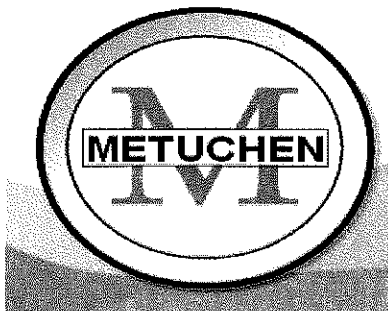


METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL
May 2011



TO: All Parents/Guardians

From: Bruce J. Peragallo
The Office of the Principal

Breaking The Chain Fundraiser – Friday, May 6

The Political Institute Class, the Breaking the Chain club and a committee of teachers and students have been working to build a school in the village of Awate Tornu in Ghana, Africa. In return for building the school, the village has released 19 children who were trafficked into slavery. On Friday, May 6, a concert fundraiser will be held in the high school auditorium beginning at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$7.00 in advance and \$9.00 at the door. All proceeds go to Breaking The Chain. Featured artists include Fairfield, Aldea, Christian The Lion, All Points Westie, Lee Caplan, Jordan Leitner, Patterson & Zerbo and many more.....We have raised money through t-shirt sales, a concert, a dinner for Ghana and we are having a walk on May 15th at 10:00 am. We encourage you to join us in our effort. Please look at our web site at www.mhsbreakingthechain.org to learn more about our program.

Metuchen Booster Club Meeting-Tuesday, May 10/Senior Sports Banquet – Tuesday, June 7

The next Metuchen Booster Club meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10 at 7:00 pm. Please join us in the Athletic Directors office for this meeting. We will be voting on Senior Student Scholar Award Winners that night. These awards will be awarded at the Senior Sports Banquet to be held Tuesday, June 7th. We are also looking for new members who would be interested in assuming leadership of the Booster club for the 2011/2012 School year. Please see attached form for details concerning donating to the Scholarship Fund and/or placing an ad in the MHS Senior Sports Awards Journal. **Senior Parents/Students Only – Please see attached form concerning the Senior Sports Awards Night Banquet.**

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End of Course Biology Test – Tuesday and Wednesday, May 17 and May 18

All students enrolled in Modern Biology, Honors Biology and Biological Science are required to take the New Jersey End of Course (EOC) Biology Test on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 17 and 18. For optimum test-taking conditions, the EOC Biology Test will be administered in separate rooms on the second floor. All students are to report to test rooms at **8:30 am** on that day. The testing will begin at 8:45 am and conclude by 11:00 am. Make-up days for the test will be held on Thursday and Friday, May 19 and 20.

Please note that students enrolled in Advanced Placement Biology and/or Advanced Studies in Biology and Chemistry are not involved in this testing. 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 returned upon exiting the rooms at the conclusion of the test. Failure to comply will result in a student's test being voided.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor or the Test Coordinator, Traci Grauer.

PLAN Test

To all 10th Graders – If you have not received your PLAN test results, please stop by the Guidance Office to see your Guidance Counselor.

Spring Concert – Thursday, May 19

The Music Department will present its annual Spring Concert on Thursday, May 19. The program will begin at 7:00 pm. and take place in the MHS Ina Schlein Auditorium. The band, the orchestra, and all choral groups are scheduled to perform. All parents, students, and friends of MHS are invited to attend.

End of Course Algebra I Testing – Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24

All students enrolled in Algebra I are required to take the New Jersey End of Course (EOC) Algebra Test on Monday and Tuesday, May 23 and 24. For optimum test-taking conditions, the EOC Algebra I Test will be administered in separate rooms on the second floor. All students will be expected to report to test rooms at **8:30 am** on that day. The testing will begin at 8:45 am and conclude by 10:00 am. Make-up day for the test will be held on Thursday, May 26 only.

Calculators are permitted on part of the test and, therefore, it is recommended that students bring their own calculator with them on the day of the test. School calculators will be available for student use.

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If you have any questions, please contact your child's counselor, the Test Coordinator, Traci Grauer, or the Math Supervisor, Joann Zebrowski.

Project Graduation (Class of 2011)

Please see the attached important information regarding Project Graduation – an alcohol and drug free celebration for Metuchen graduating seniors.

2011 Yearbook

You can reserve a copy of the MHS 2011 Yearbook by buying it directly from the high school at a cost of \$115.00 until May 31st. Checks should be made payable to Metuchen High School and should be put in an envelope in Ms. Ruhno’s mailbox in the Front Office.

