

May 2021

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Reminders:

- Mid-Marking Period for the Fourth Marking Cycle—**Friday, May 14th**
- AP Exams—**5/3/21 through 5/24 (In-Person & At Home)**
- AP Exams —**5/26/21 through 06/10 (At Home)**
- Spring Concert—**Thursday, May 20th, 6:00pm**
- Early Dismissal Notes For Prom are due **NO LATER THAN Tuesday, May 25th** (See Page 2)
- Pre-Prom Assembly—**Tuesday, May 25th 6th Period (Juniors & Seniors)**
- National Art Honor Society—**Wednesday, May 26th (7:00pm, Virtual)**
- Junior/Senior Prom—**Thursday, May 27th**
- School is not in Session—**Friday, May 28th-Monday, May 31st—Memorial Day Recess**

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Principal's Newsletter—May 2021

Mid-Marking Period for the Fourth Marking Cycle

Friday, May 14th is the mid-marking period for the Fourth Marking cycle.

MHS PTO

Please Join us on **May 10** for the last PTO meeting of the year. So, mark your calendars, set your reminders!

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

The theme for this year for Teachers Appreciation is "Relax & Rewind at The Beach". A breakfast for teachers Appreciation is planned for **May 25th**, and a Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be held on **May 26th**. Please help us show our appreciation for all that the staff of the high school do—stay tuned for details!

Dress Code

The weather is getting warmer...please review the dress code guidelines with your child. The guidelines can be found on the high school website — Go to **Our Schools** and click on **Our Students and/or Our Parents Tab**, click on **Dress Code**. It can also be found on the High School Home Page—Go to **Our School** and click on **Home Page**. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

IMPORTANT!!!!!! FALL SPORTS ATHLETES

Sports Physicals for **FALL** Sports will take place on **the following days in the Athletics Trainer's Office**. **WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT SCHOOL FOR YOUR SPORTS PHYSICAL – YOU ARE TO ENTER THE BUILDING THROUGH THE BACK DOOR NEAR THE WEIGHT ROOM.**

• **Thursday, May 20th – 8:30am**

• **Thursday, June 3rd - 8:30am**

You need to let the Nurse know by **Wednesday, May 19th** if you are going to have a Sports Physical and **ALL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE NURSE BY Wednesday, May 19th**. Pick up a physical form from the Main Office (middle table in vestibule). **This is also where you would drop off your completed physical forms.**

Physicals are valid for **365** days from the date of the examination and must be given to the school nurse. **ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENT ATHLETES:** If you choose to go to your own private physician (PMD), you are not cleared until it is reviewed by the school physician, as required by NJ state law. Sports Physicals completed by your PMD must be handed in to the school nurse **BY Wednesday, May 19th** to sign. **STATE REQUIREMENT: IF YOU CHOOSE TO USE YOUR PMD THEY ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE STUDENT-ATHLETE CARDIAC ASSESSMENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MODULE. YOUR PMD HAS TO HAVE COMPLETED THIS IN ORDER TO CLEAR YOUR CHILD FOR PARTICIPATION.**





MHS BOOSTER CLUB—SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!

The Booster Club and Athletic Department Awards Ceremony outside in the MHS Stadium

Wednesday, June 2nd at 7pm

More information to follow!

Prom News IMPORTANT REMINDERS!!!!!!

The Junior/Senior Prom is on **Thursday, May 27th** at the *Pines Manor* in Edison, NJ from 6:00pm until 11:00pm. *Pre-Prom Assembly will be held on Tuesday, May 25th for Grades 11 and 12 6th Period.*

Early dismissal time for Thursday, May 23rd, for any student for Prom is **1:05pm**. No one will be allowed to leave before that time. All requests for early dismissal for that day have to be in writing (NO PHONE CALLS) and in the Front Office by Tuesday, May 25th— no later!

If your child is driving to the Prom and is 17 years of age, he/she must leave the Prom by **10:30pm** in order to be home by 11:00pm. This is New Jersey State Law for all students on a provisional license.

You can purchase prom bids from 3:00pm to 4:00pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays the week of April 12th, April 19th and week of April 26th. If your child is taking an out of district guest to the Prom, the form must be submitted before prom bids are purchased (April 9th).

