

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL SHORTS

December 10, 2021

Student & Family Update

WOO HOO!

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Ms. Kato,
MHS Governor's
Educator of the Year!

PROUD OF YOU



CONGRATULATIONS

IMPORTANT DATES

DATE(S)	EVENT(S)
12/13	MHS Concert 7pm
12/14	Instant Decision Day: Rowan Board Meeting 8pm
12/15	Instant Decision Day: Rider
12/16	Mid-Point of Second Marking Period
12/20-23	Spirit Week
12/21	Instant Decision Day: Middlesex
12/23	Early Dismissal Day
12/24-1/2/22	Winter Recess
1/3/22	Welcome Back to School!
Week of 1/10	Bi-Literacy Testing
1/17	MLK, Jr. Day – No School
1/25	End of Second Marking Period
1/26	First Day of Second Semester



CONGRATULATIONS, Mrs. Brinkerhoff!
MHS Education Specialist of the Year!

Show your School & Winter Holiday Spirit!

METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL

SPRIT WEEK

MONDAY 20 Blizzard Day

TUESDAY 21 Flannel Shirt Day

WEDNESDAY 22 Pajama Day

THURSDAY 23 Ugly Sweater

DECEMBER 20-23

VACCINATION UPDATES

Metuchen High School continues to collect vaccination status in order to most accurately report the data. We need your assistance by logging onto the Genesis Parent Portal and providing the information requested.

Please follow the directions below to guide the updating of your child's records:

Step One: Log onto Genesis.

Step Two: Go to the Forms section and locate the **COVID-19 Vaccination Status** form.

Step Three: Fill out the question with the red asterisk. Next, if your child is fully vaccinated, upload a picture of the card.

Step Four: Click "Update Answers."

Note: If your child is not fully vaccinated, you may update the form if/when their status changes.

Please understand that, as with all student immunization records, we will maintain the student's privacy regarding this record.

Thank you for your help!

BOOSTER CLINIC

We are partnering with Boyt Drugs for another Covid Booster Clinic on Saturday, December 18, from 9 am to 11 am at Moss School Gym. (Should the time slots fill up, we will add an additional hour). Boosters are available for Staff, as well as Metuchen Students 16 years old and up. Boyts will also be available to administer first or second doses of the Covid Vaccine if anyone is interested (ages 16 to adult).

Please use this link to register.

<https://form.jotform.com/213434493826157>

Questions can be directed to CovidTesting@metuchenschools.org. Thank you.

CHARACTER DARE NO TECH TABLE TIME

It is important for us to find actionable ways to bring concepts, values, and traits of character to life. The organization, CharacterStrong, has a series of dares for families. We dare you to join us and accomplish this over the winter break:

DARE: NO TECH TABLE TIME

Have everyone store their phones and other distractions away. Enjoy a meal or snack together. Share a family story, talk about your hopes and dreams, or play a game!

ADDICTIVE & COMPULSIVE BEHAVIORS IN TODAY'S TEENS PARENT WORKSHOP

Were you unable to attend the Virtual Workshop on December 1, 2021 entitled [Addictive & Compulsive Behaviors in Today's Teens](#)? No problem! Please click on the hyperlinked title to access the recorded presentation.

PICKING UP YOUR CHILD FOR AN EARLY DISMISSAL? WE NEED YOUR HELP!

As per the MHS Parent-Student Handbook, please adhere to the following:

All early dismissal notes should be turned into the Main Office at least one day prior to the date you are requesting to be excused. Be certain to include your telephone number on your note. Early dismissals will only be approved by the office for reasons that are legitimate. If (because of an unforeseen development) a student needs an early dismissal but was unable to submit a note one day in advance, parents are expected to call the Main Office to make necessary arrangements prior to picking up their child at school.

In order for the office staff to assist with early dismissals, the office staff will send the student a written pass so that the student may leave class at the requested time. By giving the students a pass, it allows us from interrupting the classroom and disrupting content instruction.

Thank you, in advance, for your help!

QUARANTINE INSTRUCTION & TRAVELING INFORMATION

Metuchen School District's Plan delineates when a student would be excluded from the school. Students are excluded if they are:

- COVID positive;
- Sick with multiple COVID symptoms (worse than baseline for chronic conditions – consult with school nurse);
- An unvaccinated close contact; or,
- Unvaccinated and have traveled out-of-the-tristate-area, per CDC guidelines.

A remote learning option is **only available** for students who are quarantined by the district. If unvaccinated, a student may be excluded upon their return and then qualify for Quarantine Instruction. Please review the district's [Quarantine Instruction Plan 2021-22](#) for more information on how instruction is established under these circumstances.