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## RANDOM DRUG TESTING PROGRAM APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

As of March 18, 2019, South Amboy Middle High School will be requiring all students in Grades 9 through 12, who wish to participate (includes continued participation) in interscholastic athletics or extracurricular activities or wish to obtain or retain permission to park their vehicle on school property, to consent to the district's Random Alcohol or Other Drug Testing Program. Students can obtain a consent form from the main office, guidance office, or through their coach or club advisor. [Consent forms](#) signed by the student and parent must be returned prior to participating in the school's interscholastic athletic program, participating in the extracurricular program, or receiving or retaining parking permission. Students who wish to voluntarily participate in the program may also submit the [consent form](#).

All students submitting consent forms will be eligible to be randomly tested for a twelve-month period beginning on the day of submission of signed consent.

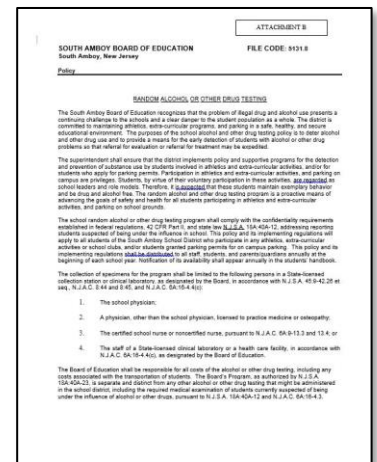
Students will not be academically penalized for testing positive for alcohol or other drugs under the school's random testing program nor will any record of a positive test appear in a student's academic record. Consequences are limited to the suspension of participation in athletics, extra-curricular activities, or school clubs, and /or revocation of parking permission on school property.

### Consequences will result from the following:

1. A confirmed positive alcohol or drug test;
2. Refusal to participate in testing when selected; and/or
3. Tampering with the specimen collection process.

Refusal to cooperate, refusal to produce a specimen, and/or tampering with a specimen or the collection process will be considered a positive result, and district procedures for a confirmed positive result will be implemented. Repeated tampering or refusals may result in permanent removal from athletics, co-curricular activities, or school clubs and/or revocation of his/her parking permit for a period of up to one (1) calendar year.

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SOUTH AMBOY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
South Amboy, New Jersey

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Policy

#### RANDOM ALCOHOL OR OTHER DRUG TESTING

The South Amboy Board of Education recognizes that the problem of illegal drug and alcohol use presents a continuing challenge to the schools and a clear danger to the student population as a whole. The district is committed to maintaining a safe, drug-free environment for its students. The purpose of this policy is to deter alcohol and other drug use and provide a means for the early detection of students with alcohol or other drug problems and their referral to appropriate treatment services.

The superintendent shall ensure that the district implements policy and supportive programs for the detection and prevention of substance use by students involved in athletics and extra-curricular activities, and/or for students who apply for parking permits. Participation in athletics and extra-curricular activities, and parking on campus are privileges. Students, by virtue of their voluntary participation in these activities, are deemed to have accepted the policy and to consent to the random alcohol or other drug testing program. The policy and its implementing procedures shall be distributed to all staff, students, and participants annually at the beginning of each school year. Notification of its availability shall appear annually in the students' handbook.

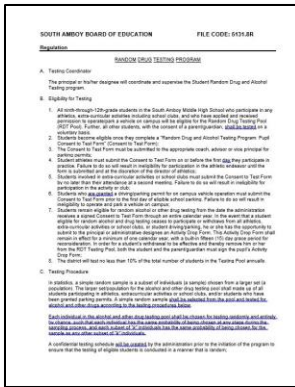
The school random alcohol or other drug testing program shall comply with the confidentiality requirements established in federal regulations 42 CFR Part 2, and state law, N.J.A.C. 17:27. The district shall ensure that students' participation in these activities is voluntary and that no student is coerced into participating. The policy and its implementing procedures shall be distributed to all staff, students, and participants annually at the beginning of each school year. Notification of its availability shall appear annually in the students' handbook.

The collection of specimens for the program shall be limited to the following persons as determined by the Board of Education, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:14-2.20 et seq., N.J.A.C. 17:27 and 17:28, and N.J.A.C. 17:27A-4.1(c):

1. The school physician;
2. A physician, other than the school physician, licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy;
3. The certified school nurse or noncertified nurse, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8A:9-13.3 and 13.4; or
4. The staff of a State-licensed clinical laboratory or a health care facility, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 8A:9-4.4(c), as designated by the Board of Education.

The Board of Education shall be responsible for all costs of the alcohol or other drug testing, including any tests associated with the transportation of students. The Board's Program, as authorized by N.J.S.A. 45:14-2.2, is separate and distinct from any alcohol or other drug testing that might be implemented in the school district, including the required medical examination of students currently suspected of being under the influence of alcohol or other drugs, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 17:27A-2.2 and N.J.A.C. 17:27A-3.

