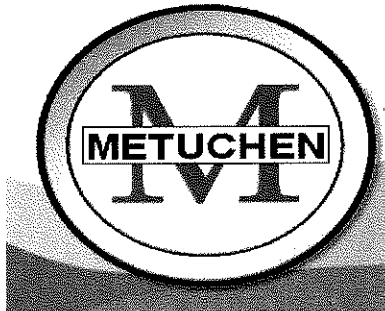


METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL
December 2010/January 2011



TO: All Parents/Guardians

From: Bruce J. Peragallo
The Office of the Principal

Winter Recess

There will be a 1:00pm dismissal on Thursday, December 23 and schools will be closed from Friday, December 24 through Friday, December 31, 2010 for Winter Break. Wishing everyone a happy, safe and healthy winter recess!

New MHS Library Hours Beginning January 3, 2011

Starting January 3, the MHS Library will have new hours. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, the library will be open to students between 7:30am and 3:00 pm. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the library will open later, at 8:15am, and stay open until 3:45pm.

Monday, January 17, 2011 – No School

There will be no school on Monday, January 17 due to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Day.

End of Second Marking Cycle – Thursday, January 18

Please note that the second marking cycle will end on Tuesday, January 18. Keep in mind that mid-term examinations will follow immediately. They are scheduled from Wednesday, January 19 – Tuesday, January 25. Additional information specific to Mid-Term Exam schedules will be sent in a separate mailing. Please take the time to review those materials carefully. Report cards will be mailed on or about January 28.

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Scheduling for 2011-12

The Guidance Department will begin meeting with students for course selections for the 2011-12 school year during the months of February and March. A notice concerning your child's scheduling appointment will be mailed to you in the near future. The Program of Studies Booklet can be viewed online on the Guidance website at <http://www.metuchenschools.org/mhs/Guidance/>. Remember, course selection decisions are extremely important and should be made as a joint effort between students, parents, and school personnel. If you have any questions concerning procedures and/or specific courses, please call the Guidance Department at (732) 321-8750.

Inclement Weather Days – An Appeal to Parents/Guardians

On days when school is in session and the weather becomes somewhat inclement, please refrain from calling the office to release your children prior to dismissal. We are asking for your cooperation in this area in an effort to discourage students from calling home because "everyone is leaving." The above is not true and regular classes are taught until the end of the day. If you truly believe that your child should have an early dismissal because of the weather conditions, please come to the Main Office and request his/her release. In the event of an early dismissal due to weather, it will be posted on the website and a Honeywell Alert will be sent to you as well.

2011 Governor's School Applications

During the month of December, Kathleen Henn (Supervisor of Science and Gifted Education) will meet with juniors who are eligible to apply to the Governor's School Programs for the summer of 2011. This year, there are two Governor's Schools in New Jersey, each of which runs for between three and four weeks during the summer. They are: The Governor's School in the Sciences at Drew University (July 10-30, 2011) and the Governor's School of Engineering and Technology at Rutgers University (June 26-July 22, 2011). These programs are offered at no cost to selected students. Metuchen High School may nominate one student to apply for each school. The final selection is highly competitive, with students generally meeting the following criteria: 1) mostly A's in math and science courses, 2) top 5% of their class, 3) above 90th percentile on standardized testing and 4) a strong commitment to the Governor's School program demonstrated in the application, including essays and recommendations. An informational letter has been sent to qualified candidates. If you have a son or daughter in the current junior class who qualifies and you would like more information about these programs, please call Kathleen Henn at (732) 321 8744 x 3410. Information is also available at www.nj.gov/govschool.

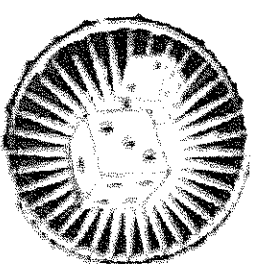
PTO / Metuchen Public Schools Fundraiser - Casino Night

Casino Night will be held on Friday, January 28, 2011 from 7:30pm to 11:30pm. Please see flyer attached for additional information.

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Reminder #1—the next PTO Meeting is scheduled for Monday evening, January 10. All parents/guardians are invited to attend. The meeting will take place in the MHS Library and begin at 7:30 p.m.

CASINO NIGHT



Be a part of Metuchen Public Schools Most Exciting Fundraiser of the Year!

This event contributed over \$16,000 to the Metuchen School District PTO's last year.

These funds were used to purchase:

MHS -Art Display Boards	Edgar- Digital Projectors
Campbell- Smart Boards	Moss- Cultural Arts Assemblies

Each school's PTO also offers mini-grants to each teacher.

All of this would not be possible without you!

Here is how you can help...

