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News & Updates - September 2020

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Welcome Back to School

We are welcoming our students back to school in very different conditions than what we have experienced in the past. For this reason, we are asking our elementary parents to please observe the following parameters:

If you are dropping your child off at school, please do not exit your car. DO NOT park and walk your child to the school door. We want to make sure that we can manage the arrival of our students in a safe and effective way.

Please take all of your "First Day of School" pictures at home. We can't have that activity taking place at school on opening morning this year.

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Montville Township High School Teacher Christopher Butchko Named Morris County Teacher of the Year

On August 26th, the New Jersey Department of Education announced the 2020-2021 County Teachers of the Year. The Governor's Educator of the Year Program promotes a positive school culture by acknowledging the hard work and dedication of outstanding teachers. Individual schools are able to nominate exceptional educators. A countywide panel reviews the application packets and selects the County Teacher of the Year. A panel of educators then selects the New Jersey State Teacher of the Year based on written applications, video submission, and interviews with the top six finalists. The State Teacher of the Year is usually announced at the October meeting of the State Board of Education. [SEE PICS & READ MORE!](#)



Sustainable Jersey for Schools Recertifies all District Schools at the Bronze Level

In August, notification was received that all seven of the Montville Township Public Schools have again met the rigorous requirements to achieve Sustainable Jersey for Schools Bronze Level Certification. Sustainable Jersey for Schools, a program for pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade public schools in New Jersey, is voluntary, but achieving certification takes commitment and collaborative effort. Each school that is certified at the bronze level must submit documentation to show it has completed a balance portfolio of the program's sustainable actions, attaining a minimum of 150 points.



"Sustainable schools provide a healthy environment, conserve resources and improve the well-being of the community," said Dr. Lawrence S. Feinsod, New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA) executive director. "Attaining certification is a significant accomplishment that reflects the leadership of the boards of education and their superintendents, as well as the contributions of principals, teachers, education support professionals and parents in this effort." On October 28, 2020, the certified schools and their districts will be celebrated at a virtual ceremony.

Bits and Pieces....

Montville Township High School earned the rank of [#44 in New Jersey for combined SAT scores](#) among all public high schools.

Congratulations to Bianca DiFulco, MTHS Class of 2015, on the publication of [I Just Spilled My Coffee](#) a book of poetry with positive perspectives on life, challenges and changes.

Congratulations and Thank You! Forty faculty, administrators and staff were honored on September 2, 2020, for their dedicated service to Montville Township Public Schools. The innovative educators have a combined 770 [Years of Service](#)! **35 Years of Service:** Leonard Saunders, Valley View. **30 Years of Service:**

Shari Arzi, Hilldale; Kevin Haugh, Cedar Hill. **25 Years of Service:** Michele Dasti, Lazar; Anne Fisher, Cedar Hill; Lauren Monaghan, Cedar Hill; Candace Santiago, Woodmont. **20 years of Service:** Jeffrey Bonicioli, ITS; Gabriella Caprio, Valley View; Anna Marie Cecire, Lazar; Dara Conte, Valley View; Patrick Debonta, MTHS; Jeffrey Dekoyer, William Mason, Giuseppe DiMarco, ITS; Charles Fischer, MTHS; Karen Jasterzbski, Lazar; Jennifer Kilanowski, MTHS; Amy Kovach, Valley View; Tammy Minsky, Hilldale; Pattiann Olivieri, Woodmont; Courtney Przestrzelski, Hilldale; Joanne Utkewicz, Woodmont; Marc Weber, ITS. **15 Years of Service:** Michele Belotti, Lazar; Jennifer Blanchard, Valley View; Marisa Castronova, Lazar; Heidi Dawson, MTHS; Laura Fuhrmann, MTHS; Nikki Golini, Valley View; Jennifer Keneally, MTHS; Patricia Kennedy, Valley View; Deborah Marnien, Lazar; Susan McKenzie-Petsch, Hilldale; Michael Morris, Lazar; Joseph Paladino, Facilities; Heather Praml, Cedar Hill; Nicole Rudge, Lazar; Kendra Schraufnagl, Valley View; Gail Serwick, William Mason; Michele Silva, Lazar.



District Communication

Mobile App -

Montville Township Public Schools district has a mobile app associated with the [Montville.net](#) website. The app is designed to enhance communication with parents, students, staff and community members. The MTPS mobile app allows access to information and resources quickly on a mobile device. We also send push notifications about alerts and important information. We encourage everyone to download the "Stay Connected" app. Here is a link for the download:

[Stay Connected](#)

Schoology -

Montville Township Public Schools utilizes the Schoology Learning Management System as a platform that provides course management, mobile learning, and support for system-wide communication. "A Parent's Guide to Schoology" has been posted on the district website and can be accessed at [Parent Guide](#). The guide provides an overview of the different areas of the Parent Account in Schoology, explains how to set up your account, how to set up notifications, and the Parent Email Digest, which provides parents with a brief summary of your child's activities on a daily or weekly basis, as well as some general navigation information about the Schoology Platform.

SeeSaw -

In addition, this year the district has added the SeeSaw platform for students in K-2. SeeSaw is configured to support remote learning for the early elementary grades. See Saw was used by a number of our teachers in the spring. Additional details about accessing SeeSaw will be provided by your child's teacher.



Daily Health Screening Submissions

A reminder that each students' temperature and other health screening questions must be recorded daily.

Every day that a student attends classes in-person the student must submit a Daily Health Screening.

Parents and guardians should have received more information via e-mail on Friday, September 4. This info will explain how to send [Daily Screening Submissions](#).

Additional information and on-going updates regarding protocols and Daily Screening Submissions can also be found at: <http://www.montville.net/News/daily-screening-submission-must-be-completed-before-sending-students->

Please stay home if you are having symptoms that are not associated with other chronic conditions that you typically experience such as allergies, migraines, etc.

Please remember that any student absences should still be reported through the usual process for your child's school.

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