## Regulation (Procedures)



## Consequence of a Confirmed Positive:

The student will be removed from any athletics, co-curricular activities, or school clubs, and/or have his/her parking permit revoked for a minimum period of fifteen (15) consecutive calendar days. The student will be required to have a minimum of three (3) counseling sessions with the school's SAC. The parent and student will be required to consent to four (4) subsequent alcohol and drug tests (the subsequent tests) during the student's enrollment in the school during the next twelve months after an initial positive test. All positive test results or refusal to provide a specimen for the subsequent tests shall be considered a second offense. The timing of the subsequent tests will be determined by the Principal or designee;

A second offense of a confirmed positive alcohol or other drug test will result in forfeiture the privilege of participation in any athletics, co-curricular activities or school clubs, and/or have his/her parking permit revoked for a minimum period of forty-five (45) consecutive calendar days. The student will be required to have a minimum of three (3) counseling sessions with the school's SAC. The parent and student will be required to consent to four (4) subsequent alcohol and drug tests (the subsequent tests) during the student's enrollment in the school during the next twelve months after a positive test. All positive test results or refusal to provide a specimen for the subsequent tests shall be considered a third offense. The timing of the subsequent tests will be determined by the Principal or designee;

A third offense of a confirmed positive alcohol or other drug test will result in forfeiture the privilege of participation in any athletics, co-curricular activities or school clubs, and/or have his/her parking permit revoked for a minimum period of one calendar year. The student will be required to have a minimum of three (3) counseling sessions with the school's SAC. The parent and student will be required to consent to four (4) subsequent alcohol and drug tests (the subsequent tests) during the student's enrollment in the school during the next twelve months after a positive test. All positive test results or refusal to provide a specimen for the subsequent tests shall be considered an additional offense. The timing of the subsequent tests will be determined by the Principal or designee.

### Alcohol & Drug Testing Standard Panel:

All collection samples will be tested using the following standard panel.

<b>Substance</b>	<b>Screen/Initial Level</b>	<b>Confirmation Level</b>
AMPHETAMINES (CLASS)	500 ng/ml	250 ng/ml
ECSTASY SCREEN	500 ng/ml	250 ng/ml
COCAINE METABOLITES	150 ng/ml	100 ng/ml
MARIJUANA METABOLITE	20 ng/ml	15 ng/ml
OPIATES	300 ng/ml	300 ng/ml
PCP	25 ng/ml	25 ng/ml
BARBITURATES	300 ng/ml	300 ng/ml
BENZODIAZEPINES	300 ng/ml	300 ng/ml
METHADONE	300 ng/ml	300 ng/ml
PROPOXYPHENE	300 ng/ml	300 ng/ml
OXYCODONE/OXYMORPHONE	100 ng/ml	100 ng/ml
ALCOHOL, URINE	0.02 ng/ml	0.02 ng/ml

### Activity Drop Form/Process:

Students remain eligible for random alcohol or other drug testing from the date the administration receives a signed Consent to Test Form through an entire calendar year. In the event that a student eligible for random alcohol and drug testing ceases to participate or withdraws from all athletics, extra-curricular activities or school clubs, or student driving/parking, he or she has the opportunity to submit to the principal or administrative designee an Activity Drop Form. This Activity Drop Form shall remain in effect for a minimum of one calendar year, with a built-in fifteen (15) day grace period for reconsideration. In order for a student's withdrawal to be effective and thereby remove him or her from the random drug testing pool, both the student and the parent/guardian must sign the pupil's Activity Drop Form.

**Community Events:** (click on flyer to enlarge) *Disclaimer:* The following files are submitted to the South Amboy School District for publication and distribution as most of them benefit our community's children and parents. **HOWEVER**, the South Amboy School District does not endorse any of the external activities related to the files. Prior to signing your child up for any of these activities, clubs, or events, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to determine the appropriateness of the event. We send this message as nothing more than a public service. Links to our Partner websites can be found on the District website under About Us – [Our Partners](#)



**SOUTH AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS**

present the musical production of  
**ALICE IN WONDERLAND, JR.**

Buy your tickets online!

