Principal's Newsletter—December 2020

December 2020

Bruce J. Peragallo— Principal

Brian Stike

Assistant Principal

Brenda Gupta—

Supervisor of Guidance & School Counseling

- Reminders:
- Fall Play—December 3, 4 and 5th
- Mid-marking Period/ Interims—December 22nd
- ALL REMOTE—December 14th through December 23rd
- Early Dismissal—
 December 23rd
- No School–December 24th through December 31st
- No School–January 1st– New Year

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PTO News

Our next PTO meeting will be held on **Monday, January 11**th at 7:30pm in the high school auditorium.

We encourage you to join the PTO, especially for the High School seniors to be considered eligible for a PT Council Scholarship in the Spring. If you have a senior please register by December 1st to be eliglible for a minischolarship. Please see the attached flyer in re-gards to PTO Membership for SY 2020-21 as well as for the link to register (CommunityPass).





MHS Footlighters

The Metuchen High School Footlighters' fall/winter production is the musical *The Drowsy Chaperone* - and the Footlighters are going remote!

When a die-hard theater fan plays his favorite cast album, the characters come to life in this hilarious musical farce. Winner of five Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Original Score, *The Drowsy Chaperone* is a loving send-up of the Jazz Age musical, featuring one show-stopping song after another.

Performances: Thursday, December 3rd, Friday, December 4th, & Saturday, December 5th

If you would like to see the production, you will buy tickets and view the film online.

For tickets go to:

mhsfootlighters.com

• Scroll down to *The Drowsy Chaperone* logo and click on <u>Buy Tickets Today</u>. This takes you to the website for purchasing tickets and viewing the film. There will also be info here for how to access the film.

Tickets are \$12.00 per device - so people in the same house can all view!

Mr. Peragallo and the MHS Staff wish everyone Happy Holidays and a safe Winter Recess!!!!!!



PT Council

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Online registration via Community Pass is just \$20 and provides membership to all three PTO's for the year. All funds raised from our membership fees and our fundraisers go directly to our schools and to help enrich the educational experience of our students.

Please see the attached flyers for additional information as well as the Fall Fundraiser– <u>www.ShopFund.com</u>. Browse the online catalog for home items, holiday gifts & wrapping paper, candy, snacks and much more!

MHS Booster Club

Parents of Student Athletes—don't forget to join the MHS Booster Club. This important group supports MHS athletic teams with equipment purchases and other essentials not covered in the Board of Education budget. The club also hosts the annual Senior Sports Awards program and provides scholarships to graduating senior athletes. ****Please note: only Booster Club members are eligible to receive scholarships.** Please see membership form attached.

Show your Metuchen Pride - "Buy A Brick" and leave a legacy. Buy an engraved brick paver. The personalized pavers will proudly be displayed by the MHS Stadium. Please see the flyer attached.

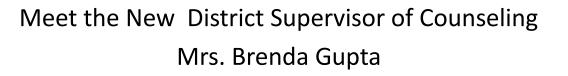
REMINDER—PICK-UP / DROP-OFF POINT



Just a reminder—Please make sure that you pick-up/drop-off your child at the high school at the designated pick-up/drop-off point only. You cannot park past the traffic barrier. Please do not pick-up or drop-off your student in front of the Main entrance of the high school.



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT





Brenda S. Gupta is the new Supervisor of Guidance, K-12, for the Metuchen School District. While born and raised in Bayonne, NJ, Mrs. Gupta quickly settled into Middlesex County after completing her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Rutgers University. Mrs. Gupta is coming to us from Edison Township Public Schools. She was a school counselor at Edison High School since September 2016. Prior to Edison High School, she was a school counselor at South Plainfield High School. Outside of being a school counselor, Mrs. Gupta is a doctoral candidate at Montclair State University. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in Counseling. Mrs. Gupta is excited to be a part of the Metuchen school community and is looking forward to working and collaborating with staff, students, parents, and community members of Metuchen.

