

January 2021

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Reminders:

- School Closed—**Friday, January 1st**—New Year's Day
- No School— **Monday, January 18th**
- End of second marking cycle/
End of first semester— **Tuesday, February 2nd**

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Principal's Newsletter—January 2021



Please join the Metuchen High School's PTO meeting

Monday, January 11, 2021

7:30pm in the Metuchen High School Auditorium/via Zoom

Guest Speaker TBA and more information to come!

So, mark your calendars, set your reminders!

We will post a **Zoom link** on our Facebook page and school website!

ATTENTION: SENIORS!!! Cap & Gown Measurement

Seniors—if you haven't done so already, 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 cnicholls@metboe.k12.nj.us. If you believe you already filled out the form, please do not fill it out again. Email Mrs. Nicholls and she will check. Thank you!

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

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.



2021 Class of 21

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.

**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>

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And, nothing much happens without funding. Please read the attached for information on Lawn Signs and Donating.

LAWN SIGN & DONATIONS FORMS ATTACHED

We welcome all parents to get involved.

Please email mhps21@gmail.com for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



Attention Senior Students

Sending Mid-Year Grades to Colleges: Any senior who needs Mid-Year grades sent to a college must submit the request by completing the Mid-Year Report Card Request Form. The form can be found on the School Counseling webpage or by clicking here: [Mid-Year/ First Semester Report Card Request](#) . Please submit to the Counseling Office no later than February 4, 2020.

Inform Your Counselor of all College Admissions Decisions: Please inform us of your college acceptances. As you receive admissions decisions, you need to inform the School Counseling Office whether you have been accepted, wait-listed, deferred or denied for each school. You may enter this information through your [Naviance Student](#) account. Under "Colleges I'm applying to," find the "Edit" column of the list and click on the pencil icon.

Complete the FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov): Every family preparing to send a child to college should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is REQUIRED of any student seeking federal and state financial aid (including loans) at any college in the country. Every family should complete it, regardless of income, since many scholarship programs require it (even those with no income eligibility).

Scholarships: Remember to check the Scholarship List in Naviance for updated scholarship announcements. In addition, please access the Financial Aid resource page off the home page for scholarship sites to visit. The local scholarship booklet will be distributed in the spring.

Attention Potential College Athletes

NCAA Initial-Eligibility Clearinghouse: Access the website below to find the tools and information you need to navigate the eligibility process for college athletics.

www.eligibilitycenter.org - Potential college athletes should register online with the Eligibility Center as early as sophomore year. To create an account, either click on the "New Account" button at the top right of the screen or the cell phone on the left side of the screen. Juniors will need to request for the Guidance Office to send an official transcript, and seniors will need to follow up to request that we send the final transcript. If you have any questions, or need assistance, please call your School Counselor at 732-321-8700, ext. 5020.

For more information please download the NCAA Guide For The College-Bound Student Athlete at http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/eligibility_center/Student_Resources/CBSA.pdf and visit the College Athlete Resource Page on Naviance Family Connection, located off the home page.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SCHOOL
COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**



TESTING INFORMATION

Upcoming SAT Registration Deadlines:

Visit www.collegeboard.org for more info.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
March 13th	February 12th

If your child receives free/reduced lunch, he/she is eligible for an SAT fee waiver and should stop in Guidance to pick it up. Fee waivers cannot be used for late registration.

Upcoming ACT Registration Deadlines:

Visit www.actstudent.org for more info.

Test Date	Registration Deadline
February 6th	January 8th

If your child receives free/reduced lunch, he/she is eligible for an ACT fee waiver and should stop in Guidance to pick it up. Fee waivers cannot be used for late registration.

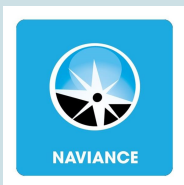
“Naviance Student is the engaging, mobile-responsive replacement for Naviance Family Connection.”

