

## Important Announcements

### Welcome Back to Murray Hill Chinese School!

Please think about volunteering at the MHCS Chinese New Year's program on January 28. We need at least four adults the performance and the dinner that follows. 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

We need four youth volunteers to help at the New Year's performance from 12:30 pm to 6:30 pm. Volunteers must be eighth-grade to twelfth-grade students. For more information contact Tiffany Lin. Certificates of service will be provided.

### Chinese New Year's Performance

The New Year's performance will be held on January 28 (the first day of the lunar New Year) from 1:30 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 celebratory dinner, which will follow, in Watchung Hills Regional High School.

### Chinese New Year's Dinner

Celebrate the new year with your friends and family at our New Year's dinner, which will be served between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m., following the student performances right in WHRHS! Registration is on our school home page.



**2017 MHCS Chinese New Year Dinner**  
 Saturday, January 28, 2017  
 4:30-6:30pm at WHRHS Cafeteria



MENU will include:

蝦球 (Jumbo Shrimp Balls),  
 鹽水雞 (Salted Chicken), 魚片 (Sauté Fish Fillet)  
 椒鹽豬排 (Salt & Pepper Pork Chop), 芥蘭雞 (Chicken and Broccoli)  
 海鮮豆腐 (Seafood Tofu), 炒高麗 (Sauté Cabbage),  
 素和豬肉水餃 (Vegetarian and Pork Dumplings), 素撈麵 (Vegetable Lo mein),  
 四喜拼盤 (Chinese Appetizer Platter)  
 甜點 (Dessert)  
 白飯飲品 White Rice & Soda Included

*Dinner catered by Tsing Tao Restaurant of Fairfield (青島家人)*  
 (above menu is not considered allergy free)

10 People per table  
 We encourage you to "order by table" for seating purposes.

**\$150 per table**

Or order per person

12 yrs and older \$18 • Children (5-11 yrs) \$14 • Under 5 is free.

**Payment: Please make checks payable to MHCS.**

Please write down your **Family ID(s)**

**Registration:** Please fill out and detach the form along with your check.

Deadline to submit registration is **January 21st, 2017**

**Don't miss out on the Fun!!**

**Reserve your table NOW! Limited Seating**

**Please submit your order to the CNY Dinner Committee - Ling Chow**  
**at the MHCS Office Room 120 or by email at [linglange@yahoo.com](mailto:linglange@yahoo.com)**

### Students' New Year's Performance Details Needed

Teachers and class parents: For program details, click [here](#). Please email your music file or PowerPoint slides to our program manager at [cnymanager@mhcs-nj.org](mailto:cnymanager@mhcs-nj.org) ASAP. The team needs them to prepare for rehearsal on 1/14. Files may also be delivered to the principal in Room 120.

### Raffle Prizes Needed

Please donate items that we can use as prizes for the Chinese New Year's raffle. Gift certificates, small appliance and toys worth \$10 or more would be attractive items.

### 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. Thanks!

### Estate Planning & College Financing Seminar

This Saturday, in the cafeteria, Jenntyng Chern, Esq., Beverly Roun, licensed agent with New York Life and Owen Liu, CPA, will discuss these issues and answer questions.

Jenntyng Chern is an attorney in Springfield, NJ 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. Owen Liu specializes in tax and portfolio diversification, college funding and retirement funding.

### 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-JANUARY PW: "happynewyear". 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.

## 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!

### Eleventh Annual Tzu Chi Cup Chinese Speech Competition

**Date:** Saturday, April 22, 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Jing Si Hall, Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Mid-Atlantic Region, 150 Commerce Road, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

**Cost:** \$25 per applicant (Check payable to "Tzu Chi Foundation")

**Deadline:** Applications must be postmarked by April 8.

(Applications may be emailed to [tzuchinjedu@gmail.com](mailto:tzuchinjedu@gmail.com))

Registration: Mail completed application forms, a check for the registration fee, and photocopies of proof of age to:

Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Mid-Atlantic Region  
150 Commerce Road, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009  
Attn: 2017 Tzu Chi Cup Speech Competition Registration

Language teachers will announce further contest details in the

coming weeks and hand out application forms to interested students.

## Culture Department

**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

### 2017 CACA Gala Celebration

The Chinese American Cultural Association (CACA) is holding its annual Gala on March 11, at DoubleTree by Hilton Somerset Hotel and Conference Center to celebrate the 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 nonprofit Chinese organizations in New Jersey. For the past 43 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 CACA's largest annual events. 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 additional information.

**Date:** 3/11/2017 6 PM – 12 midnight

**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
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>
1/21/2017	林宮 (Lin's), 青島家人, 牛肉麵 (Beef Noodle Soup), 香菇 (Willy's mushrooms)
1/28/2017	New Year Performance

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