Marking Period Dates

MP1	MP2	MP3	MP4
Closes 11/13/20	Closes 2/2/21	Closes 4/13/21	Closes 6/15/21

FINAL EXAMINATIONS: LAST SIX DAYS OF SCHOOL (TBD BY THE USE OF SNOW DAYS)

RESOURCES

Visit the <u>School Counseling Page</u> on the MHS website for more information.

Yearbook and Blue Letter News...



Our advertising rates are below. We appreciate your continuing support of our school newspaper, *The Bulldog's Bark*. We are requesting that all ads be transmitted to us electronically. (Please send your file in jpeg or other standard photo format). The e-mail address for ad copy is <u>lwisniewski@metboe.k12.nj.us</u>, please be sure to include advertisement in the subject line.

Ad Size	One issue	Two issues	Three issues	Four issues
2" x 1"	\$ 18.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
2" x 2"	\$ 36.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00
2" x 3"	\$ 55.00	\$ 90.00	\$110.00	\$120.00
2" x 4"	\$ 80.00	\$120.00	\$135.00	\$145.00
3" x 3"	\$ 96.00	\$140.00	\$165.00	\$180.00
3" x 4"	\$120.00	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$205.00
3" x 5"	\$155.00	\$185.00	\$215.00	\$250.00
4" x 5"	\$185.00	\$220.00	\$260.00	\$300.00
5" x 5"	\$230.00	\$275.00	\$310.00	\$390.00
6" x 6"	\$325.00	\$410.00	\$460.00	\$500.00

The Blue Letter

(High School Yearbook)

We are always looking for additional advertising for the *The Blue Letter*, our Metuchen High School Yearbook. You can send your ad copy or business card (electronically preferred) with a check to the address listed below, attention to Ms. Lynda Wisniewski. **Deadline for the yearbook ad is** 12/20/2020.

Ad Size	Color Ad	Black and
		White
Full Page	\$ 400.00	\$ 340.00
½ Page	\$ 285.00	\$ 225.00
¼ Page	\$ 200.00	\$ 140.00
Business Card	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
Size		

Ms. Lynda Wisniewski

Metuchen High School

400 Grove Avenue

Metuchen, NJ 08840

732-321-8744

Thank you so very much for supporting our school's publications. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns at <u>lwisniewski@metboe.k12.nj.us</u>.



VIRTUAL JINGLE BELL RUN

Join us virtually for the merriest, most memorable holiday FUN RUN around! Register today at jbr.org/NewJersey. See attached flyer for details.



Attention: Senior Parents/Seniors - Caps & Gown

Please click on the link below to fill out a form for cap and gown measurement for the **Class** of 2021! The entire process should take two minutes at the most so if you would take a moment and fill out the form now. Where it asks for student's email address, please use your SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at 732-321-8744, ext. 5003 or <u>cnicholls@metboe.k12.nj.us</u>.

https://jostensnj.typeform.com/to/xcDs1qiA



Attention: Parents / Guardians of Sophomores & Junior–Class Rings

Dear Sophomores and Juniors:

Due to Covid-19 we are all doing things differently.

Your class ring is a symbol of your unity.

Click the link below to order your Class Ring Online. If interested, please scroll down on the webpage for our size guide.

CLASS RING ORDER LINK

Questions call 1-800-JOSTENS (567-8367)



UNDERCLASSMEN PICTURE DAY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10TH & FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

FROM 3:00PM UNTIL 8:00PM IN THE MHS CAFETERIA/AUDITORIUM (FOR YOUR CHILD'S DAY/TIME – PLEASE REFER TO EARLIER EMAIL SENT OUT OR VISIT THE HIGH SCHOOL WEBSITE)

PM Studios will be at Metuchen High School on Thursday, December 10th and Friday, December 11th between the hours of 3:00pm through 8:00pm in the Cafeteria and Auditorium. Please click to view your child's scheduled day/time <u>Underclassmen Photo Schedule</u>

To order a photo package from PM Studios on either December 10th or 11th, please bring this form with you the day your child's photo is taken <u>PM Studio Photo Package Form</u>

If you do not want a photo package from PM Studios, **your child's picture still needs to be taken for their School ID as well as their yearbook picture**. Please click on the following form For ID/Yearbook <u>Only Form</u>

YOUR CHILD MUST BRING ONE OF THE FORMS ABOVE WITH THEM WHEN THEY HAVE THEIR PICTURE TAKEN.