ARE YOU CONNECTED?

Naviance Student: <https://student.naviance.com/metuchen>

Naviance Student is the engaging, mobile-responsive replacement for Naviance Family Connection. It is easy to use with familiar layouts and workflows. Naviance Student is accessible to both students and parents. If you do not have a Naviance Student account, contact the School Counseling Department for information on how to get an one.

To watch an Overview of Naviance Student, visit the [MHS School Counseling Page](#). The Naviance Student for Parents and Naviance Student for Students reference guides are also attached.



MORE SCHOOL NEWS...



Bulldog Bark and Yearbook News

Dear Sir/Madame,

Metuchen High School’s newspaper, *The Bulldog’s Bark* and the yearbook club’s (*The Blue Letter*) are asking local businesses for their support. At this time, we are inviting the Metuchen Business Community to advertise in the school newspaper and/or the Metuchen High School yearbook. Please refer to the charts below for pricing. Thank you in advance for supporting our students. **Bulldog’s Bark, 400 Grove Avenue, Metuchen, NJ 08840. Telephone Number is 732-321-8744.**

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 lwisniewski@metboe.k12.nj.us, 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

Blue Letter (Yearbook) Advertisement cost:

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 Size	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00

MORE SCHOOL NEWS...



CLASS RING NEWS—SOPHOMORES & 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)

“If you have not had your **Senior Portrait** taken, please contact **PM Studios** immediately to set up an appointment time in order for your picture to be in the yearbook. You must act **ASAP**. PM Studios number is **732-512-9844**.

SENIORS—SENIOR PORTRAITS!!!!

If you have not had your Senior Portrait taken, please contact **PM Studios** immediately to set up an appointment time in order for your picture to be in the yearbook. You must act ASAP. PM Studios number is **732-512-9844**.

PT COUNCIL

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Please see the attached flyer for additional information.



The Metuchen Public Library is still looking for volunteers for their Teen Advisory Board as well as their Executive Teen Advisory Board. Please look over the attached information sheet in regards to volunteering in either of these positions at the Metuchen Public Library during COVID-19. Also attached to this newsletter are application forms for the Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and the Executive Teen Advisory Board (ETAB). Please direct any questions about TAB and teen volunteering to mwhittington@Lmxac.org.

Please see the attached flyer regarding Peer Tutoring at the Metuchen Public Library (for students from K—Grade 10.). This is a **free** service.

UNDERCLASSMEN PHOTO—MAKE-UP DAY—JANUARY 7TH

On **January 7th**, starting at 3pm, **P.M. Studios** will return to Metuchen High School for the last opportunity to have your photographs taken in time to be included in the 2021 Yearbook.

If you want to have your portrait taken at the high school **you will need to call P.M. Studios at 732 512 9844 to be given an appointment time.**

To order a photo package from PM Studios on **January 7th**, please bring this form with you the day your child's photo is taken [PM Studio Photo Package Form](#)

If you do not want a photo package from PM Studios and you want **your child's picture taken for their School ID as well as their yearbook picture**. Please click on the following form [For ID/Yearbook Only Form](#)

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**.



Metuchen High School

400 Grove Avenue
Metuchen, New Jersey 08840

Telephone: 732-321-8744
Fax Number: 732-321-8741
School Counseling Ofc– 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

AMERICA'S CLASS JEWELRY

Metuchen High School

Class of 2021 **CAP & GOWN ORDERS**



Dear MHS Class of 2021:

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

What won't change is the Class of 2021!

Click the link below to order your Cap & Gown Online.

[CAP & GOWN ORDER LINK](#)

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

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SCAN TO ORDER
YOUR CAP & GOWN



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.

\$25.00 Membership fee per year per family to join
Please make checks payable to: MHS Booster Club
MHS Booster Club, c/o Metuchen High School, 400 Grove Ave., Metuchen, NJ, 08840
metuchenboosterclub@yahoo.com

2020-21 MHS Booster Club Membership Form

Athlete's Name _____ Grade _____ Sport(s) _____

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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.