Genesis

In our ongoing effort to strengthen home/school communication, we would like to remind all parents about Genesis. Genesis is a system which will allow you to access your student’s grades, attendance, and other important information online. It is designed to be a supplemental way for busy families to track ongoing student progress. Web access to the parent Module is secure. Access is set up for individual families only, and families will have access solely to the record(s) of their children. Please keep your login information confidential. If you have not already done so, you may register for the Parent Module by sending an email to metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us. The email address that you use to request access will become your username to login to the Parent Module so please be sure to choose the email address that you wish to become your permanent electronic address. Once you are registered in our system, you will receive, via email, instructions and a password. You will have the ability to change your password once you are in the Parent Module.

To register, please send an email to metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us. You must provide the following information in the text of that email:

- *In the subject line: fill in “**Parent Module Registration**”
- *In the body of the email, please provide the following:
 - Parent(s) Guardian(s) first name, last name
 - Student(s), first name, last name
 - Grade level of student(s)
 - Metuchen High School

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Parent Module, please email us at metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us. If you do not have an email address, free email can be obtained through www.yahoo.com or <http://gmail.google.com>.

Senior Survey

Reminder to all Seniors – please make certain that you are registered for Naviance so that you can complete your Senior Survey. If you forgot/or do not have a Naviance id/password, please stop by the Guidance Office and they will assist you in signing up.

2011-2012 School Year Calendar

The 2011-2012 school year calendar is attached for your information.

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Special Senior Exemption from Final Examinations

Parents of senior students are reminded that seniors are exempt from final examinations under certain circumstances. Only seniors who are enrolled in an Advanced Placement course **and** take the Advanced Placement Exam in May **and** have all A's (A+, A, A-) for the four marking cycles and the mid-year examination are exempt from taking the senior final examination in that course in June. However, seniors who are exempt do have the option to take the exam.

MHS Music Awards Dinner

The MHS Music Department will hold its annual awards dinner on Monday, June 6, 2011 at 6:00 pm in the high school cafeteria.

The Metuchen Parent Teacher Council

Please see the attached letter from the Metuchen Parent Teacher Council concerning donations to the Scholarship Fund.

Project Graduation – Class of 2012

*****Attention Parents of Students Graduating in 2012***** - If you are interested in helping with Project Graduation for next year, please attend our first meeting on Sunday, May 15, at 7:00 pm at 45 Norris Avenue in Metuchen. If you have any questions, please contact Ila Fortuna at ifortuna043@hotmail.com. All are welcome!!!!!!

Senior Portraits - Class of 2012

Please see attached information concerning Senior Portrait Dates (**for Graduating Class of 2012**) scheduled for August 2011.

MHS Summer SAT Prep Class

The 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.

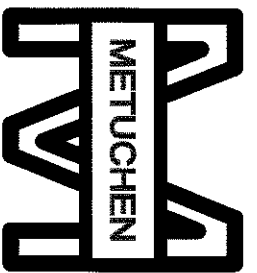
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Reminder #1 – Seniors - The application deadline for all scholarships is **Monday, May 16th**. Information pertaining to local scholarships was distributed to seniors at an assembly in April. If your child did not bring the package home, additional packages will be available in the Guidance Office, or online on the Guidance Department homepage.

Reminder # 2 - Mid-Marking period for the 4th cycle is on May 10.

Reminder # 3- There is no school on Friday, May 27 and Monday, May 30 due to Memorial Day. **School is in session on Tuesday, May 31 (Make-up Snow Day).**

Reminder # 4 – Please note that Thursday, June 23, is now the last day of school due to the use of an inclement weather day. However, graduation exercises will still take place on Wednesday, June 22, at 6:00pm.



Senior Sports Awards Night

The Metuchen Booster Club & The Athletic Director

Invite you to attend the Senior Sports Awards Night

Date:

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Place:

Colonia Golf & Country Club

Business Casual Attire required (NO jeans, shorts, tank tops, flip flops or sneakers – Collar shirts required for boys & Men)

Time:

6:00 pm

Dinner with Awards presentations to follow

Scholar Athletes

Of the Year Award

Scholar Athletes Awards

Please send this section of the invitation back to the Metuchen Booster Club with your reply & payment by

May 13 2011

Senior Student Athletes

are FREE

Parents & Friends - \$30.00/person

Name:

Senior Student Athlete

attending _____

Phone# _____

Amount enclosed

_____ X \$30.00 = _____

Send your reply to:

