapport with all students;
- Contribute to quality professional development in their district; and
- Develop feelings of self-worth and a love of learning in all students

Criteria for Selection of Educational Services Professionals:

- Hold an educational services professional certificate;
- Interact positively with students, staff and parents while functioning as a frontline advocate for the student between home and school;
- Foster an appropriate environment for learning and explore creative alternatives to enable all students to achieve to their fullest potential;
- Support student achievement of the *New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards* by addressing the educational, social and emotional needs of all students;
- Contribute to quality professional development in their district; and
- Interact with students in ways that demonstrate professionalism while retaining respect, humor, compassion and concern for the whole child

District Criterion:

- Contributions to the school within the past two years through significant activities beyond their own classroom

***** **ALL NOMINATIONS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30** *****

School: _____ Nominee: _____

Nominated by: _____

Who is (a): ___ Parent/Guardian ___ Teacher ___ Self ___ Student

Please write one or two sentences describing your nominee's special contribution to the school

Metuchen High School PTO
Dine Downtown

March 28 – 31



**ANTONIO'S BRICK OVEN
BREWED AWAKENING
BULLDOG DELI
BUON APPETITO
HAILEY'S HARP & PUB
JOEY D'S PIZZERIA
LAROSA PIZZERIA
MAIN STREET TRATTORIA
MEIYING'S RESTAURANT
MIM'S
NEW AMBOY DELI
TOOLY BURGER & SALAD (new addition) *
NOVITA BISTRO & LOUNGE
WHAT'S THE SCOOP**

*since this is a new addition, please mention MHS when ordering

Bring this flyer to the above restaurants,
And they will donate 10% of your bill to
Metuchen High School PTO

For more information contact Lisa Freed lafreed@yahoo.com



Metuchen Parent Teacher Council presents...

Meet the Candidates Night

Wednesday, April 5th, at 7:00pm

Please join us in the Metuchen High School Cafeteria to meet the candidates running for the **Board Of Education**:

Dan E. Benderly

Mark Camera

Arthur M. Flaherty, Sr.

Jacqueline J. "Jackie" Gibson

The evening will be aired live on MEtv. Additional viewings will be provided on MEtv up until the election.

All Metuchen residents are invited to attend this question and answer session.

Please plan to arrive a few minutes early if you would like to submit questions to the candidates.

Remember to vote!

Board of Education Election is Wednesday, April 27th, 2011

Polls are open 2pm to 9pm

METUCHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Office of the Superintendent
16 Simpson Place
Metuchen, New Jersey 08840

Theresa J. Pollifrone-Sinatra
Superintendent

Phone: (732) 321-8700
Ext. 1016
Fax: (732) 321-6567

March 21, 2010

To all parents/guardians of Metuchen students:

Long term academic success comes from many small victories like completing homework or studying for a test. It all starts with good communication between the school, students and parents. As we move away from postal mailings and toward web postings, we want to guarantee that our focus on improving student learning does not diminish. The Metuchen School District would like your help during this transitional time.

We are conducting a survey about paperless communication with parents and staff. Your responses will be used to make key decisions regarding mailings, electronic communication methods, timing, availability, placement, etc. Our focus is to improve home-school communications and to foster a stronger, closer working relationship with parents. This survey should take about 5 minutes of your time. Your answers will be completely anonymous. Please click on the link below to begin the survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/metuchenparentsurvey>

Thank you for your assistance with this very important project.

Sincerely,

Theresa J. Pollifrone-Sinatra

Theresa J. Pollifrone- Sinatra
Superintendent of Schools

SAVE THIS DATE: 2nd NATIONAL TAKE-BACK DAY, Saturday, April 30, 2011

Dear Metuchen Community Members,

Prescription drug abuse is a significant public health issue in our country. Because they are legal, prescription drugs are easily accessible and often kept in the medicine cabinet long after they are needed, making them readily available to people who might misuse or abuse them. A recent study found that people who reported non-medical use of prescription drugs within the past year, 70% got them the most recent time they used from a friend or relative.

One way to reduce the accessibility of prescription drugs is to properly dispose of them in a safe and environmentally friendly manner. Building on the tremendous success of the September 25, 2010 National take-Back Day, the Office of National Drug Control Policy is partnering with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and others, to hold a second National Take-Back Day on Saturday, APRIL 30, 2011 from 10am to 2pm. At this event, DEA and the local partners will collect potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs for destruction. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

For more information, go to the link below:

www.dea diversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html

By making this a success, we can all make a positive impact to reduce drug use and its consequences in our community.

Sincerely,

Judi Cheung

Metuchen Public Schools

Student Assistance Coordinator

Metuchen High School Booster Club

400 Grove Ave. Metuchen, New Jersey 08840

Home of the Bulldogs



Ann Murphy
Booster Club President
Ann.Murphy@wakefern.com

Celebrate MHS Senior Student Athletes

The Metuchen High School Booster Club in conjunction with the MHS Athletic Dept., and the YMCA of Metuchen/Edison is sponsoring this years Senior Sports Awards Night. The Senior Sports Awards Night will be held at the Colonia Golf & country Club on Tuesday, June 7th, 2011

Each year, the MHS Booster Club awards 6-8 Student Athletes with Scholarships.

We are hoping you will support our efforts by donating to the Scholarship fund or by taking an ad in the Senior Sports Awards Journal.

Yes, I would like to donate to the MHS Booster Club Scholarship Fund.

_____ \$ _____
Name Amount

Full Page Ad	\$75.00
Half Page Ad	\$50.00
¼ Page Ad/business card	\$25.00
Booster Line	\$ 5.00

Yes, I would like to take an ad in the MHS Senior Sports Awards Journal

_____ \$ _____
(choose full, half, 1/4 page)

(Booster Line)

Please mail this form by May 20, 2011 with your check made out to the
Metuchen Booster Club to
Metuchen High School / Metuchen Booster Club
400 Grove Ave. Metuchen, NJ 08840

Please include business card or ad copy with your journal entry. Or,
email ad copy in pdf or jpg format to jacem17@msn.com. Deadline is May
20, 2011!

Any questions, please contact Ann Murphy at 732-233-2435.

"It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."