Show Times: April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

[TICKET PURCHASE](#)



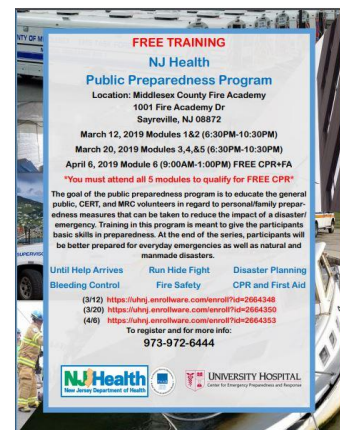
**Cub Scout Program**



**Dowdell Library Event**



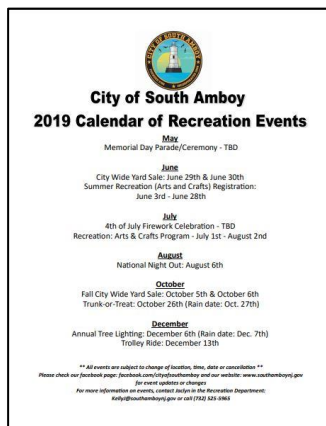
**SAYO Dance**



**NJ Health Public Preparedness Program**



**PTO Founder's Day Tricky Tray**



**City Calendar of Recreation Events**



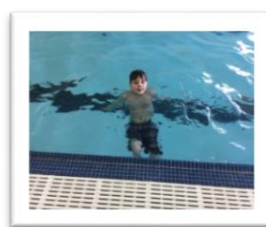
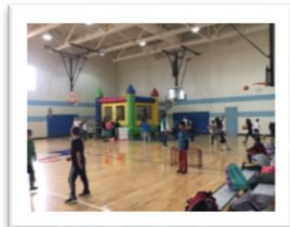
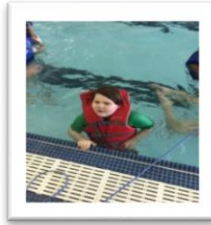
# ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Sean Dunphy, Principal

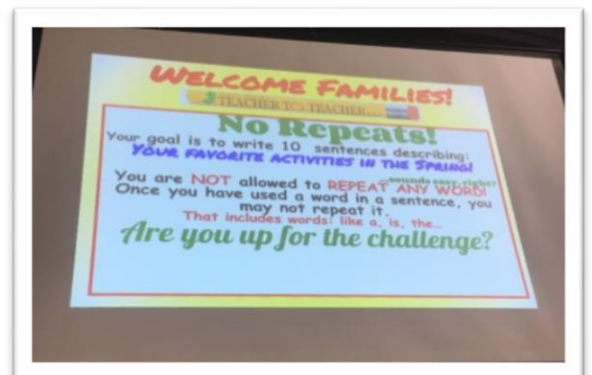
- Reading Plus Readers of the Week were D. Puchalski and M. Schuck:

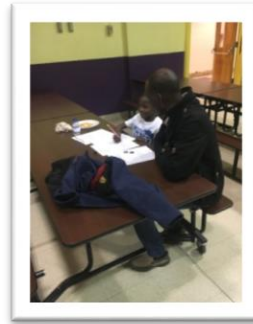
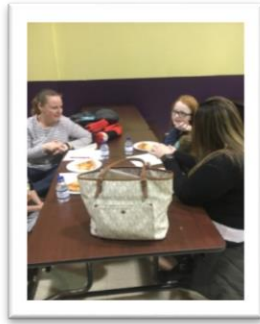


- Fourth & Fifth Grade had a great time on their trips to the YMCA:



- We held our Family Literacy night on Tuesday, March 19th. Families were invited to take part in some literacy activities that they could use at home to support their child's learning. Dr. Robbins provided pizza and snacks, and each student received 2 books to take home in order to add to their at home library. We also raffled off three board games that were geared towards comprehension and vocabulary. A good time was had by all that participated:





- Middlesex County presented a free recycling show to our grade 3-5 students. They all loved the show as it was a tremendous success. Students learned about recycling and reusing materials to go along with our science curriculum:



- Rutgers Reader of the Week was G. Friedman, who completed six reader lessons with 100% comprehension. She is a very motivated student who has won this competition three times since we began this program.



## MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Dr. Patrick McCabe, Principal

- ***Middlesex County Secondary Principals Association Welcomes First Assistant Prosecutor Christopher Kuberiet***

On 3/12/19, the MHS hosted the quarterly meeting of the Association welcoming the First Assistant Prosecutor. He addressed the group of secondary principals providing information about recent trends in the law, support his office can provide to schools. Mr. Kuberiet is an excellent resource for our Middlesex County schools.



