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The Falcon Flyer!

Monroe Township School District

2015-2016 School Year

A Message From the Superintendent's Office

Dear Falcon Community,

Are you aware of our outstanding soccer teams? How about our high-flying volleyball team, or field hockey, tennis, and hard charging football team? Do you ever wish you could get the latest scores and updates on your phone? If so, simply text 40404 and enter "follow @monroeathletic" in the message section of the text. Within seconds, you will have the latest sports updates on your phone. You can also stay abreast of the latest news and updates occurring in the district by texting 40404 and entering "follow mtsdfalcons". Of course, if you are on Twitter or Facebook, please follow us there.

During September, I attended Back to School Night at each of our schools to speak to parents about our growing student enrollment. I mentioned that the Board of Education is forming an Ad Hoc Committee to explore options for housing the vast number of new and current, students. During September, we added 50 new students, which is in addition to the 300+ students who registered during the summer. To properly prepare for the students who are, or will be, attending our school district, it is important for us to explore all options available to us. And, we need you to be involved. The meeting dates for the Ad Hoc Committee will be released soon. Please check our web site, Twitter or Facebook for updates.

We are continuing our focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), in addition to all of our other curricula areas. We are also increasing our use of data to inform our instructional practices. Teaching students the importance of respect, empathy and demonstrates care towards their peers is equally important. This is to ensure we continue to offer an excellent education to all students in a safe and secure environment.

As we move through October, and there is less daylight, please be careful driving and be aware of our students waiting at bus stops in the early morning hours or walking home during the late afternoon.

**Respectfully yours in education,
Dr. Michael Kozak
Superintendent**

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Early Detection is Key

Breast cancer is the second most common kind of cancer in women. About 1 in 8 women born today in the United States will get breast cancer at some point.

The good news is that many women can survive breast cancer if it's found and treated early. A mammogram - the screening test for breast cancer - can help find breast cancer early when it's easier to treat.

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month is a chance to raise awareness about the importance of early detection of breast cancer. Make a difference! Spread the word about mammograms and encourage communities, organizations, families, and individuals to get involved.

How can National Breast Cancer Awareness Month make a difference?

We can use this opportunity to spread the word about steps women can take to detect breast cancer early.

Here are just a few ideas:

Ask doctors and nurses to speak to women about the importance of getting screened for breast cancer.

Encourage women ages 40 to 49 to talk with their doctors about when to start getting mammograms.

Organize an event to talk with women ages 50 to 74 in your community about getting mammograms every 2 years.

This year your donation is staying
LOCAL!



The **Mama Mare Breast Cancer Foundation** was started by Krista Kasper, a former student of both Mill Lake and Woodland Schools, in February of 2010 just two months after the loss of her beloved mother, Mary Ellen Pernice, also known to many as, Mama Mare, to stage IV breast cancer.

The **Mama Mare Breast Cancer Foundation** is dedicated to creating a future where no one is touched by breast cancer. Not you, your mother, your sister or your best friend. Strangely enough, our goal is to be obsolete, which means living in a world where breast cancer doesn't exist and its effects are felt by no one. In order to reach that goal, we must raise awareness and funds, and we plan on having some fun while doing just that. The Mission of **The Mama Mare Breast Cancer Foundation** is to provide support services to breast cancer patients and their families, and raise funds for biomedical research being conducted in search for a cure. The foundation works closely with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital and patients in New Jersey! Please help support our mission this year by participating in the Wear JEANS & PINK DAY! 100% of the proceeds will go directly towards the foundation's mission. To learn more about the foundation and ways to get involved, please visit www.MamaMare.org

Wednesday, October 14,

2015

Donate \$5

&

Wear JEANS & PINK!



Follow us on twitter!

[Athletic Dept.](#)

If you are looking for the latest information on the Monroe Township School District Sports Programs, including score updates and highlights, simply text 40404 and insert follow [@monroeathletic](#) in the message

box. Or, follow us on Twitter at [@monroeathletic](#).

