

MHS Home and School Meeting
Wednesday, November 14th, 2018
9:30 am Media Center

Call to order/H&S committee updates:

- *Motion to approve the October 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes: Katie Angelini and Kathy Adams
- *Home and School minutes are posted to the Home and School website and on the Facebook parents' pages.

Board of Education Update, Dr. Sandra Alberti:

- *Community Engagement Update: The BOE has engaged with expert consultants to lead us through our community engagement process. There have been various focus groups that have met, including groups composed of teachers, students, parents, community members, and BOE members. We will be using data from these groups and have conducted an online survey for planning and action steps. The survey is still active on the MTPS website and takes only 5 minutes to complete. The broader the perspective, the better.
- *We will be working on teacher negotiations in the spring.
- *Budget planning has started.

Student Council Update: Our Spirit week was a success. There were daily themes and the week culminated on Friday with an in-school pep rally and an evening pep rally. There were student-led activities and competitions, including school organizations creating banners that were displayed in the hallways. There were 2 student-led fundraisers. One was in honor of a senior student recently diagnosed with cancer. \$1500 was raised for CHOP. The other fundraiser was for Mercy High School in Malawi, Africa. The homecoming dance held in the Eisenberg Gym was successful and over 400 students attended. Food donations for shelters in Moorestown were collected. The senior class won in each category of the competitions.

Guidance update, Mrs. Kat D'Ambr:

- ***PLEASE NOTE: This presentation has been posted to the high school news portion of the Home and School website under Useful Links and Presentations.**
- *KAPLAN SAT vs. ACT OVERVIEW: guest speaker, Ashley LaFrance, The Pre-College Manager for Southern NJ and PA. The key factors in the college admission process include: GPA, rigor of courses, SAT/ACT scores, the essay, letters of recommendation, and extra-curricular activities.
- *PSAT can be taken officially once by sophomores and juniors. It is used for scholarships, primarily The National Merit Scholarship. It is helpful in preparing for the SAT.
- *SAT/ACT are used for admissions and scholarships/merit-based programs. Tests can be taken several times and many colleges accept both. Testing is usually done in the spring of junior year and fall of senior year. Each test takes approximately 4 hours. There is an optional essay and no penalty for wrong answers so students should fill in all bubbles.
- *SAT is evidence-based and includes: reading, writing, math (with/without a calculator), and an optional essay. A perfect score is 1600. As mentioned, there is no penalty for guessing. Although the essay is "optional", may colleges recommend it. The following link lists the colleges that require the essay:
<https://blog.prepscholar.com/schools-that-require-the-sat-essay>
- *ACT includes: English, math, reading, science, and an optional essay. A perfect score is 36 and there is no guessing penalty.
- *In October of their junior year, students take the PSAT for the National Merit Scholarship. Students should research admissions requirements for their target, reach, and safety schools, prepare for the SAT/ACT, and take AP and subject tests.
- *In their Senior year, students take the SAT/ACT, AP and subject tests, gather letters of recommendation, complete college applications and the FAFSA, and research scholarships.
- *For SAT/ACT free practice tests, go to: <https://www.kaptest.com/hsevents>
- *Kaplan offers various options to prepare for the SAT/ACT: prep class, prep plus, unlimited prep, and private tutoring.
- *There is an upcoming class to prepare for the March SAT at MHS.

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<https://www.kaptest.com/college-prep/journey-to-college>

*Students should take practice SAT/ACT to determine which they feel more comfortable taking.

*There are concordance tables that compare SAT/ACT test scores.

*It is recommended that students open a Kahn Academy account. Student data loads into his/her Kahn Academy account and a personalized plan is created.

*On February 7th at 6:30 pm, there will be a college assembly.

***ADDITIONAL LINKS FROM MRS. D'AMBRA:**

<https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/scores/verifying-scores>

Question-and-Answer Service

The Question-and-Answer Service includes:

- A copy of the SAT questions and a report showing your answers from the specific test administration
- The correct answers and additional scoring instructions
- Information about the type and difficulty of test questions

Question-and-Answer Service Availability	
Month	Availability
October	Offered to students testing on Saturday in U.S. and Canadian test centers.*
March	Offered to students testing on Saturday in U.S. and Canadian test centers.*
May	Offered worldwide for the Saturday and Sunday tests, and for students eligible for accommodations that require school-based testing.

*If you are testing in October or March with school-based accommodations and wish to receive the QAS, [call the SSD office](#) at least two weeks in advance of test day to see if arrangements can be made. The Question-and-Answer Service is not available for makeup test administrations, alternate date testing, or U.S. military personnel testing under the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support (DANTES) program. Order Student Answer Service if Question-and-Answer Service is unavailable.

