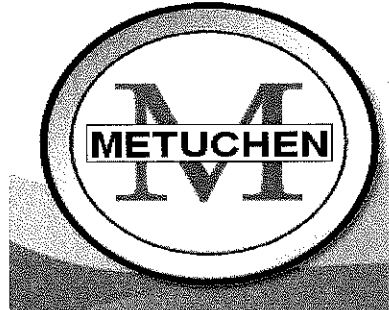


**METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL**  
**September 2010**



**TO: All Parents/Guardians**

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

**Cellular Phones and Electronic Devices**

The use of cell phones during school hours is strictly prohibited in any context unless specifically authorized by the administration. The ringing or vibrating of cell phones as well as the picture-taking and text-messaging capabilities are disruptive to the learning process and may result in harassment and cheating. To ensure an appropriate academic environment, staff members will confiscate cell phones when they are seen or heard (including the vibrate setting). As always, parents may contact their children via the main office and the MHS administration will assist any student in contacting a parent in an emergency.

Confiscated phones will be held for three full school days, or if preferred, the phone will be handed over to a parent sooner. Repeat offenders may be subject to disciplinary action. A student refusing to hand over a phone to a staff member will face more severe consequences for the insubordination. The same policy will apply to other electronic devices, such as iPods.

**Smoking on School Grounds – An Appeal to Adults**

Board of Education policy prohibits smoking in the building and on school grounds. All students are aware of this policy and the vast majority cooperate fully. Those few students who do not are punished consistently. As in past years, we are appealing to the adult community to help us keep the newly renovated MHS a totally smoke-free

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environment. Parents and other adults who attend school-sponsored events are asked not to smoke on the MHS playing (athletic) fields or outside the building during such activities as sports contests or practices, concerts, plays, awards nights, board of education meetings, or other functions. To help remind the public, no smoking signs have been posted outside the main entrance. Please cooperate with us in this joint effort.

### **PSAT/NMSQT & SAT-I/SAT-II Information**

Please check the Guidance Website for **important information detailing PSAT/NMSQT and/or SAT-I/SAT-II information for students in grades 10-12.**

### **Season Passes for Athletic Events**

The Athletic Department is offering separate season passes for the fall (football) and winter (basketball and wrestling). The cost of each pass is Fall Season (Football) -\$25 and Winter Season (Basketball and Wrestling) - \$25 and it includes a guest. Interested parties can contact Athletic Director, John Cathcart at 732-321-8755 or the Main Office at 732-321-8744.

### **PTO Brownie Barrel/Metuchen Country Fair – Saturday, October 2**

The High School PTO will again sponsor its “Brownie Barrel” at the Metuchen Country Fair on Saturday, October 2. The PTO is respectfully requesting that each family bake a batch of brownies or make a donation. Brownies should be individually wrapped (health regulation) and brought to the **Main Office by Friday, October 1 (or brought to the booth the day of the fair)**. Please see attached flyer for additional information.

### **Grade 9 Progress Reports and Interim Notices – Thursday, October 7**

Please note that Progress Reports/Interim Notices for students in Grade 9 and Interim Notices only for Grades 10-12 will be mailed home on or about October 7. The ninth grade report informs you of the current academic status of your child as of the first 4½ weeks of school. If you have any questions concerning the Progress Report or Interim Notices, contact your child’s guidance counselor.

### **Attention! A Walk-a thon for Childhood Cancer – Wednesday, October 27**

On October 27, 2010, The Metuchen Paraprofessional Association, teachers, staff, and student body will be walking to aide in the fight to cure childhood cancer. Beginning on September 17 through October 15, donations will be collected. Just a dollar donation per child can go so far. Please make checks payable to the Metuchen Public Schools. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Paulmenn at [mjsleft@hotmail.com](mailto:mjsleft@hotmail.com). We thank you for your support.

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### **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 fill out the survey which is attached in the mailing and return it to the Main Office. The information will remain confidential. Thank you.

### **College Fairs**

JP Stevens High School will host its Fall College Fair on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 till 8:30pm in the JP Stevens cafeteria and auditorium. All students and families are welcome to attend and speak with representatives from more than 100 colleges and universities from the northeast and other parts of the country. Please see our website for a complete listing of schools participating in the College Fair.

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**Reminders:** 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.

METUCHEN COUNTRY FAIR  
METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL P.T.O.

**BROWNIE BARREL**

Saturday, October 2, 2010

(Rain date's: 10/9, 10/16)

Each year MHS PTO runs the very popular "Brownie Barrel" booth located at the corner of New and Main Streets. The funds raised at this booth are used for senior awards.

We hope that you will help by baking/buying a batch of brownies, your favorite recipe, of course! ***Brownies must be individually wrapped*** in plastic wrap to comply with Board of Health regulations. You can drop off your brownies on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Metuchen High School (before 3:00pm) or at the booth the morning of the fair. If you make a special kind of brownie, please label your batch. If possible, please make your brownies with nuts, as these are the big sellers – ***however they must be labeled as such for allergy reasons.***

If you are not able to bake, please consider a donation to MHS PTO Scholarship Fund. All donations should be placed in an envelope and labeled "PTO Brownie Barrel" and sent to the high school.

**Workers are needed to staff the booth on the day of the fair.** If you can spare an hour, please call Heidi Ledone at 732-841-0920 or email [Heidi1060@optonline.net](mailto:Heidi1060@optonline.net). Thank you for your consideration!

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

# 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.
  
  
- **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  
877-525-5608  
[customerservice@innisbrook.com](mailto:customerservice@innisbrook.com)

MICHELLE JOSELL  
732-494-1542  
[migjosell@aol.com](mailto:migjosell@aol.com)



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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.

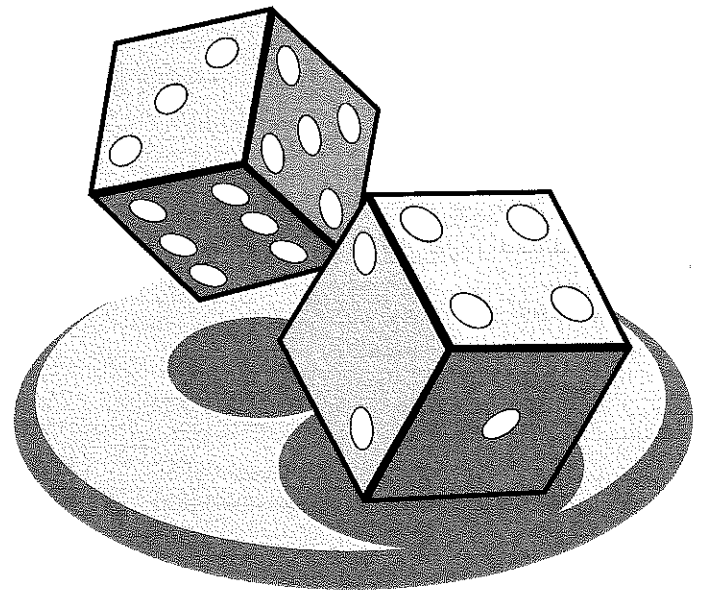
Plan a fun night out with someone special or if you have been putting off the night out with friends, here is your opportunity!

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**