

## Important **Scary** Announcement

**Happy Halloween! Children, teachers and staff are encouraged to celebrate the holiday by wearing costumes to school this Saturday. (If you are having party snacks in the classroom, please email [viceprincipal@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:viceprincipal@mhcs-nj.org) a short note of your class name and room number.) Help us keep classrooms clean by putting all food and party leftovers in garbage cans. Thank you for your cooperation! Parents, if you have candies/chocolate that you would like to donate, please bring them to the office, Room 120, at the beginning of school. Thanks again!**

Security Monitors - If you borrow a classroom chair for your hallway duty, please put it back at the end of school.

**For the safety of our families, the MHCS Board of Directors request that parents and students do not sit in the hallways. We invite parents to wait in the office or student lounge/cafeteria to chat. Please tell your children to look for you in the cafeteria or office during break time. Hallways should be clear to prevent people from tripping and offer quick access for medical personnel in case of an emergency.**

While we strive to provide a safer and better learning environment, we kindly ask parents to remind children of the following rules:

- Don't run in the hallways.
- Don't be late for class.
- No food or drinks allowed in the classrooms nor in the gyms.
- Respect the Watchung Hills Regional High School's property. If it does not belong to us, please refrain from touching or using any objects that are in the classrooms.
- Please also note that we need to leave the school premises by 4 p.m. every Saturday.
- Please return chairs and tables to their proper places after class.
- MHCS has a long-standing policy that classrooms are for teachers and students. Special permission must be obtained from the language dean and the teacher for a parent to be present in a classroom. Some teachers want parents to rotate classroom duty and some do not. Thank you for cooperating with your child's teacher and collaborating with the school.

We appreciate your collaboration in making the school a better and healthier environment.

### Chinese New Year Performance

The Chinese New Year Performance will be held on January 28 (the first day of the lunar new year) from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. If school

is canceled for bad weather, the performance will be held on the following Saturday, February 4. All children will be performing. Please invite your family and friends to the performance and the New Year's dinner that follows at Watchung Hills Regional High School.

**Teachers and Class Parents: Please help us with the Chinese New Year program by filling in the details of your class's performance [here](#).**

### Parent Duty

Sign-ups are still open for the following events. Please help us fill these spaces. Thank you!

1. Speech Contest
2. Food Festival
3. Karaoke Contest

If you have not signed up to volunteer, you may do so through the [Parent duty signup](#) link on our school website. Please contact Service Lead Eric Chen [service@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:service@mhcs-nj.org) with any questions.

On the day of your parent duty, please report to the office (Room 120) at 12:20 p.m. to sign in with the Service Group. The duty is from 12:20 to 3:45 p.m. Email [service@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:service@mhcs-nj.org) if you have questions. Thanks!

### MHCS School Directory

Please help us spread the word that we are looking for advertisers/sponsors for our annual student directory! Advertisers who take a full-page ad (\$250) will be invited to host a seminar or set up an information table without additional fees. The standard charge for a seminar opportunity is \$100. An information table or flyer distribution opportunity regularly costs \$50. Half-page ads in the directory cost \$170. Quarter-page ads cost \$90. Advertising helps keep class fees low. For more information contact [pr@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:pr@mhcs-nj.org). All business owners, services providers, and entrepreneurs are welcome to advertise in our bound, full-color directory. THANK YOU.

### MHCS Annual Food Festival

Here's your opportunity to share your favorite home recipe with the rest of the Murray Hill community! Our annual FUN social and fund-raising event will be on November 19 in the school cafeteria from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Contact your room parent or send an email to [pr@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:pr@mhcs-nj.org) naming the dish you will bring. We need at least two food items per class. The more the better! The PR department will help room parents with sign-ups, ticket distribution for donated dishes, and arrangements for managing the food tables. **Pre-sale of discounted food tickets start on Oct 29th and Nov 5th outside of the office during school hours.**

## Language Department

### Library

We love to see you at the library and want to let you know that we are **moving to the cafeteria**. Come visit us, you can borrow books, CDs, and DVDs. **The library will be closed on Nov 5.**

There is no school on Nov 12. Therefore, this week is a great opportunity for you to borrow from the library and enjoy it with your family. Thank you to all the families that have donated books. If you are interested in donating Chinese books, please contact the principal. Thank you and see you at the library!

### Intramural Speech Contest:

**Contest Date/Time:** Saturday, November 5, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
(There will be no culture class. If your child is not participating in the speech contest, please pick him/her up at 2:30 pm.)

