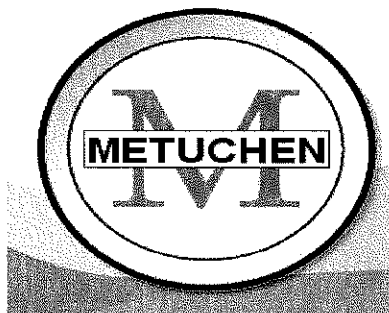


METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL
March 2011



TO: All Parents/Guardians

From: Bruce J. Peragallo
The Office of the Principal

Grade 11 High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) – March 1, 2, and 3

All parents/guardians of students in Grade 11 are reminded that the High School Proficiency Assessment (HSPA) will be administered on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 1, 2, and 3. The HSPA is a three-part test that measures language arts literacy (reading and writing) and mathematical proficiencies. Please be aware that passing all sections of the HSPA is part of the state-mandated graduation requirements for all students.

As parents/guardians, you can help during the week of the testing by making certain that your child rests properly each night, is not distracted at home, and arrives for school by **7:50 a.m.** each day (he/she must be in the testing room by 8:00 a.m.). For optimum test-taking conditions, the HSPA will be administered in special homerooms each morning and promptly start at 8:20 a.m. and conclude around 11:00 a.m., depending on the testing day. If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor or the Test Coordinator (Traci Grauer).

Please note that state testing regulations prohibit cell phones in testing sites. Therefore, all student cell phones will be collected by proctors upon entering the test rooms and will be returned upon exiting the rooms at the conclusion of the test. Failure to comply will result in a student's test being voided.

A parent information pamphlet entitled "Your Guide to the HSPA" has been mailed to all junior parents/guardians under a separate cover. If you have not received one, contact the Guidance Office at (732) 321-8750. In addition, a "Student Preparation Booklet" has been distributed to all juniors in English classes and will be discussed by your child's English and mathematics teachers prior to the testing.

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Attention: All 10th Grade Students and Parents

On Wednesday, March 2nd, 2011, the Guidance Department will be administering the PLAN to all 10th grade students. The PLAN will be given in the cafeteria, and students need to arrive by 8:00am. Students need to bring two No. 2 pencils with erasers, and a calculator (scientific, graphing or four-function). Please note that students are not required to use a calculator. All problems can be solved without one. The PLAN will take place during periods 1, 2 & 3. The PLAN consists of a career interest inventory, and four sections (English, Math, Reading and Science). Taking the PLAN is a great way for 10th graders to prepare for the ACT. Counselors will review the student score reports later on in the year, as well as the results of their career interest inventory. The PLAN is a practice test, and the results are not used in any way for the college application process.

Metuchen Education Foundation (MEF) Fundraiser

Please join MEF for its fundraiser on Friday, March 4, 7:00pm at Hailey's on Main Street. Please see attached flyer for additional information.

Student Voter Registration- Thursday, March 10 and March 17

Students who will be 18 on or before April 26 can register to vote at school on Thursday, March 10 and March 17. Representatives from the community will be in the high school cafeteria on the above dates during B and C lunch. Students will need either their NJ Driver's License number or the last four digits of their Social Security number to complete the registration form. By filing forms, those students will be eligible to vote beginning with the April 26 School Board Election.

World Languages Honor Societies Induction – Thursday, March 10

The Chapters Platero, Victor Hugo, and Delta Epsilon Phi of Metuchen High School will sponsor its Induction Ceremony of the Spanish, French, and German Honor Societies on Thursday evening, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium. All parents and guardians, especially of student inductees, are invited to attend.

World Languages Department Invitation to MHS Community – Friday, March 11

As part of a week-long recognition of World Languages, the MHS foreign language teachers would like to invite members of the community who are native speakers or proficient in another language to “dialogue” with our students during the three lunch periods (11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.) on Friday, March 11. The “dialogues” will include small stations set up in the cafeteria for conversational speaking. This is an exciting way to participate with the World Languages Department and assist in fostering unique opportunities for students. French, German, and Spanish are offered at MHS, but the school community represents numerous other foreign languages as well.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Mary Lou Roma (Supervisor of World Languages) at mlroma@metboe.k12.nj.us.