PROJECT SENIORS 2021

LAWN SIGN ORDER FORM

Signs will be delivered to you approximately 2 weeks from receipt of your order



CONGRATULATIONS—PERSONALIZED WITH NAME ONLY

Large, Personalized. 24" x 46", printed on 1-side, with two stakes. \$40.00

Graduate's Name: _____



Please submit a jpeg of your student's photo to mhsp21@gmail.com. Enter student name on subject line

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

Your Name: _____

Email: _____ Cell Phone: _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Address where you'd like the signs delivered: _____

Checks payable to Project Graduation 2021

Send order form & pymt to MHS Project Seniors, 400 Grove Ave, Metuchen, NJ 08840

Questions? Reach us at mhsp21@gmail.com



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 mhsp21@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: _____

Contribution: \$ _____

- | | |
|--------|----------|
| \$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

AMERICA'S CLASS JEWELRY

Metuchen High School 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 see the following page for our size guide.

SCAN TO ORDER CLASS JEWELRY



[CLASS RING ORDER LINK](#)

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

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JOSTENS RING SIZER GUIDE

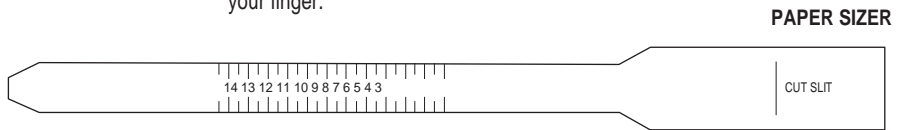
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PAPER TEST

1. Cut out the paper sizer. Cut a small slit in the end for the ring sizer marks to slide through.
2. Slip the pointed end through the slit and place it around your finger.
3. For an accurate measurement, pull the end so it slides to a snug fit. Make sure that you are able to get this over your knuckle and back off your finger.
4. Read the number that lines up next to the slit. This is your ring size.

Tips: Be careful not to wrap the paper too tight. Aim for a comfortable, snug fit. For the most accuracy, have someone help you measure.

DOUBLE CHECK FOR ACCURACY.



STRING TEST

1. Cut a small piece of string, thicker thread or ribbon.
2. Wrap it snugly around your finger for an accurate measurement.
3. Compare your measurement with our ring sizing chart below.