**Registration deadline has past:** \$5 will be charged for each child registering late: [2016 Speech Contest](#)

For any questions, please contact Deputy Language Dean: Susie Fan (at school office Room 120) or via e-mail: [LanguageDeputyDean@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:LanguageDeputyDean@mhcs-nj.org)

Please find the speech topics below:

### Traditional Track:

組別 Group	年齡 Age	出生日期 Birth Date	演講比賽題目 (任選一) Topics (Select one)	時間 (分鐘) Time Limit: Minute
A	六歲以及六歲以下 (6 years old and younger)	1/1/2016 (含) 以後出生 (AFTER)	我最喜歡的動物 My favorite animal  or 我的家 My family	半分鐘~二分半鐘 (half minutes ~ two and one half minutes)
B	七歲, 八歲, 及九歲 (7, 8, and 9 years old)	1/1/2007 (含) ~ 12/31/2009 (含)	如果天天是.... (例如; 任何假日, 星期日, 晴天... 等等) If every day is .... (e.g., any holidays, Sunday, Sunny	一分半鐘~二分半鐘 (one and one half minutes ~ two and one half minutes))

			day...etc);or  我夢想的假期 My Dream Vacation	
C	十歲, 十一歲, 及十二歲 (10, 11, and 12 years old)	1/1/2004 (含) ~ 12/31/2006 (含)	舉手做環保 You can help protect the environment;  or 我的志願 My Ambition	一分半鐘~二分半鐘 (one and one half minutes ~ two and one half minutes)
D	十三歲及十三歲以上 (13 years old and older)	12/31/2003 (含) 以前出生 (BEFORE)	快樂是什麼? What is happiness? or  最偉大的發明 The greatest invention	二分鐘~三分鐘 (two minutes ~ three minutes)

### Bilingual Track:

組別 Group	年齡 Age	出生日期 Birth Date	演講比賽題目 (任選一) Topics (Select one)	時間 (分鐘) (Time Limit: Minute)
CSL 1	八歲及組別 (Group 八歲以下 (8 years old and younger)	1/1/2008 (含) 以後出生 (AFTER)	我最喜歡的人 My favorite person;  or 如果我是一個動物... (例如; 狗, 貓, 馬... 等等)。If I were an animal...(e.g., dog, cat, horse...etc)	半分鐘~二分半鐘 (half minute ~ Two and one half minutes)
CSL 2	九, 十及十一	1/1/2005 (含) ~	我最喜歡的運動 My	一分半鐘~三分鐘 (one

	歲 (9, 10, and 11 years old)	12/31/2007 (含)	favorite sport; <b>or</b> 一個難忘的假期 A memorable vacation	and one half minutes ~ three minutes)
CSL 3	十二歲及十二歲以上 (12 years old and older)	12/31/2004 (含) 以前出生 (BEFORE)	我最喜歡的季節 My favorite season; <b>or</b> 如果能重來... If I can do it over again...	一分半鐘 ~ 三分鐘 (one and one half minutes ~ three minutes)

## Culture Department

Thank you for your interest in MHCS culture classes. We want to remind you that the culture classes are open only to registered students. There are no tryouts, sit-ins or replacements without permission from the culture dean. We are no longer accepting class change requests and refunds will no longer be issued.

Please contact Culture Dean John Huang at [culturedean@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:culturedean@mhcs-nj.org) for culture class questions

**Please note, gym assignment may change due to high school activity. All changes will be posted outside of the main office, Room 120.**

### Annual MHCS Karaoke Contest

It is time again for our *infamous* MHCS Children's Karaoke Contest! The contest will be held on December 3. Registration ([Solo Registration](#) or [Duet Registration](#)), terms and conditions are all posted on the school's website ([www.mhcs-nj.org](http://www.mhcs-nj.org)). To sign up, follow the registration steps below:

1. Register online [Solo Registration](#) (or [Duet Registration](#)).
2. The registration deadline is November 18. If your song has many versions, please tell the Culture Department which version is to be sung or the original singer's name.
3. Singers must submit their karaoke song (DVD, VCD or USB drive) to Deputy Culture Dean (Eugenia Chiang) or Culture Dean (John Huang), no later than 3:30 p.m. on November 19. **(The school may not have all the songs, parents need to provide the karaoke version song file to the school.)**

4. Please come to the office, Room 120, to draw a contest order number before 3:30 P.M., November 19, or a number will be selected for you.

5. If you do not get a confirmation email by November 19, please contact Eugenia Chiang at [culturedeputydean@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:culturedeputydean@mhcs-nj.org)

**Registration Deadline : Due to technical difficulties, we will not be able to accept registrations after November 18.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the contest, contact Eugenia Chiang or John Huang at [culturedeputydean@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:culturedeputydean@mhcs-nj.org) or [culturedean@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:culturedean@mhcs-nj.org)

## Vendor Schedule

**On October 29, a new vendor will offer shiitake & oyster mushrooms!**

Date	Food Vendor
10/29/2016	青島人家 (new vendor), Mushroom vendor
11/5/2016	渤海村 (Dumplings), 台灣小吃 (Taiwanese Delicacy)
11/19/2016	Food Festival
12/3/2016	渤海村 (Dumplings), 台灣小吃 (Taiwanese Delicacy)

\*may change due to vendor's availability