The entire event will be held outside under a tent. Temperatures will be taken as the students enter the tent area. Students will be required to wear a mask at all times (except when they are seated having dinner). For all MHS students attending Prom, the Prom letter must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned to the high school in order for bids to be purchased. This signature indicates acceptance of COVID protocols in place for the event.

[Prom Letter & Out of District Guest Application Form](#)

Spring Concert— Thursday, May 20th

The MHS Spring Concert will feature the Concert Choir and Choral Club, led by Stefeny Stofa-Krombholz; the Orchestra and Vivaldi String Ensemble, led by Christopher McEwan; the Concert Band, and the Jazz Ensemble led by John Messenger and Assistant Band Director, John Flynn. Please join us on Thursday, May 20th at 6:00pm outside in the MHS Stadium. There will be a limit of two tickets per family, and all in attendance must be masked and practice social distancing.

BREAKING THE CHAIN THROUGH EDUCATION— BTC-TOBER

SAVE THE DATE!!!!!!!

6th Annual Dinner—**Thursday, October 14th—6:00pm—9:00pm—**Wilshire Grand in West Orange

4th Annual Sam Liss Memorial 5K—**Sunday, October 31st—9:00 AM—**Metuchen High School

Early Dismissal time for any student for Prom on 5/27 is **1:05pm. No one is allowed to leave before that time. All requests for early dismissal for that day have to be in writing by Tuesday, 5/25 No later.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT



TESTING INFORMATION

Upcoming SAT Registration Deadlines:
Visit www.collegeboard.org for more info.

All Juniors should take the SAT and/or ACT at least once during the spring of Junior Year

Test Date	Registration Deadline
June 5, 2021	May 6, 2021 (Late Registration Deadline May 18th)

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
June 12, 2021	May 7, 2021 (Late Registration Deadline May 21st)
Test Date	Registration Deadline
July 17, 2021	June 18, 2021 (Late Registration Deadline June 25th)

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.

ARE YOU CONNECTED?

This year we are making it easier than ever for your student(s) to answer the questions that will shape their future. Who am I? What do I want to be? How will I get there? and How Will I Succeed?

Naviance Student is the engaging, mobile-responsive replacement for Naviance Family Connection. It is easy to use with familiar layouts and workflows. Naviance Student, just like Family Connection, is accessible to both students and parents. As a matter of fact, if you already have a username and password for Family Connection, you can use it to log in to [Naviance Student](#). Otherwise, contact the School Counseling Department for information on how to get an account.

To watch an Overview of Naviance Student, visit the [MHS School Counseling Page](#).



“Naviance Family Connection is a web-based service designed to assist you and your child with every aspect of the college and career planning process.”





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.

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.

ATTENTION SENIOR STUDENTS

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

SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Please review the scholarship postings on Naviance Family Connection for updates to our scholarship listing (*use Colleges Tab*).

Senior
Students—
please inform
Guidance of all
College
Admissions
Decisions





Yearbook News

To order a yearbook, please visit www.jostens.com. Yearbooks will be distributed in July, dates to be announced.

The Blue Letter would like to reach out to the Metuchen Community to help “sponsor a Yearbook for a student.” There are several students who, due to financial issues, cannot afford the yearbook. The yearbook is a memory keepsake. If you are interested in donating a book you may go to www.jostens.com or you may contact Ms. Wisniewski at lwisniewski@metboe.k12.nj.us. Thank you all for supporting our students.



Congratulatory Signs—Class of 2021

The Metuchen teachers would like to congratulate the **Class of 2021** that has made it through high school, and has faced the challenges of the last 15 months of high school. The teachers, together with the NJEA, will place congratulatory signs on the lawns of graduating seniors. The plan is for this to take place in early June.

MHS Pawdcast

MHS Pawdcast is the radio voice of Metuchen High School. It is hosted by Eddie Kalegi and his panel of D.J’s where they talk sports, school news, and all things Metuchen High School. Please go to the Metuchen High School website and find the link to the current, as well as, past shows. Any student who is interested in joining the MHS Pawdcast, Metuchen High School Media Club, or would like to help with live sports broadcasts on "The Bulldog Report" is invited to Email eddiekalegi@gmail.com if you have any questions.