- **ATTEND this very fun Event!** Consider a night out with your significant other, or a Girls / Guys Night Out
- **SPONSOR the Event!** Your company or organization's advertisement will be published in our AD Journal in addition to being displayed on gaming tables and projected on a large screen throughout the evening.
- **DONATE A PRIZE...** All chips will be converted to tickets for a chance to win BIG Valuable Prizes!
- **HELP SELL RAFFLE TICKETS**, or purchase tickets for the 50/50. If all Tickets are sold, the 3 winners will receive \$3750, \$2250 and \$1500 respectively. Contact Dawn Valovcin at valovcin@optonline.net or

Carolyn Taylor at carolynytaylor@optonline.net

Metuchen PT Council Presents...
The 4th Annual

Casino Night

Treat yourself to a night out and support
The Metuchen Schools!

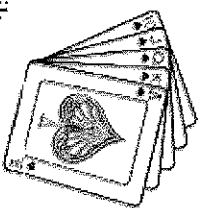
Friday, January 28, 2011
7:30pm to 11:30pm

Enjoy an evening of exciting Casino
Entertainment and delicious gourmet food
at the sophisticated Heldrich Hotel in
New Brunswick. A professional Casino Company
will provide games such as Roulette, Black Jack,
Craps, and Texas Hold'em.

At the end of the evening, your chips will be
converted to tickets to enter in a drawing for
Fabulous PRIZES!

Your Ticket Includes:

- Entry to the Ballroom at The Heldrich
 - Assorted delicious Hors D'Oeuvres
 - Pasta Station
 - Carving Station
 - Antipasta and Vegetable Crudite
 - Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Soda
 - \$25 in chips to play Casino games.
- Cash Bar will be available.



Questions? Email:

metuchencasinonight@yahoo.com

TABLE SPONSOR OPPORTUNITIES

AD JOURNAL

Royal Flush \$500 dedicated page
Straight Flush \$250 half page
Full House \$125 business card size

All Table Sponsor Advertisements will be prominently
displayed on gaming tables and projected on a large screen
throughout the evening, highlighting level of support.

You will be contacted to make arrangements for your ad.

DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Flush \$75
Straight \$50
Other amount \$ _____

Services

"Big Ticket" items for prizes such as Tickets, IPOD,
TV, Vacation home, etc. _____

To arrange for pick-up of a donation before 12/31,
please email metuchencasinonight@yahoo.com
All donations will be listed in our event program.

To Sponsor or send a donation, please include it with the
information completed below to:

Metuchen PT Council Attn: Casino Night,
Metuchen Board of Education,
16 Simpson Place, Metuchen NJ 08840

Company Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please note: All sponsorships and donations are greatly
appreciated and are 100% tax deductible.
Our tax ID number can be provided upon request.

RESERVATION FORM

Make checks payable to: Metuchen PT Council.

Return Reservation Form and Payment by
December 3, 2010 and be entered in a
drawing for a FREE overnight room at
The Heldrich the night of the event!
There will be 3 lucky winners!
Drawing will be held on December 6th at
the PT Council Meeting.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Reserve _____ tickets at \$75 / person
Must be 18 or older to attend.

Please return form and payment to:

Your child's homeroom teacher, or mail to:

Metuchen PT Council Attn: Casino Night

Metuchen Board of Education

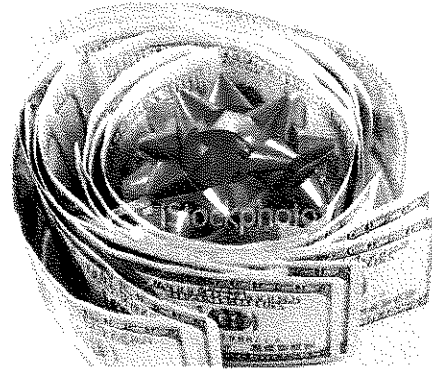
16 Simpson Place

Metuchen, NJ 08840

Confirmation will be emailed once payment is received.

Interested in staying Overnight? Rooms are
available at a special discounted rate of \$79
including breakfast for two. Please go to
www.theheldrich.com and enter attendee
code 126391 to make reservations.

Thank you for Supporting our Schools!



The Perfect Holiday Gift !!!!

Help your school and win some money!!!

PT Council is selling \$10 raffle tickets

If all tickets are sold, prizes will be:

1st prize (25%) \$3,750

2nd prize (15%) \$2,250

3rd prize (10%) \$1,500

Drawing will be held at Casino Night January 28, 2011

****Winners do not need to be present****

???'s Dawn 549-7887 valovcin@optonline.net or Carolyn 754-1905 carolyntaylor@optonline.net

Please return form and payment to your child's school or mail to:

Metuchen PT Council Attn: Raffle Tickets

Metuchen Board of Education, 16 Simpson Place, Metuchen NJ 08840

Name _____

Address _____

Phone number _____

School _____ Homeroom _____

of Tickets _____ at \$10 each Make checks payable to Metuchen PT Council