Metuchen Booster Club

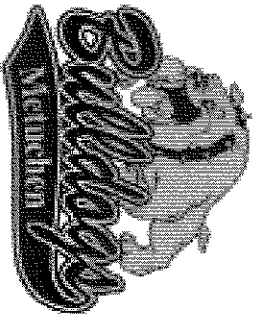
c/o School Office

400 Grove Ave.

Metuchen, NJ 08840

Any questions, please call Ann

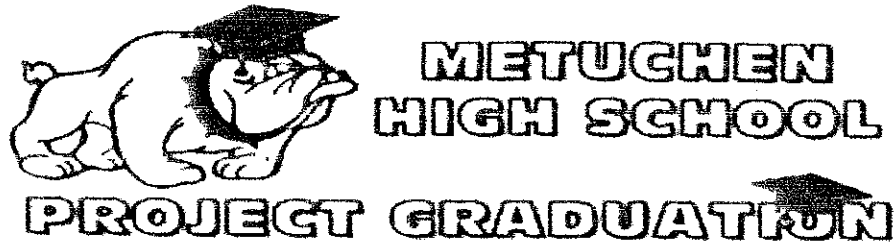
Murphy 732-233-2435



Celebrate Our Senior Student Athletes

June 7, 2011





Dear Class 2011,

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! You have so much to look forward to in the months and years to come. Celebrate your achievements by attending PROJECT GRADUATION 2011. Enclosed you will find information about this remarkable event.

Don't miss this celebration!

Project Graduation is an alcohol and drug free celebration for all Metuchen graduating seniors. The Metuchen-Edison YMCA, the Mayor's Youth Service Board and local business, organizations, as well as volunteers from the community have supported this event for 40 years!

PROJECT GRADUATION has been a free activity for Metuchen seniors since 1970!

PROJECT GRADUATION will have ice-skating, unlimited laser tag, a hypnotist, basketball, a magician, and a variety of arcade games, music, food, and more for your enjoyment all evening.

To be eligible to attend, just complete the permission form on the back of this letter and **return it to the Main Office by June 3, 2011.**

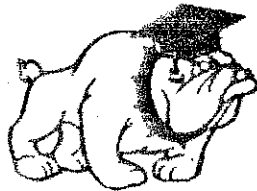
Everyone attending will board buses to Bridgewater Sports and Ice Arena on Wednesday, June 22nd. Please arrive at the High School at 9:30pm to check in. Buses leave the high school at 10:15pm.

Please read over the enclosed material with your parent/guardian. Complete and return the permission form on the back of this letter.

Any questions, please feel free to call Doris Salmon at 732-906-6576 or Patti Klimashousky at 732-549-7356.

Sincerely,

Project Graduation Committee 2011



**METUCHEN
HIGH SCHOOL**

PROJECT GRADUATION

PROJECT GRADUATION PERMISSION SLIP

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2011 TO THE MAIN OFFICE

I give permission for (student's name) _____ to attend Project
(Please Print)

Graduation event at The Bridgewater Sports and Ice Arena in Bridgewater, NJ, leaving the High School on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 10:15pm and returning on Thursday, June 23, 2011 at approximately 5:30am.

This is an alcohol, substance and tobacco free celebration for the graduating seniors.

It is understood that the students are under the jurisdiction of the school during the event. Parent chaperones will be attending the celebration. The Metuchen Board of Education and the Project Graduation Committee and its chaperones will not be liable in the event of an accident.

Please note: A parent's signature is required even if the student is 18 years of age.

I consent to my son/daughter's participation and understand that he/she is bound by the rules as outlined in the attached letter.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

The phone number where I can be reached the night of Graduation, Wednesday, June 22, 2011. _____

Emergency phone number _____

Please advise the Project Graduation Committee of any medications or medical conditions that would be necessary in the event of an emergency: This is a necessity!
All information will be treated as confidential.

2011/2012 School Year Calendar

Aug. 31/Sept. 1	Weds./Thurs.	Staff In-service	Closed
Sept. 2/5	Fri./Mon.	Labor Day	Closed
Sept. 6	Tuesday	1 st day for students	
Sept. 29/30	Thurs./Fri.	Rosh Hashana	Closed
Nov. 8	Tuesday	Election Day/Staff In-service	Closed
Nov. 10/11	Thurs./Fri.	NJEA Convention	Closed
Nov. 23	Wednesday	Early Dismissal	
Nov. 24/25	Thurs./Fri.	Thanksgiving	Closed
Dec. 23	Friday	Early Dismissal	
Dec. 26/30	Mon./Fri.	Winter Recess	Closed
Jan. 2	Monday	New Year's (observed)	Closed
Jan. 16	Monday	MLK Birthday	Closed
Feb. 17/21	Fri./Tues.	President's Weekend	Closed
April 2/9	Mon./Mon. (Passover 4/7, Easter 4/8)	Spring Recess	Closed
May 25	Friday	Staff In-service	Closed
May 28/29	Mon./Tues.	Memorial Day	Closed
June 20	Wednesday	Last Day of School	

Snow Days: Feb. 17, Feb. 21, May 29, June 21 and April 9 (Easter Monday).