If you have any questions at all, please contact **PM Studios** at 732-512-9844.





PROJECT SENIORS '21

While Covid might have changed what we thought senior year would be for our kids, we are committed to creating a year filled with alternative activities to make their last year at MHS fun and memorable.

We have expanded the idea of Project Graduation to PROJECT SENIORS. Our goal is to replace or alter the events we might not be able to have with events that are fun and safe and in alignment with Covid protocols.



Our first two events were a success!

We had a great turnout for the Homecoming and Corn Hole events. The Metuchen Elks really stepped-up for our kids. Please visit the PS21 page on the MHS website for photos and additional calendar events:

https://www.metuchenschools.org/o/mhs/page/project-seniors-21--2

We welcome all parents to get involved. Please email <u>mhsps21@gmail.com</u> for more information. And, nothing much happens without funding. Please read the attached for information on Lawn Signs and Donating.



DONATIONS

Metuchen High School

400 Grove Avenue Metuchen, New Jersey 08840

Telephone: 732-321-8744 Fax Number: 732-321-8740 Guidance: 732-321-8744, ext. 5020

Mission Statement

Metuchen High School, building on a tradition of academic and co-curricular distinction, provides a healthy and safe learning environment which challenges and supports our students. Our technology-rich instruction and diverse curricular offerings are an integral part of an evolving program that meets each student's intellectual, social, and emotional needs.

Our school encourages all students to discover their talents, develop their strengths, and become global citizens with a strong moral compass. We achieve this through exceptional classroom instruction, data-driven decision-making, and emphasis on developing students' 21st Century skills.

We're on the web!

www.metuchenschools.org



It's time to register for PTO Membership

Metuchen High School PTO needs your support! 2020-2021

By registering and attending meetings (Virtual and/or In person when available) and events (when available) you help us achieve our yearly goals as well as it gives you an opportunity to be a volunteer member at all PTO meetings. Our meetings are informative and interactive.

NEW incentive: In-lieu of our meeting Punchcard giveaway we will conduct several raffles throughout the school year at attended meetings.

Please Like and Join our Facebook Page : Metuchen HS PTO

Register for PTO membership or Renew online \$20 *membership donation . Any additional donations are greatly appreciated!*

New Members- Create an Account to register your family and Existing Users please renew your membership. *Please update your contact information so you are included in all communications.* ***Reminder: If you have a Senior, please register by December 1 to be eligible for a mini scholarship.******

Use the link address provided:

<u>CommunityPass:</u> <u>https://register.communitypass.net/reg/login.cfm?cuBOA%2Fjd0p4trnasCJNBkrfRqBdcC8M1ug</u> <u>TdgJwcwr%2BLxIFL2ZCtvf%2Fw</u>

Any questions: Please feel free to contact us by email. <u>metuchenhspto@gmail.com</u>

METUCHEN PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL IOIN TODAY AT COMMUNITY PASS

*MHS SENIOR PARENTS: You must join by 12/1 for your senior to qualify for a Metuchen PT Council Scholarship.

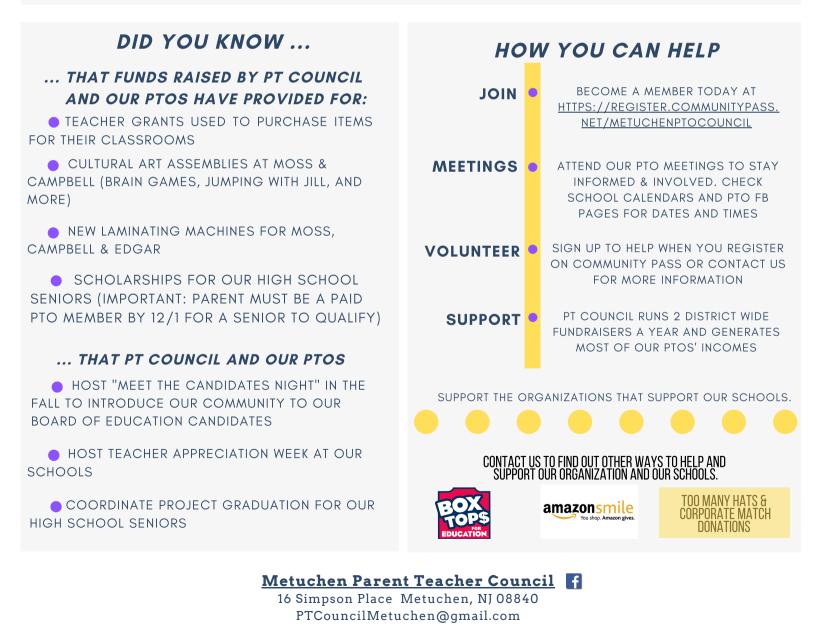
ABOUT METUCHEN PT COUNCIL & WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN

The Metuchen Parent Teacher Council is a non-profit organization which acts in a leadership role and as coordinator of the three Parent Teacher Organizations in Metuchen: Metuchen High School, Edgar Middle School and Campbell/Moss.

Our goal is to promote the highest degree of education by:

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Campbell / Moss PTO





Metuchen Parent Teacher Council

Fall Fundraiser Holiday Catalog & Gourmet Snacks Including Otis Spunkmeyer Ready To Eat Treats

Shop today at <u>www.ShopFund.com</u> and support Metuchen public schools!

Browse the online catalog for home items, holiday gifts & wrapping paper, candy, snacks and more.

With your help, we will be able to raise funds to support our schools and students in many ways. This funding does not come from other sources so your participation, at any level, is critical. Thank you for your help & and for supporting the organizations that support our schools!

SHOP TODAY AND SUPPORT METUCHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

 Register at <u>www.ShopFund.com</u> Click the white button labeled "Parents & Sellers" On the Parent Seller Login page click the green button labeled "Parents & Sellers Register" On the Add Your Student(s) page, enter your state, select "Metuchen Parent Teacher Council" & in the School or Group textbox put your child's school to register your student(s).

• Shop at <u>www.ShopFund.com</u>

Browse our online catalogs and pick from hundreds of great items for the home, gift, holiday wraps, candy, cookies, snacks and much, much more! **All Payments Will Be Made Online** -- Pay with credit/debit or Text PAY to 833-858-858 All items will be delivered straight to your home. Enjoy free shipping on orders over \$75.

- Share with 5 or more supporters
 Send to Family & Friends send email messages, texts or post to your social media.
 Supporters can shop online & have items delivered straight to their home.
- Each share gives you 1 raffle ticket for a chance at great prizes Each message, text or post gives you a raffle tickets & a chance to win a prize from \$100,000 in prizes.







- Your child wins prizes for items purchased
 Every item purchased by you or a supporter is one prize point for your child.
 Check out the prizes at available in our <u>Student Prize Carnival</u>.
- Follow your progress with the Dashboard Log on to your dashboard to see your orders, how much your supporters have raised for our schools and prize points your child has earned.

Questions? Contact us <u>MetuchenFundraisers@gmail.com</u> or call Sandra at (917) 502-0140

ARE KED = Please Join! Our Athletic Teams Appreciate Your Support! Metuchen High School Booster Club "The Team Behind the Teams"



MHS Booster Club is a volunteer organization and a vital part of our athletics program. The Booster Club fundraises to support MHS athletic teams with equipment purchases and other essentials not covered in the Board of Education budget. The club also hosts the annual Senior Sports Awards and provides scholarships to graduating senior athletes (Please note – senior athletes must be a member of the MHS Booster Club in order to be eligible for sports scholarships).

Every family who has a child participating in MHS athletics should join the club. All of our funds are raised through our membership drive, selling of Bulldog apparel at various events and operating the snack bar at home sports games.