MHS School Newspaper—The Bulldog’s Bark

Our MHS school newspaper, The Bulldog’s Bark, is written entirely by students and is self-supporting. We are always looking for advertisers. Contact Ms. Wisniewski at lwisniewski@metboe.k12.nj.us for advertising information

FUCE 5K Virtual Family Fun Run/Walk



The Fuccile Foundation has made the difficult decision to hold the Fuce 5K virtually again this year. We pride ourselves on bringing the community together every Father’s Day and feel that we can not ensure the safety of our participants this year. Since it is a family event, we are hoping you will still participate together as a family virtually. We’ll run our virtual race from June 20th to June 30th and registration is now open! **In order to secure a t-shirt, registration must be completed by May 15.** T-shirts will not be available for any registrants past this deadline, this applies to both Family Sponsorship levels as well.

We hope you will join us virtually for the 13th Annual Fuce 5K Family Fun Run/Walk! [Please visit their website for more information.](#)



2021 *Class of* 21



PROJECT SENIORS '21

ELKS SENIOR FUN DAY! Saturday May 8th from 4PM-7PM



Join us for an afternoon of music, BBQ, and games—outdoors and safe! Come have fun!

[SIGN UP HERE!](#)

DECISION '21



Tell the world what you'll be doing next year! Please do these 3:

1. Email a photo of yourself in your gear by May 1 to the [Media Club](#)—tell them your name and the name of your school or employer
2. Complete [this form](#) for Bulldog's Bark—the ICONIC edition, and
3. Complete the Graduation Survey in Naviance—a grad requirement!

Many of you have already contributed, thank you!

If you haven't yet donated, check out our

[ONLINE DONATION PORTAL!](#)

2021 *Class of* 21



COME DOWN! BE SEEN! Take photos and enjoy the hospitality of our wonderful downtown businesses.

(They're so happy to be doing this FOR YOU!)

LAWN

SIGN?

ORDER HERE



[SIGN-UP HERE](#)

2021 *Class of*



METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021

PROJECT GRADUATION '21



JUNE 15TH 10PM-2AM

IT'S ON!

It will be at MHS - we'll claim the building and the NIGHT. We have an Entertainment Company bringing in a giant-inflatable MELTDOWN, an inflatable MECHANICAL BULL; life-sized Jenga, Connect Four, and Titan Pong. the cafeteria will become a CASINO; we'll have roaming photos and GIFS, a photo wall, FOOD, and an AMAZING MENTALIST SHOW!

PERMISSION SLIP - please complete as soon as possible

Parents: Able to help set-up for the event? **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP FORM**



We're collecting photos for the tear-jerking class video AND baby photos for the Guess-The-Baby contest. Please send photos (with the student's name in the Subject Line) to MHSPS21@gmail.com. PHOTOS DUE BY JUNE 1

Checkout **our website** for more
information and photos of our past events

If you aren't receiving our email updates, let us know! MHSPS21@gmail.com



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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

PT COUNCIL VIRTUAL SILENT FUNDRAISER

The Metuchen PT Council will be holding its Virtual Silent Auction **April 26th through May 7th**. Shop the online Auction for great prizes and help make a difference.

Please see the attached flyer for additional information or click on the link below

<https://5il.co/rxt5>

MHS CLOSING CALENDAR

Please see the attached Closing Calendar for the High School for important dates for the end of the year. You can also find this information on the MHS website. Go to www.Metuchenschools.org. Click on Metuchen High School and then go to drop down Our Schools and click on [Home Page](#).



Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

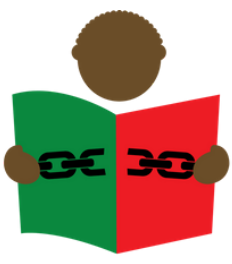
MHS Parents, it's our turn to show MHS staff how much we appreciate their tireless energy, limitless enthusiasm, and extreme dedication to helping our children become successful adults. We are looking for monetary donations to host a luncheon! All donations are greatly appreciated.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO MHS PTO,
IN MEMO: TEACHER APPRECIATION,
DROP IT OFF AT THE FRONT OFFICE**

LUNCHEON: May 26, 2021

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Breaking The Chain Through Education

BTC-TOBER

****Save The Dates****

6th Annual Dinner

Thursday, Oct. 14th

6 pm-9 pm

Wilshire Grand

350 Pleasant Valley Way

West Orange, NJ 07052

**4th Annual
Sam Liss Memorial 5K**

Sunday, Oct. 31st, 9 am

Metuchen High School

400 Grove Ave, Metuchen

Please join us



**METUCHEN PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL'S
VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION
FUNDRAISER**

BiddingOwl.com/MetuchenPTC

Bidding Opens: April 26 @ 8:00 am Closes: May 7 @ 8:00 pm

**SHOP OUR ONLINE
AUCTION FOR GREAT
PRIZES AND HELP MAKE
A DIFFERENCE!**

Gift Cards
Activities for the Kids
Sports Collectibles
Home goods
Designer Accessories

And a great selection of perfect gifts for
Mom so that you can be ready to impress on
Mother's Day!