Should there be a need for additional snow days, they will be made up during Spring Recess.

Approved April 12, 2011

The Metuchen Parent Teacher Council Scholarship Committee

Spring, 2011

Dear Friends,

The Scholarship Committee of the Metuchen Parent Teacher Council is seeking donations for its scholarship fund. We will award scholarships in two categories. The first category is the Academic Merit Scholarship, awarded to graduating seniors who have consistently demonstrated academic excellence.

The second category is the Verice Mason Community Service Scholarship, awarded to the graduating seniors who have volunteered a significant amount of time to our community, and whose efforts often go unnoticed.

Please help us with our scholarship efforts by making a tax-exempt donation to our scholarship fund. Donations received by June 1st are greatly appreciated, but we will gladly accept donations at any time.

Thank you in advance for your generous support of the students of Metuchen.

Please make checks payable to:

Metuchen Parent Teacher Council
The Metuchen Board of Education
16 Simpson Place
Metuchen, NJ 08840

Note: Please add "Scholarship Fund" in check memo line

With Sincere Appreciation,

Marci Berger and Geri Verlaque, Chairpersons

May 2, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians of Metuchen High School Seniors of the **Class of 2012**,

The time has come to plan for the **2012** yearbook at Metuchen High School. This year we have made arrangements for Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch to take our Senior portraits. Seniors will be sent an appointment card through the mail. It will state the specific day, time and location that each student will be photographed. It is the responsibility of each Senior to reschedule his/her appointment if the day and time is not convenient.

The portrait dates are scheduled for:

August 10th from 9 am – 2 pm

August 11th from 8 am – 2 pm

August 12th from 8 am – 2 pm

To confirm or modify your senior portrait session, please utilize the company's online scheduling website located at: <http://www.photoappointment.com>
(The appointment card mailed to you will contain your confirmation number)

In the interest of uniformity and quality, all Senior portraits that will appear in the 2012 yearbook must be taken by Prestige Portraits.

The yearbook-required poses will be taken at the portrait session. Additional portraits in various poses may be purchased at the session for a nominal fee. You will also have the opportunity to purchase portrait packages, but are under no obligation to do so. If you would like a cap and gown photograph, please make sure to notify the photographer at your scheduled time.

After the portraits are taken, proofs will be mailed to you from Prestige Portraits and you will be asked to select which pose you would like submitted to the yearbook. The required yearbook pose is a vertical head and shoulder pose, just above the waist, with a blue background. Boys will wear a tuxedo and girls will wear a drape. These items are provided for your use. A pose with hands, hats, close ups or one showing unusual attire is not acceptable as formal yearbook portraits.

There will be an additional portrait session arranged in November if your Senior cannot meet the August appointment, but please encourage your Senior to attend this August date to ensure his/her choice of a yearbook pose. If a student waits until November, a pose will be chosen by the yearbook advisor.

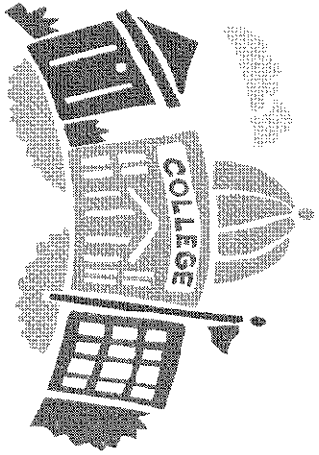
Thank you for your support!
Sincerely,

Adam Levy
Yearbook Advisor

Bruce Peragallo
Principal

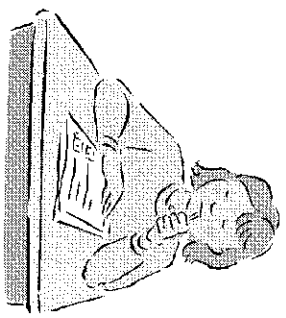
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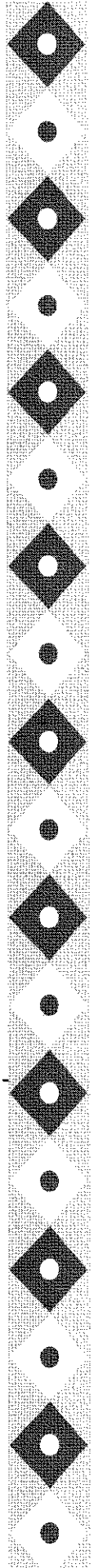
Get help to reach your goal!



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 Readings, 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

