

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

November 12, 2010



TO: All Parents/Guardians

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

Fall Theater Production – Fri. and Sat., November 12 and 13

Think Shakespeare is boring? Think again. The Metuchen High School Footlighters' fall production of A Midsummer Night's Dream is William Shakespeare with a modern twist. This two hour version of Shakespeare's classic is a fast paced mixture of magic, music, romance, and high energy comedy. Performances: Friday and Saturday, November 12 and 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets are \$8.00 at the door.

American Education Week – Monday-Friday, November 15-19

Please note that American Education Week is scheduled in all the schools from Monday-Friday, November 15-19. Parents who would like to visit will need to register in guidance or the main office in advance. Also, don't forget that Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for November 16 and 18 of the same week. Due to Parent-Teacher Conferences, there will be a 1:00pm early dismissal on both Tuesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 18. By now, your child should be having his/her teachers complete the Request Form to schedule conference times.

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Fall Season Athletic Awards – Thursday, December 2, 2010

The Athletic Department and its director John Cathcart will sponsor an awards night for fall sports on Thursday, December 2. The program will be held in the gymnasium and start at 7:00pm. Athletic awards will be presented to those students who participated in cheerleading, cross-country, field hockey, football, soccer, and tennis.

Financial Aid Night – December 6, 2010

Students and families are invited to Financial Aid Night on Monday, December 6th at 7 pm in the high school cafeteria. Those in attendance will learn about the different types of financial aid available to students, and how to apply for aid. Important documents from the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) will also be provided.

Our guest speaker, Mrs. Dorothy Gilliard, will walk families, step-by-step through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and illuminate terminology like “expected family contribution”, FAFSA forecaster, and PLUS Loan. Mrs. Gilliard is the vice president of Lincoln Educational Services, and a FAFSA specialist with many years of experience guiding families through the financial aid process. Seniors are strongly encouraged to attend, but students at any level who are interested in learning about the financial aid process are invited.

ACT – Saturday, December 11, 2010

Metuchen High School has been designated as an ACT testing site. The ACT assesses high school students’ general education development, as well as their ability to complete college-level work. The test is comprised of four sections: English, Mathematics, Reading and Science, as well as an optional Writing section that should be taken. The ACT is accepted by all colleges and universities and is used in addition to, or in lieu of, the SAT exam for college admission. MHS will be offering the test on **December 11th, 2010** (registration deadline: **November 5th**), and **April 9th, 2011** (registration deadline: **March 4th**). Registration for the exam can be found at www.actstudent.org. Please contact your child’s guidance counselor with any additional questions.

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College Planning Night – December 16, 2010

On Thursday, December 16th The Guidance Department is pleased to host our annual College Planning Night for college-bound students and their families. Juniors are encouraged to attend, but all students and families are welcome.

Admissions representatives from Penn State University, Ramapo College of New Jersey, and George Washington University will join the high school counselors to discuss how colleges select applicants, finding the school that is the best “fit”, and the nuances of the application process, among other topics. Our panelists will also field questions, if time permits. The presentation will begin at 7 pm in the high school cafeteria.

2011 Yearbooks – 2011 Yearbooks – 2011 Yearbooks – 2011 Yearbooks

Yearbooks for the Class of 2011 will be on sale soon. Please look for a separate mailing from the yearbook company, Jostens. Specific instructions for purchasing the book will be included. Please remember to make all yearbook checks payable to **Jostens**, not MHS. Also, senior parents should have received a first-class mailing from the yearbook business staff concerning senior ad information.

Students Driving To School With A Graduated Drivers License (GDL)

This is a reminder to all Parents of students who have a Graduated Drivers License (GDL) - New Jersey State law mandates that only one additional passenger is allowed to be in the car unless accompanied by a parent or guardian. If a student is found to be in violation of this law, administration reserves the right to revoke student’s parking privileges. For the first offense, student’s parking privileges will be revoked for one month; for the second offense, student’s parking privileges will be revoked for three months or until the duration of the school year, whichever comes first. For the third offense, student’s parking privileges will be revoked for the duration of the school year.

PTO / Metuchen Public Schools Fundraiser - Casino Night

Save the date!!! 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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World Language Department – Internet Translators

The World Language Department at Metuchen High School recognizes the Internet as a resource and reference for learning the meaning of words and exploring their roots in other languages. Language acquisition is a process in which higher order thinking skills are developed through study and practice. Utilizing a translator may impede a student's progress in learning a world language and seriously compromise his or her ability to think. Therefore, the World Language Department strongly advises all students to be aware of negative consequences that may result from the misuse of internet translators.

End of Course Biology

On May 17 and 18, 2011, all students currently enrolled in Biological Science, Biology, or Honors Biology will be required to take the state-mandated End of Course Biology Test. Passing this test is now a requirement for graduation. Please contact the Guidance Office if you have any questions. To open the attached link and view Your Guide to the New Jersey Biology Competency Test, May 2010, please press the Control (CTRL) key and click on the web address below:

https://www.measinc.com/nj/Downloads/NJEOC/YourGuideBio_EngSpan_Final.pdf

https://www.measinc.com/nj/Downloads/NJBCT/Bio_Student_Prep_Gde_2011_Final.pdf

Reminder #1 – The first marking cycle ended on Tuesday, November 9. Be advised that report cards will be mailed home on Friday, November 12.

Reminder #2 – **MHS Project Graduation 2011 Fundraiser** – Evening At the Races is Saturday, November 20 at the Meadowlands Racetrack – Pegasus Restaurant

Reminder #3 – There will be an early dismissal on Wednesday, November 24 at 1:00pm for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Schools will be closed on Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26 in observance of this holiday.

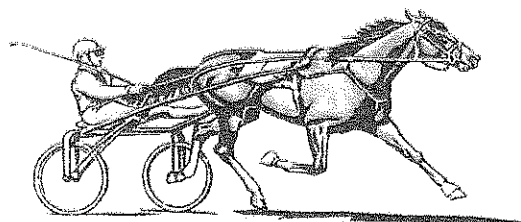
Reminder #4 – The Student Council Snow Ball Dance will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at 7:30pm. If students are bringing guests who do not attend Metuchen High School, they must see Ms. La Fauci, Vice Principal

Time is Running Out!

**Our Seniors need your support!
DUE NOW:**

Metuchen High School
Project Graduation Fundraiser

Evening at the Races

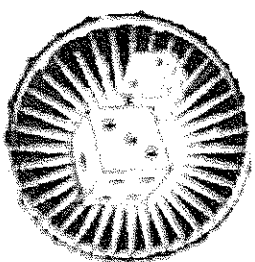


**Return reservations and money to:
Metuchen High School ~ 400 Grove Avenue ~ Metuchen, NJ 08840
Make checks payable to : Project Graduation 2011**

**50/50 Raffle Tickets:
Please return your assigned ticket stubs with payment now!
Lee LaPorta 732-548-1814 ~~ Kathy Mallory 732-321-8743**

For any questions or if you would like to sponsor a race or be one of our event supporters please contact us @ MHSProjGrad2011@yahoo.com or 732-906-6576

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:

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| 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

Casino Night

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

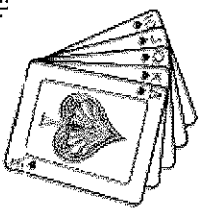
Friday, January 28, 2011
7:30pm to 11:30pm

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: _____
E-mail: _____
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!