Our virtual silent auction replaces our
2021 PTC Night Out which is our
largest fundraiser supporting our
schools and students.

All profits raised from our silent
auction will go 100% back to our
schools and help our principals fulfill
their school wish lists.

**HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE
FOR OUR METUCHEN SCHOOLS!**



**Fundraiser to benefit
Metuchen Public Schools**

Metuchen High School

2021 Closing Calendar

Thursday March 25 -Scholarship Meeting –Info sent to Seniors by Genesis & posted on website
 Monday Mar 29-Apr2 -Spring Recess

Monday, May 3-Monday, May 24 – AP Exams (In-Person & At Home)

Wednesday, May 26 – Thursday, June 10 – AP Exams (At Home Only)

Friday May 14 -Mid-Marking Period – MP 4
-Tentative Senior Failure List due in Guidance

Wednesday May 19 -Star Awards (TBA)
 Thursday May 20 -Spring Concert (6:00pm, MHS Stadium)
 Friday May 21 -**Rain Date** Spring Concert (6:30pm, MHS Stadium)
 Tue-Thur May 25-27 -PTO Teacher Appreciation Breakfast, Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, & Candy Bar
 Tuesday May 25 -Pre-Prom Assembly (Juniors & Seniors) – 6th Period
 Wednesday May 26 -NAHS Induction (7:00pm – Virtual)
 Thursday May 27 -Junior-Senior Prom (6:00pm – 11:00pm) Pines Manor
 Friday May 28 -School Closed – (In-Service)
 Monday May 31 -No School – Memorial Day

Wednesday June 2 -Senior Sports Awards (MHS Stadium, 7pm)
 Thursday June 3 -Student Council Elections (**Per. 2-GR9, Per. 3-GR11, Per. 6-GR10**)
 Friday June 4 -Battle of the Classes -4:00pm
 -Final Day Reporting Senior Obligations to Ms. Lezama
 -Final Senior Failure List Due In Guidance
 -Final Grades Due for the Top 50 Seniors

Monday, June 7-Friday, June 11 –Junior Speeches

Monday June 7 - Music Awards/Appreciation Dinner (6:00pm, The Pines Manor)
 Tuesday June 8 - **All Senior Grades Due on Report Grades**
 Wednesday June 9 - Last Day of Regular Classes for Seniors
 - **Senior** Textbook Collection – (Details to Follow)
 Thursday June 10 - Last day for general use of library
 - Final Senior Sign-Out (9:30 am) **CHECKS ONLY – PAYABLE TO MHS**
 - **Senior** Textbook Collection – (Details to Follow)
 - Senior Convocation Ceremony – Virtual - 6pm – Details to Follow
 - **Failure List for each grade level due in Guidance**
 Friday June 11 - **Early Dismissal Day – 12:30pm**
 - Cafeteria Closes
 - Graduation Rehearsal (9:30am) – MHS Stadium
 - Senior Caps and Gowns (9:30am)
 - **Underclassmen** Textbook Collection (Details to Follow)
 Monday June 14 - **Early Dismissal Day – 12:30pm**
 - Graduation Rehearsal (9:30am) – MHS Stadium
 - Senior Picnic (11:00-12:30 pm)
 - Graduation Rehearsal (MHS Auditorium, 12:30 pm)
 - **Underclassmen** Textbook Collection (Details to Follow)
 Tuesday June 15 - **Early Dismissal Day – 12:30pm**
 - Last Day of Classes for Underclassmen
 - Rain Rehearsal (if needed-9:30 am)
 - **All grades due in Guidance (3:00 pm)**
 - **Teacher Sign-Out**
 - **Graduation – Class of 2021 (5:00 pm)**
 - **Project Graduation (Class of 2021) – Be Back at High School at 9:30pm**

**** The dates and times are subject to change.**