Click here: [athleticdept](#)

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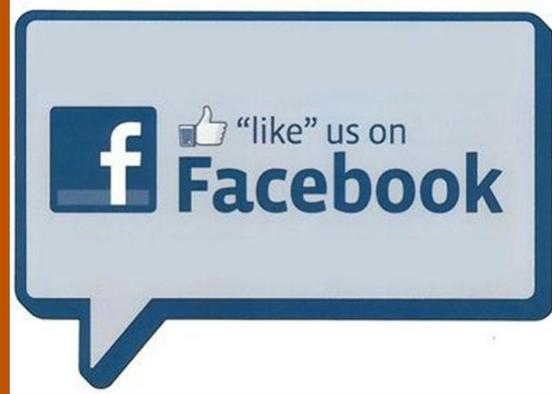
Wow! Look at us...Another Twitter account to follow. This twitter feed will provide general information about our schools and community. Simply text 40404 and insert follow [@mtsdfalcons](#) in the message section of the text or [Click here](#)

[Text Link](#)



Check us out on Facebook

Monroe Township School District would like to formally announce the official opening of our Facebook page.



Community-School Events!

Exciting....

Things....

Happening



State of New Jersey
Department of the Treasury

Property Tax Reimbursement (Senior Freeze)Program

Filing deadline for 2014 Senior
Freeze (PTR) Applications extended

to **October 15, 2015**. ([View Treasurer's Press Release](#))

This program reimburses eligible senior citizens and disabled persons for [property tax](#) or mobile home park [site fee](#) increases on their [principal residence](#). To qualify you

must meet all the [eligibility requirements](#) for each year from the [base year](#) through the application year. (The current year is 2014.) Read more: [Property Tax Relief](#)

Text Link

Walk for Wishes October 18,2015

Turn your steps into wishes!
Register today as an individual walker or start a team of family, friends, coworkers. Help us grant wishes for children in your local area!

Walk also includes fun activities for the entire family such as arts and crafts, bounce house, face painting, music and refreshments.

Read more: [PDF: Make a Wish](#)



Monroe Township High School College & Career Counseling Center

October 6, 2015 - An Event for Parents of Ninth Grade Students

October 8, 2015 - College Fair



You are cordially invited to attend the 2015 MTHS College Fair scheduled for Thursday, October 8TH starting @6:30pm in the MTHS GYM. This fair is an excellent opportunity for students and parents to speak to college admission representatives and explore the many options, resources, and programs available

We currently have approximately 80 colleges/universities planning to attend. A list of schools attending can be found on the MTHS College and Career Counseling Center web page.

Read More: [College & Career](#) & [Parent Program Grade 9](#)

Challenge Day at The High School

The goal of the Challenge Day Program is to build community and to help stop the teasing, violence, and alienation that are so deeply a part of the school experience for millions of young people every day. Challenge Day is a powerful and transformational day that can change the way people view each other forever. It is a day of fun, friendship, and new possibilities. The Challenge Day Program will be held over three days, October 27, 28, 29, 2015. Your child will attend on one (1) day from 7:30AM to 2:00PM. The event will take place at the high school in the gymnasium. He or she must report to the school gymnasium by 7:20AM. Lunch will be provided for your child on that day. For more information about Challenge Day, please contact your School Coordinators, Mrs. Diane Peterson, at 732-521- 2882, ext. 6016 or Mrs. Michele Rockoff, at 732-521-2882, ext. 6019. You can also visit www.challengeday.org or contact Challenge Day at 925-957-0234.

PDF Flyer Attached:[Challenge Day!](#)

Highlights From Homecoming Tailgate!

Spirit Week concluded on Friday September 25 with a 40-7 victory by the Football Team over JP Stevens. Amanda Selover and Devin Rucinski were named Homecoming King and Queen. The Homecoming Court included Josie Pagano and Andrew Isola along with Anthony Tagliaferro and Casey Benzi.

Picture Below from Cranbury Press 10/2/15



Happy Homecoming

It was a great night for Homecoming at last week's Monroe Township High School football game. Clockwise from top left, the Monroe cheerleaders did their thing while Carlton Coleman ran for a touchdown in the Falcons' 47-7 win over JP Stevens. The dance team entertained and the Homecoming Royal Court was announced.