- **The Safety Committee Meets to Plan our Anti-Bullying Event**

The Committee, under the direction of Guidance Counselor, Michelle Witte, met on March 21st to discuss the upcoming class meetings and to plan for our culminating event when representatives from Mallory's Army presents to our entire school. Information about Mallory's Army can be found on their website: <http://mallorysarmy.org/>

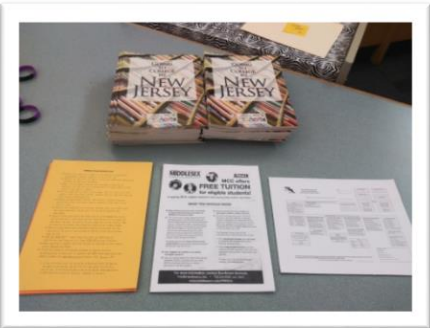


- **Junior Night at the MHS**

Our yearly Junior Night event was held on March 20th in our Media Center. Hosted by the MHS Guidance Department, the parents and students were provided information about:

- College Board/SAT Registration/SAT Program
- Fulfilling Graduation Requirements
- Incoming Senior Course Selections/Middlesex County College Dual Enrollment Courses
- National College Fair
- Junior Night is an informal meeting that aims to answer questions our parents/guardians have regarding their child and post-secondary education planning.





- **2019 Middlesex Unsung Heroes/Heroines Student Recognition Program**

Each year, Middlesex County School Boards Association and Middlesex County Association of School Administrators recognize a junior and senior from each high school in Middlesex County. The honorees are our schools' "unsung heroes/heroines"—students who make outstanding contributions to their schools and communities but who are often overlooked under traditional student recognition guidelines.

We are proud to announce our Unsung Heroes who were recognized and celebrated at the dinner at Old bridge High School on March 26th!

***The MHS Celebrates our Unsung Heroines***



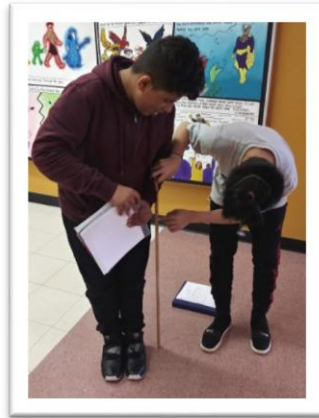
***M. Walsh***

***H. Colacci-Smarsch***



### *Fun with Science*

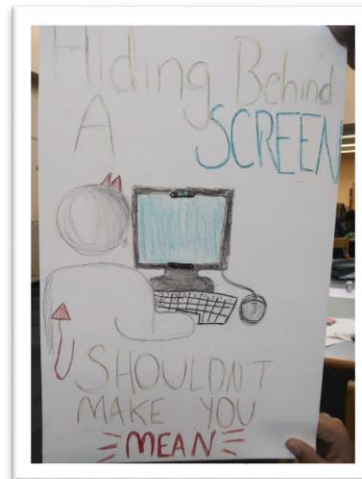
Integrated Science grade eight students completed initial distance and time measurements needed for their individual speed calculations. Students then graphed these measurements creating a time-distance graph. Time-distance graphs were analyzed for trends, and individual speed values were determined using appropriate formulas.



### *Anti-bullying Project*

Our middle school students created banners with anti-bullying themes. These will be a part of the culminating event at the end of the year as we welcome the presenters from Mallory's Army to our School.

For more information about Mallory's Army, please visit: <http://mallorysarmy.org/>



### *The Taste Test is on!*

The MHS Food Survey Committee met with Maschio's, the company that provides our breakfast and lunches. The students met with representatives from Maschio's to discuss food choices. Gathering student perspectives and ideas are important to us!





**ATHLETICS:**

For athletics schedules, please visit:

<https://www.greatermiddlesexconference.org/public/genie/343/school/27/>

**PTO**

The purpose of the South Amboy PTO is to strengthen the relationship between home and school, so that parents and teachers may work together for the success in the education of children at our schools. Our group helps the staff and students of our district by raising funds to provide technology and supplies needed, and has events to promote family unity.



If you're interested in helping with various activities such as a Fun Day committee, box top counters, and monthly birthday ice cream coverage. Please email a letter of interest to [sapto08879@gmail.com](mailto:sapto08879@gmail.com).

For upcoming Events, please visit our [website](#).

For more information on our PTO, please email us at [SAPTO08879@gmail.com](mailto:SAPTO08879@gmail.com)

**District Events/Activities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Description</b>
4/5, 4/6	7:00 p.m.	Musical Production: Alice in Wonderland, Jr. <a href="#">Purchase tickets</a>
4/19 – 4/28		Schools Closed – Spring Break
4/29	6:00 p.m.	BOE Meeting
5/1	6:45 p.m.	PTO Meeting @ the MHS Cafeteria
5/30	Period 3	Mallory's Army (Powerful Anti-bullying presentation for students. Board members are welcome to come.)

MHS = Middle High School

ES = Elementary School

\*Occasionally, some activity dates may change or get cancelled. For the most up to date calendar information, please check the school's website and/or the Principal's Page for updates.