Please mak MHS Booster Club, c/o Met	mbership fee per year per fa ke checks payable to: MHS E <i>uchen High School, 400 Grov</i> tuchenboosterclub@yahoo.	Booster Club e Ave., Metuchen, NJ, 08840
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Athlete's Name	Grade	Sport(s)
Parent/Guardian Names: 1	2	
Parent/Guardian Email: 1	2	
Parent/Guardian Phone: 1	2	

Email address & phone numbers are only used for MHS Booster Club business and will not be shared with any other organizations

I want to help! Please contact me about volunteering

Please check items below that interest you in helping MHSBC

Football Snack Bar	Basketball Snack Bar
Wrestling Snack Bar	Sports Awards

Too Many Hats? Are you too busy to help with Booster Club activities? We understand! In lieu of helping, please consider making a \$50 donation (this would include your \$25 membership fee).

Please return your membership form in September so that we can promptly update our membership database.



MHS Booster Club BUY-A-BRICK Campaign

SHOW YOUR METUCHEN PRIDE

Buy a Brick and leave a legacy

D BE A PART OF METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY

SUPPORT THE MHS ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Buy an engraved brick paver. The personalized pavers will proudly be displayed by the MHS Stadium

COMMEMORATE

Graduation Academic Achievement Individual or Team Sports Record In Loving Memory of Retirement Favorite Coach Faculty Member

BUY-A-BRICK

- Name:
- Address:
- Phone:
- E-Mail:
- Total Enclosed:

Please Make checks payable to MHS Booster Club and send with completed form to:

Metuchen High School Attn. Booster Club 400 Grove Ave Metuchen, NJ 08840

Enter Inscription for Brick below:

6'9		1	6 Char	racters	x 4 lin	ies	Р	rice \$	125		

Metuchen High School

DEADLINE: 12/19/2020

Dear Parent or Student,

Yearbook recognition ads are a great way for parents, families and friends to commemorate student achievements and important milestones. In addition, revenues from recognition ads help our school to create a better yearbook. To purchase your ad online, follow the instructions on the form below. Jostens is managing your school's yearbook ad sales so please do not contact or send materials to the school. Please take into account our school's ad content guidelines on the bottom of this form during the creation of your ad online. All ad orders must be placed online by 12/19/2020

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK RECOGNITION AD TODAY!

ORDER BY	′ 12/19/2020		
COLOR AD)	BLACK & V	VHITE AD
Full Page	\$400.00	Full Page	\$340.00
1/2 Page	\$285.00	1/2 Page	\$225.00
1/4 Page	\$200.00	1/4 Page	\$140.00
1/8 Page	\$110.00	1/8 Page	\$80.00

IT'S EASY! Create your ad online at www.jostensadservice.com

- 1. Choose your ad size and layout.
- 2. Enter your text and upload your photos.

Important information about Yearbook Recognition Ads

- · Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines.
- We retain the right to remove any explicit text, graphic photos or copyright-protected imagery or photos.
- For the ad to appear in the yearbook, your ad must be purchased by the order deadline.
- Color photographs uploaded for black-and-white ads will appear in black and white.
- We will make every effort to use your layout and text as indicated. A proof will not be provided and no changes can be made after purchase.

GUIDELINES SURROUNDING RECOGNITION AD CONTENT.

Our school reserves the right to edit ads per our guidelines. Please make sure all submitted materials are appropriate for school publication.



EASY PAYMENT PLAN AVAILABLE*

*Credit card installment plan available for orders of \$30 or more.

Frequently Asked Questions

How are the ad prices determined and what is the money used for?

Ad prices are determined by our school. The revenue from Recognition Ads helps support our yearbook and keep it affordable for everyone.

How is the ad deadline determined?

The ad deadline is set by our school based on the production schedule for the yearbook.

Can I create my student's ad on my mobile device?

Yes, you can design your recognition ad on a mobile device using the free ReplayIt app. Available for download from the Google Play and Apple App store.

Can I send my materials to the school?

No, please do not send your materials to our school. Our school has selected Jostens to assist with our ad program. Please call our customer service number (800-358-0800) if you have questions or need assistance in creating your ad.

More questions? Call Jostens at (800) 358-0800.



www.jostensadservice.com



Can't Stop Jingling

Join us VIRTUALLY for the merriest, most memorable holiday FUN RUN around!