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MHS Ensemble Night – Monday, 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! 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.

Virtual High School(VHS) Program

In addition to taking courses at Metuchen High School, sophomores, juniors and seniors have the opportunity to take courses online through Virtual High School. Online courses provide a different learning environment and can offer exposure to the kind of internet platform used in many college classes. The courses offered range from electives to AP courses, some only a semester long, some full-year. All policies of Metuchen High School courses apply to Virtual High School courses; grades and credits earned will be applied accordingly to a student's GPA and official transcript. Students interested in taking an online course should speak to their guidance counselor when they meet for scheduling. To see Virtual High School's course offerings, visit their website at www.govhs.org.

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 March 12 and May 7. The regular registration deadlines are February 11th and 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.

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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.

Spring Musical

The Metuchen High School Footlighters' spring musical is *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*. *Spelling Bee* is a hilarious send-up of a middle school spelling competition that mixes actors and audience volunteers, so the show changes nightly. You may have to come see it more than once! Performances are Thursday March 24, Friday March 25, and Saturday March 26 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance at the high school (also children and senior citizens), and \$10.00 at the door. *Spelling Bee* is rated PG for some adult humor and references.

Dine Downtown

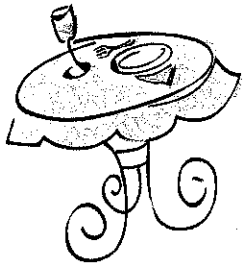
Please see attached flyer for information regarding Metuchen High School PTO "Dine Downtown"—March 28 – March 31.

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Reminder #1— MHS PTO Meeting – Monday, March 14, 2011 – Detective Robert Belluscio from the Metuchen Police Department will be the guest speaker.

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

MIMI'S

NEW AMBOY DELI

NOVITA BISTRO & LOUNGE

WHAT'S THE SCOOP



*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.

**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. Otherwise use option 1:

<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

gary@garyfreed.com

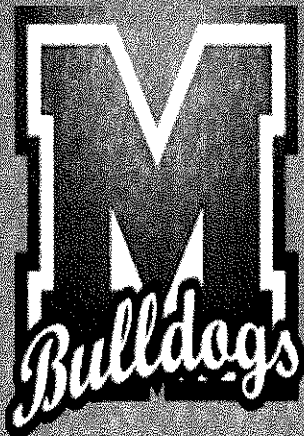
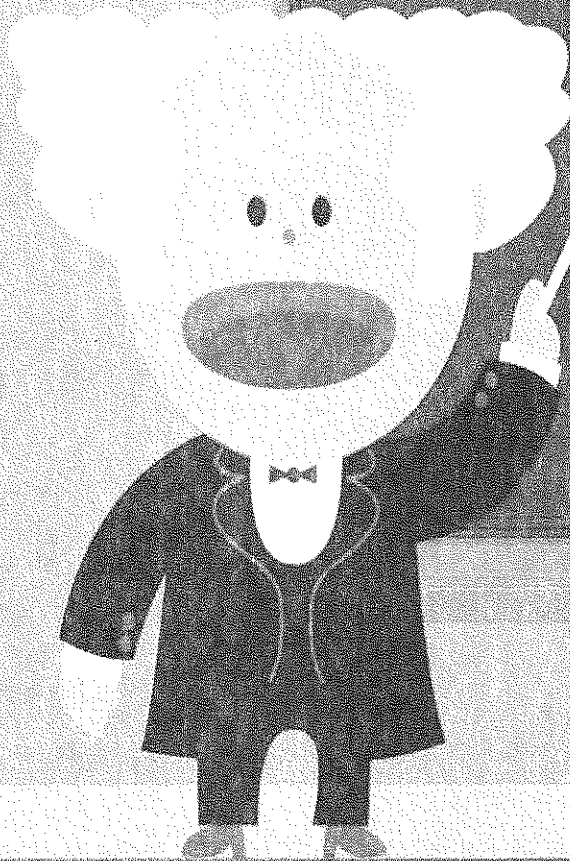
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FRIDAY
MARCH 4, 2011

7PM-10PM
LIGHT FARE

&
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\$20 per person



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Harp & Pub

400 Main Street