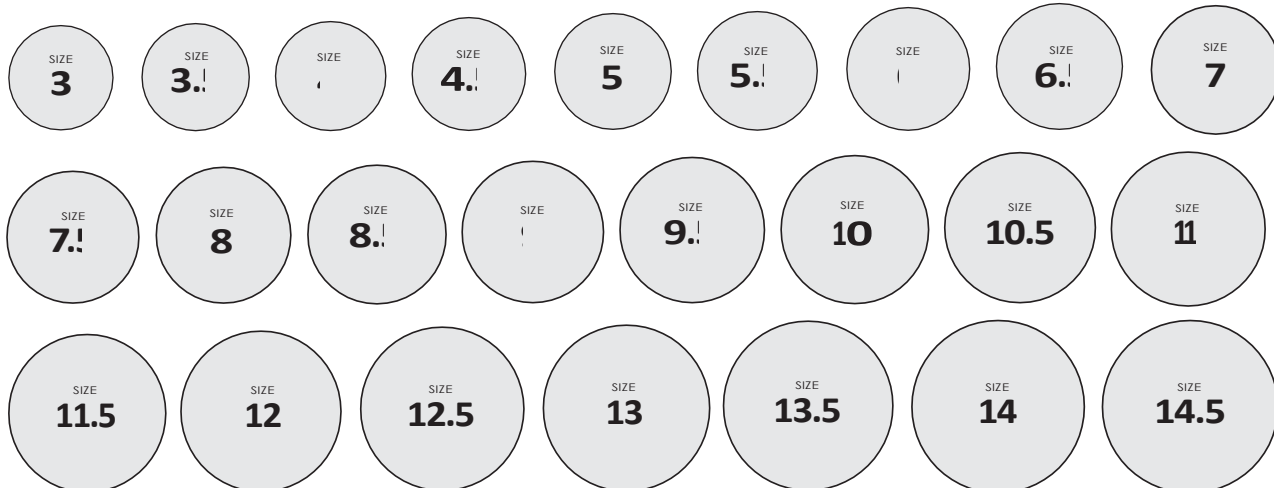
YOUR RING SIZE	SIZE 3	SIZE 3.5	SIZE 4	SIZE 4.5	SIZE 5	SIZE 5.5	SIZE 6	SIZE 6.5	SIZE 7	SIZE 7.5	SIZE 8	SIZE 8.5
MEASUREMENT (MM)	43.9 MM	45.2 MM	46.5 MM	47.8 MM	49 MM	50.3 MM	51.6 MM	52.9 MM	54.2 MM	55.5 MM	56.9 MM	58.1 MM
YOUR RING SIZE	SIZE 9	SIZE 9.5	SIZE 10	SIZE 10.5	SIZE 11	SIZE 11.5	SIZE 12	SIZE 12.5	SIZE 13	SIZE 13.5	SIZE 14	SIZE 14.5
MEASUREMENT (MM)	59.4 MM	60.7 MM	62 MM	63.3 MM	64.4 MM	65.9 MM	67.2 MM	68.5 MM	69.8 MM	71.1 MM	72.4 MM	73.7 MM

Tips: Be careful not to wrap the string too tight. Aim for a comfortable, snug fit. For the most accuracy, have someone help you measure.

DOUBLE CHECK FOR ACCURACY.

EXISTING RING TEST

1. Choose a ring that fits the desired finger.
2. Match the inside edge of the ring with the closest circle.
3. The circle should fit inside of the ring. If the ring falls between two sizes, select the larger size.



All rings purchased on Jostens.com come with a Limited Lifetime warranty which includes free ring resizing.
This Ring Sizer Guide serves as a guide to help you size your finger at home.

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METUCHEN PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL

JOIN 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:

- Enhancing the relationship & collaboration between parents, educators and students
- Support the efforts of teachers and staff in the education of our students
- Provide a forum for parents/guardians to communicate with the administration and each other

Online registration via Community Pass is just \$20 and provides membership to all three PTOs 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.

DID YOU KNOW ...

... THAT FUNDS RAISED BY PT COUNCIL AND OUR PTOS HAVE PROVIDED FOR:

- TEACHER GRANTS USED TO PURCHASE ITEMS FOR THEIR CLASSROOMS
- CULTURAL ART ASSEMBLIES AT MOSS & CAMPBELL (BRAIN GAMES, JUMPING WITH JILL, AND MORE)
- NEW LAMINATING MACHINES FOR MOSS, CAMPBELL & EDGAR
- SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS (IMPORTANT: PARENT MUST BE A PAID PTO MEMBER BY 12/1 FOR A SENIOR TO QUALIFY)

... THAT PT COUNCIL AND OUR PTOS

- HOST "MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT" IN THE FALL TO INTRODUCE OUR COMMUNITY TO OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES
- HOST TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK AT OUR SCHOOLS
- COORDINATE PROJECT GRADUATION FOR OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- JOIN** ● BECOME A MEMBER TODAY AT [HTTPS://REGISTER.COMMUNITYPASS.NET/METUCHENPTOCOUNCIL](https://register.communitypass.net/metuchenptocouncil)
- MEETINGS** ● ATTEND OUR PTO MEETINGS TO STAY INFORMED & INVOLVED. CHECK SCHOOL CALENDARS AND PTO FB PAGES FOR DATES AND TIMES
- VOLUNTEER** ● SIGN UP TO HELP WHEN YOU REGISTER ON COMMUNITY PASS OR CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION
- SUPPORT** ● PT COUNCIL RUNS 2 DISTRICT WIDE FUNDRAISERS A YEAR AND GENERATES MOST OF OUR PTOS' INCOMES

SUPPORT THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT SUPPORT OUR SCHOOLS.