Photos by Roy DeBoer

Carlin Press Oct 2, 2015



NEWS AND NOTES



Matt Collura 5K

Sunday, October 11, 2015

As many of you are now familiar, it has become a yearly event (5th Annual) for the "Matt Collura 5K" which will be held on Sunday, October 11, 2015 in Thompson Park, Monroe Township, NJ. This is a great event and that a lot of great volunteers put on so that Matt is able to receive utilizing funds

raised from this 5K. In March 2011, Matt Collura suffered a traumatic brain injury while snowboarding, and though his doctors believe he may never walk or talk again, MATT CONTINUES TO DEFY THE ODDS!!!! Thanks to Matt's unwavering determination, the support of his family & friends, and the intense physical, occupational & speech therapy he is able to continue all of this and has made unbelievable strides in his recovery.

It's a fun-filled day for runners, walkers, families, and anyone who appreciates giving to a worthy cause. Participants are invited to run, walk, or simply

enjoy a barbecue & entertainment while supporting an individual to whom this event means the world! So, please join us and let's have some fun!!! Unable to attend the day's event? You can still contribute by making a donation.....for more information and to register for the 5th Annual Matt Collura 5K, please visit mattcollura5k.com and see the impact of all that you give.....giving is more than just money...giving is the effort you put in...it's the time you spend...it's your voice when you spread the word and giving is working together to make a bigger difference! Thanks in advance for your thoughtfulness, generosity and making a bigger difference for Matt! Also, this is being sent on behalf of Mr. Lew Stonaker and he hopes to see you there!!! J

This message was approved by Dr. Michael G. Kozak, Superintendent of Schools....Thank you!

For more information and to register for the 5th Annual Matt Collura 5K, please visit mattcollura5k.com.



Happy Halloween!



Halloween Safety Tips!

Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

Keep Costumes Both Creative and Safe

- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your su

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- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

Join Us at **MTHS**

Haunted High School...

WE'RE BACK! You're invited to join the ghouls and goblins at the

**2nd Annual MTMS HAUNTED HIGH SCHOOL
celebration**

Sponsored by the MTMS Future Business Leaders of
America (FBLA)

WHEN: Wednesday, October 28, 2015
5:30 pm -7:30 pm

WHERE: Monroe Township High School
200 Schoolhouse Road, Monroe Township,
NJ 08831

Join us for an evening of FUN! Designated "HAUNTED" areas will be scattered throughout the first floor for ghoulish sounds, trick-or-treating, crafts, games, stories and MORE! Classrooms will be decorated by various organizations/groups/clubs and classes from Monroe Township High School!

Township resident children are invited to wear their costumes and "Trick-or-Treat" in a barrier-free and safe environment.

Admission is \$5 per child (elementary school aged children 11 and under)
Proceeds will be donated to the Mama Mare Breast Cancer foundation, in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness month.

***Pre-Registration is RECOMMENDED**

[Click Here!](#)

If you have any questions or would like more information, please email
Deanna Dale, FBLA Advisor: deanna.dale@monroe.k12.nj.us

Don't be SCARED!
Join us at "MTHS Haunted High School"

Fall Foliage Festival
Sunday, October 11
Log Cabin and Alumni Pavilion
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm



Join the fun with the Rutgers Gardens Youth Program Coordinator, Interns, and volunteers who will be providing fun and educational activities.

Other activities include:
Pumpkin Painting
Pumpkin Games
Haunted Scavenger Hunt

Admission is free!

Additional charge for pumpkin painting

For more details visit or contact:
www.rutgersgardens.rutgers.edu
dhenry@aesop.rutgers.edu
732-932-8451

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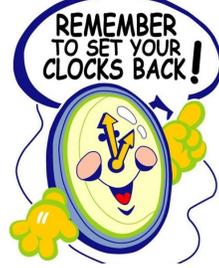


Child Safety Guidelines for Parents

By taking responsibility for your children's online computer use, parents can greatly minimize any potential risks of being online. Make it a family rule to: Read More [Internet safety](#)

Monroe Township Police Department

**Middlesex County, New
Jersey**



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732-521-1500

<http://www.Monroe.k12.nj.us>

Thanks again for your continued support.
