

## Metuchen High School Music Parents

The Metuchen High School Music Program takes pride in having received the award as "Best Communities for Music Education." The music education continues to be strong, going beyond the classroom to provide a dynamic, engaging, and well-rounded education to our children.

The MHS Music Parents, under the banner of Metuchen Music Enrichment and Development Organization (MMEDO), are families of orchestra, chorus, band and every music ensemble who, like our children, feel passionate about music and its beneficial effects on education and formation of these young musicians. With your membership, you will be supporting our children's musical endeavors and our school's music program with your time and talent! Regardless what ensemble your child is in, we invite you to become a part of this family, and let your voice be heard.

Membership is simple. Please fill out the form below and send along with your payment of yearly dues of \$25 per family. The annual dues go towards helping defray the numerous costs it takes to keep the music programs moving forward. *If you so wish, we invite you to make a donation to the Music Scholarship Fund.* Please make checks payable to "MMEDO". Please write student's name in the memo field of the check,

Membership forms and payment must be mailed to:

**MMEDO, P.O. Box 4705, Central Ave, Metuchen, NJ 08840**

If you have any questions, please email : [president@mmedo.org](mailto:president@mmedo.org) Thank you in advance for your support!



### 2021-2022 MMEDO Membership Form

NAMES OF CHILDREN IN METUCHEN HIGH SCHOOL	GRADUATION YEAR	ENSEMBLES YOUR CHILD IS IN ( Choir, Jazz Band, Concert Band, Marching Band, Color Guard, etc.)
<b>Parents/Guardians Name(s):</b>		
1: _____		2: _____
Parent Cell Phone(s): 1:   _____		Parent Email(s): 1: _____
2: (        )		2: _____
Membership Dues:		\$25.00
Donation to Scholarship Fund (optional)		
Total Enclosed:		

**Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.**

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Public

Marching Band/Color Guard Parent Facebook Page:

[www.facebook.com/groups/Mhsbandparents2021-2022](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Mhsbandparents2021-2022)

Join by request

GroupMe: MHS Marching Band 2021/2022: Please add App to phone, please ask the MMEDO secretary to add you.

# **Metuchen Music Enrichment & Development Organization (MMEDO)**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What is MMEDO?**

- MMEDO stands for Metuchen Music Enrichment & Development Organization. MMEDO is a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization organized as a non-profit corporation in the state of NJ.

### **2. Why MMEDO and not MHS Music Parents?**

-In order to raise funds other than private donations from individuals, you must be a registered corporation with charitable status. In 2012 a group of music parents set up MMEDO in order to qualify for corporate donations, matching funds, etc. This status also allows you to have a gaming license so that you can hold 50/50's, bingos, tricky trays, calendar raffles, etc.

### **3. What are current dues?**

-Dues are currently \$25/family/school year. Dues enable the organization to help to cover costs for various musical endeavors.

### **4. Who is eligible to be a member?**

-Parents/guardians of students in any of the music ensembles are eligible for membership.

### **5. What is Tri-M?**

-Tri-M is the National Music Honor Society. Membership is open to Juniors and Seniors who meet certain criteria.

### **6. What is "shoes & dues"?**

-Shoes & Dues is a marching band/color guard fees that covers purchase of band shoes and various other expenses associated with the band/color guard.

### **7. What are student accounts?**

-Each student has a personal account that they can raise funds for by individual fundraisers. These may include bagging at a local grocery store, selling pies and apparel, etc. Student account funds can be used to cover costs for ensemble trips, band camp, the Disney trip, the end of the year dinner, etc.

### **8. Where do the monies go that are collected as donations at the Winter & Spring concerts and ensemble night?**

-Winter and Spring concert entrance donations go directly to the music department for their use. Ensemble night donations go to MMEDO.

### **9. What are student scholarships?**

-MMEDO is committed to offering two \$500 scholarships to any graduating senior in any of the ensembles. Similar to other scholarship opportunities offered, criteria for eligibility is determined by MMEDO and students must apply as they do for all scholarship opportunities offered by other organizations. Tri-M is the National Music Honor Society. Mr. Flynn and Mr. McEwan are the advisors. Membership is open to Juniors and Seniors who meet certain criteria.

## STUDENT ACCOUNT WITHDRAWAL AUTHORIZATION FORM

Dear MMEDO Officers or School administrative personnel,

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_) authorize MMEDO officers to withdraw \$ \_\_\_\_\_ from my child's Student's Account to pay for

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Event)

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

For *Student Account Balance Inquiries*, please email [Treasurer@mmedo.org](mailto:Treasurer@mmedo.org).

Thank you.

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