CONTACT US TO FIND OUT OTHER WAYS TO HELP AND SUPPORT OUR ORGANIZATION AND OUR SCHOOLS.



TOO MANY HATS & CORPORATE MATCH DONATIONS

Metuchen Parent Teacher Council

16 Simpson Place Metuchen, NJ 08840
PTCouncilMetuchen@gmail.com

Campbell / Moss PTO

Edgar PTO

Metuchen HS PTO

Metuchen Public Library
Executive Teen Advisory Board
Application
2020-2021 (Grades 9-12)

**Please write clearly and give an email address that you
read at least weekly!**

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
School:	
Grade:	
Parent's name and phone number:	

As a prerequisite to being on the ETAB, you should have volunteered with the Metuchen Public Library on a regular basis in the past. Please list or describe your volunteer experience with the YA department. (For example, volunteering after school or during the summer, TAB experience, Book Friends, etc. State the approximate number of hours you volunteered and an approximate date range.)

Why do you want to be on the Executive Board of the TAB?

Requirements and responsibilities of being a member of the ETAB:

_____ I am a Metuchen resident in grades 9-12+ (ages 13-19)

_____ I will attend meetings on a fairly regular basis. Meetings will be held mostly on Thursdays during the school year from 7:30-8:30. (This is subject to change due to extraneous circumstances.)

_____ I will support the TAB by attending Young Adult sponsored programs and participating in Metuchen Library activities like the **Country Fair, the annual book sale, Lunar New Year and the Memorial Day Parade.** (This is subject to change due to extraneous circumstances.)

I, _____, understand the responsibilities of the Teen Advisory Board and that the members are asked to give at least **20 hours of commitment hours** per calendar year to the Metuchen Library. These hours are accrued by attending meetings and programs and by participating in other TAB activities. They can also be acquired by volunteering to do things at the Metuchen Library.

Signature: _____

Parent's signature: _____

Please return this form to Ms. Whittington at the Metuchen Public Library; 480 Middlesex Avenue; Metuchen, New Jersey 08840 by mail or dropping it off at the circulation desk. You may also scan the document and send it by email to mwhittington@Lmxac.org.

Metuchen Public Library
Teen Advisory Board Application
2020-2021 (Grades 6-12)

Please print clearly!

Name:	
Address:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
School:	
Grade:	
Parent's name and phone number:	

Please give an email address that is read at least weekly. All correspondence is through email.

Requirements and responsibilities of being a member of the TAB:

_____ I am a Metuchen resident in grades 6-12.

_____ I will attend meetings on a fairly regular basis. Meetings will be held mostly on Thursdays during the school year from 7:30-8:30. (This is subject to change due to extraneous circumstances.)

_____ I will support the TAB by attending Young Adult sponsored programs and participating in Metuchen Library activities like the **Country Fair, the annual book sale, Lunar New Year and the Memorial Day Parade**. (This is subject to change due to extraneous circumstances.)

I, _____, understand the responsibilities of the Teen Advisory Board and that the members are asked to give at least **15 hours of commitment hours** per calendar year to the Metuchen Library. These hours are accrued by attending meetings and programs and by participating in other TAB activities. They can also be acquired by volunteering to do things at the Metuchen Library.

Signature: _____

Parent's signature: _____

If you, as the parent, also want to be on the email list, please provide me your email address.

Please return this form to Ms. Whittington at the Metuchen Public Library; 480 Middlesex Avenue; Metuchen, New Jersey 08840 by mail or dropping it off at the circulation desk. You may also scan the document and send it by email to mwhittington@Lmxac.org.

