



PARTNERING FOR SUCCESS

M.E.T.S Charter School Home of the Mustangs

October 16, 2015

Principal's Message:

Dear M.E.T.S. Family,

Happy Friday, Mustangs! I trust you're well. A few weeks ago, through my conversation with our students, I heard students say



that they had decided to focus more on school, that they were



going to read more and work hard. A lot of students have done this and are doing very well. Others, however,

have not been able to honor their commitment. That is because making changes never comes down to a single decision, no matter how earnest. Unlike in the movies, we don't one day decide to be good and then change. Change happens from the countless decisions we make every day.

Aristotle wrote that excellence is not a single action, but a habit. People do not become excellent artists, performers, or students because of any single thing that they do or decision they make. Success happens from thousands of small conscious decisions that become unconscious habits.

Genuine lasting academic success is not built upon a decision at the end of the term to make a determined last minute push. That might get students to pass, but that will not get the 83 average needed for college. Real success is built upon thousands of little decisions you make every day, in and out of class. Take time today to brainstorm the different decisions you make in class every day that determines how well you are

going to do. Which decisions do you make that lead to habits of success and which ones lead to habits of failure?

Also, I would like to give shout outs to:



- Ms. Dullea and the staff for a successful PSAT/Accuplacer testing day
- Officer White and his colleagues from the Transit Police who did an informative assembly about transit safety on the buses and light rail.
- VP Presley, VP Kim, and Ms. Sinisi for an informative professional development session on incorporating STEM in every subject
- VP Presley and Ms. Sofio for organizing the Middle School Bash
- Ms. Price-Munson and the success at DIG PINK at Montclair High School in Montclair, NJ
- The guidance department for inviting colleges to attend and speak to our

upper class-men.

- Ms. Marrero Parent Liaison for organizing the PTO meeting.
- Ms. Munoz for organizing the door decorating contest. This month we recognize Hispanic Heritage Month, a time to celebrate Hispanic Americans' rich history, deep roots, and vibrant culture in the United States. Make good choices!

Remember to Work Hard daily, Change History! Success is the only option!

Sincerely,
Principal Dennis
wdennis@metscharterschool.org

Upcoming Events

[Improving School Climate & Culture](#)

[What is Bullying?](#)

[Activities for Everyone](#)

[Off to a Great Start!](#)

Mentoring Program Coming Soon!

Parent Chat :

November 11, 2015 at 5:30-6:30pm

Student of the Month:

Jah-Melia Cookhorn-Grade12

Staff of the Month:

AJ Seepaul

Don't forget to follow us on facebook & twitter:



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MAKER LAB

Every Thursday after school, scientists gather in Mr. Shallcross, Ms. Aronds, and Ms. DaRocha's Maker Lab allowing their creative ideas to become reality! They have built treasures, such as small toy cars, out of clay, tin foil, wires, boxes, rubber bands, and other materials. These scientists continue to experiment and invent throughout the year, and we are all so excited to see what else they have coming. Keep going, Scientists! We cannot wait to see more of your inventions!

Deans Corner

This week the Dean's Office continues to encourage timeliness to class and dress code compliance by updating lunchroom posters for October's pizza party. We continue to meet with parents and students to discuss student successes and encouragements in and outside the classroom.

Club Corner

Monday:

Chess & Board Game Club

Open: All students

Room: 209

Staff: Dr. Pustilnik –

mpustilnik@metscharterschool.org

Mr. Castanheira –

pcastanheira@metscharterschool.org

Student Council

Open: All students by election

Room: 203

Staff: Ms. Aronds –

caronds@metscharterschool.org

Mr. Urbankowski –

durbankowski@metscharterschool.org

Ms. Zamora –

szamora@metscharterschool.org

Mr. Flannery –

jflannery@metscharterschool.org

Tuesday:

Maker Lab

Open: All Students

Room: 309

Staff: Mr. Shallcross –

cshallcross@metscharterschool.org

Ms. Aronds –

caronds@metscharterschool.org

Anime Club

Open: All students

Room: 203

Staff: Ms. Aronds –

caronds@metscharterschool.org

HS Poetry/Creative Writing

Open: All high school students

Room: 202

Staff: Multiple English staff

Multicultural Club

Open: All students

Room: 200

Staff: Ms. Muhammad-Jones –

nmuhammadjones@metscharterschool.org

Ms. Brooks –

wbrooks@metscharterschool.org

Wednesday:

No Club Meetings

Thursday:

MS Poetry/Creative Writing

Open: All middle school students

Room: 202

Staff: Multiple English staff

Maker Lab

Open: All students

Room 309

Staff: Mr. Shallcross –

cshallcross@metscharterschool.org

Ms. Aronds –

caronds@metscharterschool.org

National Honors Society

Open: All high school students per nomination/election

Room: 210

Every other Thursday beginning 10/1

Ms. Lopez –

mlopez@metscharterschool.org

Jr. National Honors Society

Open: All middle school students per nomination/election

Room: 210

Every other Thursday

Ms. Sinisi –

tsinisi@metscharterschool.org

Friday:

No Club Meetings

College Corner : We are Going to College! Upcoming College Visits

College/University	Date	Time	Location
Bloomfield College	10/20/15	12:35 PM	Room 5
New Jersey Institute of	10/21/15	11:00 AM	Room 102
College of Mount Saint Vincent	10/26/15	10:25 AM	Room 102

Report Card Distribution, Progress Report, Exam & Grade Dates

MP 1	MP2	MP3	MP4
Progress report- Oct. 9 Exams- Oct. 29- Nov. 4 (Make ups Nov. 5-6) Grades due- Nov. 6 Report card night- Nov. 12	Progress report- Dec. 18 Exams- Jan. 21-27 (Make ups Jan. 28-29) Grades due- Jan. 29 Report card night- Feb. 3	Progress report March 11 Exams- Apr. 7-13 (Make ups Apr. 14-15) Grades due- Apr. 15 Report card night- Apr. 20	Progress report- May 27 Exams- June 15-21 (Make ups June 22-23) Grades due- June 23 Report cards distributed- June 28

We are data informed to focus on instructional improvements...coming soon!

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