- Get a cool T-shirt, medal & decal
- Feel good about helping a great cause
 - Earn Community Service Hours



December 11-13, 2020 Register today at jbr.org/NewJersey **Registration Fee: \$35**

Thanks to Our Sponsors





#JingleBellRun



National Sponsors

Additional Support Provided by



Signature Sponsor









METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

8 Wallets

\$49.00

P.M. Studios 1021 Amboy Ave Edison, NJ 08837 (732) 512-9844 www.pmstudios.com

4 Wallets

\$39.00

***TRADITIONAL BLUE BACKGROUND**

This years Package ChoicesPACKAGE A PACKAGE B PACKAGE C PACKAGE D2 8x10's1 8x102 5x7's1 5x72 5x7's2 5x7's4 3x5's2 3x5's

4 Wallets

\$42.00

***PRT** - **Photo Retouching** - to fix blemishes or bruises - \$9.50* (Please specify what you would like to retouch on the LOCATION LINE)

8 Wallets

\$46.00

BONUSITEMS

B1 - 1 10x13	\$30.00
B2 – 1 8x10	\$20.00
B3 – 2 5x7's	\$20.00
B4 – 4 3x5's	\$20.00
B5 – 8 Wallets	\$20.00
B6 – CD with Image	\$50.00

Enclose payment in envelope and send to school with child on picture day

MAKE	ALL	CHECKS	PAYABLE	TO:
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ALL RETURNED CHECKS WILL CARRY A \$30.00 SERVICE CHARGE

STUDENTS NAME
ADDRESS
CITY,STATE,ZIP
PHONE NUMBER
SCHOOL NAME
GRADE
HOMEROOM & SECTION#:
EMAIL ADDRESS

PRICE
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RETOUCHLOCATION

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS (glasses off/on, shirt tucked, hair forward/ back)

IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO PURCHASE ANY PHOTOS, PLEASE PRINT AND FILL THIS FORM OUT AND HAVE YOUR CHILD HAND IT DIRECTLY TO THE PHOTOGRAPHER ON PICTURE DAY.

FIRST NAME:_____

LAST NAME

STUDENTS SCHOOL ID NUMBER:

GRADE: HOMEROOM TEACHER:

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PROJECT SENIORS	5 2021
LAWN SIGN ORDER	FORM
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CONGRATULATIONS—PERSONALIZED WITH NAME ONLY	
Large, Personalized. 24" x 46", printed on 1-side, with two stakes. \$40.00 Graduate's Name:	_
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CONGRATULATIONS—PERSONALIZED WITH NAME & PHOTO Large, Personalized. 24" x 46", printed on 1-side, with two stakes. \$45.00 Graduate's Name: PLEASE PRINT	See note about sending your jpeg
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# **PROJECT SENIORS '21**

Covid19 & quarantine have changed our kids' senior year in every way possible. What will come of Homecoming, Prom, Project Graduation – all of the school events they've been looking forward to and will make their crowning-year memorable? We can't say for sure. BUT, our goal is to proactively introduce safe and alternate substitutes.

We need your help. First, we need the funds to make things happen. We cannot hold event fundraisers and so we're asking for a contribution on behalf of every senior.

We're hoping that you are able to send at least \$50 per senior. We really need at least double that amount and so if you're able to send more, please do. There will be no raffle sales or dinner events. Just a check.

We also welcome you to join our efforts. If you have an idea for a Covid19 protocol-friendly event and would like to help make it happen or if you have access to resources that might enable an activity to happen, please email us at mhsps21@gmail.com.

All contributors will be noted in the Graduation Program. We sincerely thank you for help.



# CONTRIBUTION FORM

# Contributions are requested by Friday January 8, 2021 Please Make Checks Payable to: MHS Project Graduation 2021

Student Name(s):		
Parent Name:		
Parent email address:		
Phone Number:		
Ca	ontribution: \$	3
	\$50	Donor
	\$+50	Silver
	\$100+	Gold
	\$250+	Platinum
	\$500+	Diamond

# Please send form along with your Contribution/Sponsorship to:

MHS Project Seniors 2021, Metuchen High School, 400 Grove Ave., Metuchen, NJ 08840

All Contributions/Sponsorships are 100% Tax Deductible