Thank you for your interest in getting involved and volunteering at the Metuchen Public Library! We at the library understand that students may be required to contribute an amount of community service hours each year for school or other organizations. We encourage all students to plan ahead and start service as early as possible! Please keep in mind that we are not able to accommodate everyone.

Note: As a result of the library's closure due to the pandemic, many volunteering opportunities are unavailable until further notice. Please be aware that things are constantly changing and we are adapting the opportunities as needed.

What is TAB?

TAB stands for "Teen Advisory Board." TAB is the volunteer program offered through the Metuchen Public Library that starts in September and wraps up in August each year.

Who is in TAB?

TAB is open to all students that reside in Metuchen and are in grades 6 through 12. New members are always welcome.

When does TAB meet?

TAB meetings are held on most Thursdays of each month from September through August at 7:00 P.M. This is subject to change. Please always check the library website calendar for the most current information regarding meetings or refer to Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts to see any updates.

Note: Since the library is not open regular hours and is open to the public very limited hours, the meetings will be at 5:30 P.M. through Zoom.

Where does TAB meet?

TAB meetings are normally held in the Community Room located next to the Children's Room at the Metuchen Public Library. Snacks and drinks are provided!

Note: Since the library closed to the public in March 2020 as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic, TAB meetings have been held virtually online via Zoom.

How do I join TAB?

You can join TAB by attending one of our meetings and submitting your application form. At your first TAB meeting, you will learn more about volunteer opportunities offered through the library and more about the teen advisory board. You will earn one

hour of community service for each TAB meeting you attend.

Do I need to get approved?

Yes. Once you submit your application, you will receive an email as confirmation that you have been approved.

What does TAB do?

As a member of TAB, you will take an active role in how the Young Adult Department operates. You will help plan programs and events for children and teens, participate in creative activities, strategize about community outreach, contribute ideas for new projects, give feedback about the library's collection, and have an important role in making decisions in all things concerning the library's Young Adult Department. Most TAB meetings are dedicated to discussing youth services programs and how you can participate in planning them.

Volunteer opportunities through TAB include assisting with library programs for children, teens, and adults - as well as other events as needed. To volunteer at one of these library events, we send a sign-up sheet through email so that you may register based on your interest and availability.

Your attendance is required to do certain events which are detailed on the application.

Note: As a result of the library's closure due to COVID-19, all in-person library programs have been canceled until further notice.

What about Virtual Volunteering?

While the library has been closed for the pandemic, Metuchen Public Library has offered virtual volunteering opportunities for current TAB members. These opportunities range from writing book reviews, recording story time videos, submitting writing and photos, and many more opportunities!

What is TechEd League?

TechEd League is a volunteer opportunity for those who know and love technology. You will assist library patrons of all ages with technology questions. If you know everything there is to know about computers, iPads, Zoom, and are always learning more, TechEd League is perfect for you. You will need to be patient, friendly, and kind with everyone who needs assistance with their tech questions. The TechEd League is open to high school students. If you have any questions, please contact mwhittington@Lmxac.org.

How do I join TechEd League?

There is an online application from the library for students interested in joining TechEd League.

<https://tinyurl.com/TechEdApplication>

How do I log my community service hours?

You will need to log your hours with the YA supervisor.

What if I have a question that you didn't answer?

Please direct any questions about TAB and teen volunteering to mwhittington@Lmxac.org.



Peer Tutoring

For Students – Grades K – 10

This free service is offered

Mon. – Thurs. from 4-7 P.M.

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Please email Mwhittington@lmax.org to schedule an appointment or <https://tinyurl.com/PeerTutoringVolunteer> if you would like to be a tutor.

Please be advised these are not paid tutors but volunteer high school students, who are not specialists, and are just here to help students. They will make every attempt to be here when scheduled but sometimes emergencies come up.