How to Order: You can order QAS during test registration or until five months after your test date. If you don't order QAS with your registration, there are three ways you can order:

1. Order online by [signing into your College Board account](#) and selecting Order Now within My Score Reports.
2. Call Customer Service at 866-756-7346 (U.S. and Canada) and 212-713-7789 (International).
3. Download and submit the [SAT answer verification services order form \(.pdf/527KB\)](#).

Fees and Refunds: The [Question-and-Answer Service fee](#) is not refundable once the service has been fulfilled. You can request a refund if you are absent on test day.

Student Answer Service

The Student Answer Service includes:

- A report showing how you answered questions from the specific test administration
- Information about the type and difficulty of test questions.
- Actual test questions and answers are not included.

Ordering Info:

- **During test registration:** If you plan to use the Student Answer Service to study for the next scheduled test date, in many cases, the paper materials may not arrive until after the next scheduled test date. Beginning in March, materials will be available online as part of your score report.
- **Up to five months after your test date:** If you didn't order Student Answer Service with your registration, there are three ways you can order:
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Athletics, Health & Physical Education overview, Shawn Counard, M.Ed., Director of Athletics, Health and Physical Education Supervisor

*Regarding Physical Education, the middle school PE teachers have updated the 7th grade health curriculum to include information about vaping and the 8th grade health curriculum to include information about opioids. The high school PE teachers have added information about vaping and opioids to the 9th grade health curriculum.

*Athletically, MHS had a very successful fall season. The Girls' Soccer Team won the group 3 semifinal game and will play in the final game on Sunday. The Girls' Field Hockey Team is playing tonight in the tournament of champions, the state finals at Rancocas Valley. The Girls' Volleyball Team did well. The Football Team struggled early but won their last game. The Boys' Soccer Team advanced to the South Jersey Sectional Finals. The Girls' Cross-Country Team finished 9th in state and the Boys' Cross-Country Team remained competitive. The Girls' Tennis Team won the South Jersey sectionals.

*Consultants from William Patterson and Stockton helped MHS to remain up to date on best practices.

*Today is National Signing Day; 8 students at MHS will be signing.

*On 11/29, Jack Rankins will be presenting about playing in college and the realities of recruiting. The assembly is for students and parents.

Principal's Update, Mr. Drew Seibel:

*The next Principal's newsletter will be sent after Thanksgiving.

*Our Thanksgiving food drive helps 50-60 families in our high school. We are still in need of canned sweet potatoes, cream of mushroom soup, fruit cocktail, cranberry sauce, gravy, and Jiffy corn mix

*The social/emotional well-being of our students is a current focus. This school year, we have had 15-20 student referrals for anxiety, depression, and suicidal ideation.

*Report cards for the 1st marking period will be posted on Friday, November 16th.

*Tonight is our underclassperson recognition night for the 2017-18 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.

*The presentation for community service is on the website. Students are reminded to submit their hours in a timely fashion.

*Mid-term exams will be during the last week of January and will include 3 half days of testing on the 5 core subjects.

*The 9th/10th grade cotillion will be held at The Community House in the spring.

*Our Veterans' Day Assembly was organized mostly by the junior class. Many Veterans were honored and the performances by the Madrigals and the band were fantastic. A Veteran speaker, Mr. Kuklinka, talked about making the connection between his experience in military and life-long "grit". Our TV studio recorded the assembly and it will be sent out to the community.

*The NHFS TV network will televise sports events and have other programming; the MLK assembly will be live-streamed.

H&S School Report/Wrap Up:

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Stef Fong and Allison Pond.

Next meeting: Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 9:30 am

Upcoming Events:

Thursday, November 29th:

The Realities of College Athletic Recruiting by Jack Renkens 7 pm

Thursday, December 6th:

MHS Vocal Winter Concert 7:00 pm

Friday, December 14th:

Cookie Trays for the High School Staff

THANKSGIVING TURKEY & PIE DRIVE High School on Monday, November 19th

Please help Moorestown families in need this Thanksgiving. Frozen turkeys/turkey breasts and fresh pies will be added to the canned goods collected during Spirit Week to make complete Thanksgiving meal baskets for MTPS families in need. Extra meals will be donated to MEND and Twin Oaks. To **donate** turkey/pies, go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4ba5ad2da1fc1-moorestown1>

Drop off for MHS will be at the back loop/Stanwick Road parking lot 7:00 – 8:00 am. If you are interested in helping collect the turkeys/pies at the HS school, please contact Christina Labetti (clabetti6@gmail.com) or Trish Locatell (tlocatell@msn.com).

Want to stay connected with your child's class happenings? Join the Facebook page set up specifically for your class:

MHS Class of 2019 Parents

Moorestown High School Class of 2020 Parents

Moorestown HS Class of 2021 Parents

Moorestown Class of 2022 Parents