

## Important Announcements

### Holiday Break

This Saturday is the last day of classes until January 7. Happy holidays to all and see you next year!

### Chinese New Year Performance

The 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 inclement weather, the show will be held on the following Saturday, February 4. All children will be performing. Please invite your family and friends to our biggest event of the year and New Year's dinner, which will follow in Watchung Hills Regional High School.

### Chinese New Year Volunteers Needed

Please think about volunteering at the MHCS Chinese New Year's program on January 28. We need at least four adults and four teens to help with the performance and following dinner. Adults will earn two credits for their time, fulfilling their annual service requirement, worth \$50 per family. Please sign up at [2016-2017 Parent Duty](#) page. Teens will earn volunteer hours for their service. (see Youth Volunteers section below)

### Youth Volunteers

The school needs 4 youth volunteers to help out at Chinese New Year performance (1/28) from 12:30pm to 6:30pm. If you know any kids who are in Grade 8 through Grade 12 that would be interested in getting extra service hours, please contact Tiffany Lin. School will provide volunteer hour's certificate depending on your volunteer hours that day. Any time slot is greatly appreciated.

### Raffle prize donations

Please keep us in mind when you are shopping or discarding unwanted gifts and consider donating some prizes for our Chinese New Year Performance Raffle Activity. Examples can be gift certificates, small appliance, toys, etc. Values from \$10 and up are greatly appreciated!

### New Year Performance Programs by Class

**Teachers and Class Parents:** Please help us schedule the Chinese New Year's program by filling in the details of your classroom's entertainment [here](#). Once you have filled out the information, please share your music file or powerpoint slides to our program manager at [cnymanager@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:cnymanager@mhcs-nj.org) by 12/17/2016. Or hand in the file on an USB to the principal in the office.

### Chinese New Year's Dinner

Dinner will be served between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. following the student performances. Please stay tuned for the menu and pricing.

### WIFI in the Cafeteria

MHCS is providing trial basis of Free-WIFI when classes are in session, accessible in the student lounge/Cafeteria. Due to technical limitations, streaming sites will not be accessible. Network ID: MHCS-DECEMBER PW:"letitsnow". ID and password will be changed monthly; changes will be notified in the newsletters.

### Safety First

For the safety of our families, the MHCS Board of Directors is requesting that parents and students do not sit in the hallways. We invite parents to wait in the office or student lounge/cafeeteria to chat. Please tell your children to look for you in the cafeteria or office at the break. 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.
- 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.
- Security Monitors - If you borrow a classroom chair for your hallway duty, please put it back at the end of school.

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

### Parent Duty

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!

## Language Department

### New Digs for the Library

We aren't in the hall any more. We moved to the cafeteria. Come visit us! There is plenty of seating. (And also Wifi.) The library has books, CDs and DVDs to lend. Thank you to all the families who have donated books. Contact the principal to make additional donations. Thank you and see you at the library!

## Culture Department

Class assignments are now closed for the semester. No refunds or changes are allowed.

MHCS is always striving to provide our students with opportunities to understand and learn more about Chinese culture. We are open to your suggestions and feedback.

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.**

## Community News

### Estate Planning Seminar

**Date:** 12/17/2016

**Time:** 12:45pm-1:30pm

**Location:** Cafeteria/Student Lounge

Estate Planning and College Tuition Planning Seminar "Do I need estate planning? How can I plan for my children's college tuition?" These are questions that families with young children often encounter. On December 17<sup>th</sup>, let Jenntyng Chern, Esq., Beverly Roun, licensed agent with New York Life and Owen Liu, CPA answer these questions for you!

### Speakers

Jenntyng Chern is an attorney located in Springfield, New Jersey dedicated to the protection of his clients family and business. His practice focuses on estate planning, real estate law, and litigation. Beverly Roun is an agent with New York Life, Licensed in NJ, PA, WA, TX, NY and CA. She helps people and business to protect, accumulate and distribute wealth. Specialized in tax and portfolio diversification, college funding and retirement funding.

### 2017 CACA GALA Celebration 3/11/17

The Chinese American Cultural Association (CACA) is holding the annual Gala on March 11, 2017, at DoubleTree by Hilton Somerset Hotel and Conference Center to celebrate Chinese New Year. Guests can enjoy various cultural programs during the dinner and hop on the dance floor afterward.

CACA, established in 1974, is one of the oldest non-profit Chinese organizations in New Jersey. For the past 42 years, the organization has been dedicated to preserving Chinese culture and heritage as well as promoting community harmony. Five Chinese schools, (including Murray Hill Chinese School) and a few affiliated cultural programs have also been established under the CACA umbrella. Traditionally, the Lunar New Year gathering is one of the largest annual CACA undertakings. If you know any sponsors willing to sponsor and support this event, please contact MHCS PR Janice Li [publicrelation@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:publicrelation@mhcs-nj.org).

Tickets are on sale now. Please contact Ting Chen [viceprincipal@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:viceprincipal@mhcs-nj.org) for any questions.

**Date:** 3/11/2017 6 PM - 12 AM

**Place:** DoubleTree by Hilton Somerset Hotel and Conference Center

200 Atrium Drive, Somerset, NJ 08873

**Price:** \$75 per person

Babysitter available on-site for \$20 per child (4 and above)

## Vendor Schedule\*

Date	Food Vendor
12/17/2016	林宮 (Lin's), 青島家人, 牛肉麵(Beef Noodle Soup), 香菇 (Willy's mushrooms)
1/7/2017	渤海村 (Dumplings), 台灣小吃 (Taiwanese Delicacy)
1/14/2017	Asian Delight 鎧悅, Ashia 便當, <a href="#">Zongzi</a>

\*The schedule may change due to vendors' availability.