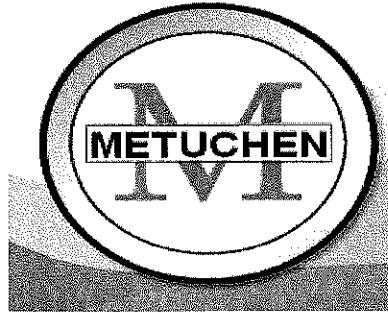


**METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**October 2010**



**TO: All Parents/Guardians**

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

**Guidance**

**\* Making the Most of High School: A Presentation for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents – October 26, 2010**

On Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup> the Metuchen High School Guidance Department will host an informational evening for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders and their families. Mrs. Grauer, Mrs. Hanbridge, and Mr. Saulnier will highlight and explain several topics relevant to high school success as well as post-secondary planning, including

- Building the foundation for the college process
- Selecting an appropriately challenging curriculum
- The benefits of extracurricular involvement
- The testing timeline, (HSPA, SAT, ACT, AP)
- Taking advantage of online resources

The program will begin at 7 pm in the high school auditorium.

**\*\*Financial Aid Night – December 6, 2010**

Students and families are invited to Financial Aid Night on Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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“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.

**\*\*\*College Planning Night – December 16, 2010**

On Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010** (registration deadline: **November 5<sup>th</sup>**), and **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011** (registration deadline: **March 4<sup>th</sup>**). Registration for the exam can be found at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Please contact your child’s guidance counselor with any additional questions.

**National Honor Society Induction Ceremony – Sunday, October 17, 2010**

The Metuchen Chapter of the National Honor Society will hold its annual Induction Ceremony for juniors and seniors on Sunday, October 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium. All family members and friends of the new inductees are invited to attend. Following the ceremony, a reception will be held in the cafeteria.

In addition, please be aware that members of the National Honor Society provide tutoring services for all students. Individual tutoring is accessed by filling out a request form in the Guidance Office. Any questions should be directed to the NHS faculty advisor, Marie Seidel, at (732) 321-8744.

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## **Parent-Teacher Conferences – Tuesday and Thursday, November 16 and 18, 2010**

For your information, Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Tuesday and Thursday, November 16 and 18. The Tuesday conferences will be scheduled in the afternoon and the Thursday conferences will be scheduled in the evening. An information memo, a request form, a teacher room list, and an updated schedule will be given to out to all students during English class on October 15. Due to Parent-Teacher Conferences, there will be a 1:00pm early dismissal on both Tuesday, November 16 and Thursday, November 18.

## **National Merit Semi-Finalists and Nine Commended Scholars**

We would like to congratulate our five 2011 National Merit Semi-Finalists and our 14 2011 commended students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. We are very proud to recognize our students for their outstanding academic achievements.

## **Genesis Parent Module**

Please note that you can now access your child's discipline/conduct information on the Genesis Parent Module.

**If you have not already done so**, you may register for the Parent Module by sending an email to [metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us](mailto:metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us). The email address that you use to request access will become your username to log-in 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](mailto: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 Genesis Parent Module, please email us at [metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us](mailto:metuchendata@metboe.k12.nj.us) . If you had an account at Edgar School, please note that you can use the same account when your child moves from Edgar to the high school (information rolls over).

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### **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.

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**Reminder # 1** - PTO meetings will be held on the **second** Monday of every month. Their next meeting is on Monday, November 8. The meeting will take place in the Library/Media Center and start at 7:30 p.m.

**Reminder # 2** – JP Stevens High School will host its Fall College Fair on Thursday, October 14 from 6:30 until 8:30 in the JP Stevens cafeteria and auditorium.

**Reminder # 3** – Career Awareness Survey – If you are interested, please fill out the survey which is attached in the mailing and return it to the Main Office.

**Reminder # 4** – Homecoming Dance – Saturday, October 9, 2010 in the high school gymnasium from 7:00 – 10:00pm.

# METUCHEN SCHOOL DISTRICT PTC

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announces our fall fundraiser Sept. 13 - Oct. 8

- Our school number is 118847.
  - The deadline for entering orders is **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8**.  
Go to [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com) and select **EZ** to enter your order.
  - Make checks payable to METUCHEN PTC. No sales tax.
  - To place your order follow the EZ instructions on the reverse side.
  - Can't enter the order? We will gladly do it for you.
  - Just return the paper order form with your payment to school.
  - Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.
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- **Special Promotion** - Out-of-town family and friends can support our schools by shopping at [www.innisbrook.com](http://www.innisbrook.com).

Questions, please call:

Moss/Campbell School: Sue Dermody @494-3749 or Debbie Wentnick @494-5222.

Edgar School: Heide Ledone @ 452-1420.

Metuchen High School: Michelle Josell @ 494-1542.

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**Contacts:** Innisbrook Customer Service  
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MICHELLE JOSELL  
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Mark your calendar to enjoy an exciting evening of casino games, gourmet dining and valuable prizes at the beautiful Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick!

Thanks to your support this event has raised an average of over \$16,000 each year to benefit all of the Metuchen Public Schools. This charitable event helps bring technology, cultural arts, and access to many opportunities that would not normally be available to our children otherwise.

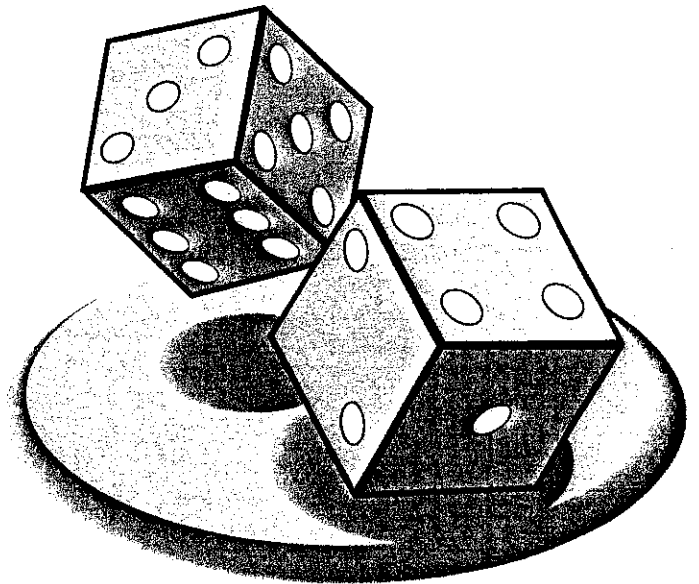
Plan a fun night out with someone special or if you have been putting off the night out with friends, here is your opportunity!

Can't make it? Purchase a \$10.00 raffle ticket and be entered to win one of three large cash prizes. Tickets will be available at future PTO events.

Your support makes a difference to the children of Metuchen!

# **SAVE THE DATE!**

## **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Casino Night**



## **January 28, 2011**

## Metuchen High School Career Awareness Program

The staff of Metuchen High School is developing a Career Awareness program for students in grades 9-12. Parents and guardians of the students are invited to share information about their careers with the learning community of Metuchen High School. If you are interested, please complete the following form and return it to the main office. The information will remain confidential. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child/children attending Metuchen High School: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Your occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Best hours to be contacted by telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Available dates to visit Metuchen High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred time on the day of your visit: \_\_\_\_\_ A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ P.M.

Could you recommend additional personnel from your workplace to participate in a Career Awareness program at Metuchen High School? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Does your workplace allow job shadowing? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Please indicate the activities in which you would be willing to participate:

\_\_\_\_\_ discussion \_\_\_\_\_ presentations \_\_\_\_\_ job shadowing opportunities \_\_\_\_\_ career fair

\_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_