



News & Updates - May 2021

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Montville Township Public Schools Prepares for 2021-2022 School Year



Based on direction shared by Governor Murphy in April, the Montville Township Public Schools are planning for a full day of in-person instruction at all grade levels for the 2021-2022 school year. It is our understanding that guidance for the 2021-2022 school year is currently being prepared by the New Jersey Department of Education. We await this information to determine if there will be any changes to our current practices and protocols in our schools and classrooms. We also await clarification regarding the standards to be used for those students who may have a medical condition that may not permit them to attend school in person.

The district is also reviewing the plans for the MEDLC program in 2021-2022. Additional details about MEDLC parameters and registration procedures will be forthcoming in May.

NJSLA Administration Cancelled for Spring 2021 - Students to be Assessed in Fall 2021 Using Start Strong Test

The USDOE has approved the waiver request submitted by the New Jersey Department of Education regarding the spring administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments. In April, the USDOE indicated that the NJSLA administration may be cancelled and replaced with the Start Strong assessment which will be administered to students in the fall of 2021. Details about the assessment and the administration schedule will be provided in the fall. The Start Strong assessment is a shorter test than the NJSLA. It will test student mastery of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.



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Schoolology As An Important Communication Tool

Parents are reminded that Schoolology (the District's Learning Management System) remains one of our primary vehicles for communicating important information to parents and students. Principals use the platform to send updates about school activities as well as to communicate critical information, such as the reporting of the identification of positive COVID-19

cases.

Schoology has a useful app that will allow you to receive updates and access information about your child's courses, etc. Parents are encouraged to install the app. You can find the Schoology app in the Apple App Store or on Google Play.

If you have any issues establishing your Schoology account, kindly contact parentaccess@montville.net.

MTHS Grad Dr. Timothy Purnell Named Morris Executive County Superintendent of Schools

On April 5, 2021, Dr. Timothy Purnell took over the role of Morris Executive County Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Purnell formerly served as superintendent in the Harding Township and Somerville School districts. Recently he served as the Interim Director of Personnel in the Montclair School District. He also served as the CEO of the American Montessori Society and as an adjunct professor at Montclair State University. Perhaps most importantly, Dr. Purnell is a MTHS graduate (Class of 1993) and member of the Montville Township High School Hall of Fame. Congratulations and best wishes for success, Dr. Purnell!



Green In Day is Coming - Friday, May 21st

Wear Green May 21

OneMontville will be sponsoring the 6th annual Green In Day on Friday, May 21, 2021. All students, residents, and anyone who works in, or grew up in, or visits, or has any connection to Montville Township, NJ, is asked to wear green on May 21st.

The purpose of Green In Day is to show support for the OneMontville mission and to promote the importance of #AcceptanceRespectKindness throughout the community every day -- We are all

ONEMONTVILLE!

This year, Green In Day will pay special tribute to our **local businesses** that have been there, continuing to serve and support our community, through the pandemic.

When You Reach Out to Businesses on May 21, Mention that OneMontville Sent You

This year, more than ever, we hope to **see a sea of green** throughout Montville as a vibrantly visible sign of our sense of unity as a community and a recognition of the treasured beauty that the diversity of Montville brings to our Township.

Send Videos & Pics

Share your Green In Day pics and/or your 45 second videos on the importance of Acceptance, Respect, Kindness and OneMontville Green In Day to

OneMontvilleCommunications@gmail.com

For COMPLETE INFO see:

onemontville.org

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Present

Timothy Shoemaker

Author, Motivational Speaker & Prevention Expert



Date: Tuesday – May 11th, 2021
Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Zoom Access
Meeting ID: 934 0101 0288
Password: 295823

[Click here to Register!](#)

Registration optional

Relax and Enjoy as our master presenter treats you to an entertaining, enlightening and empowering

PARENT EDUCATION EVENT!

Solving the Prevention Puzzle



This presentation is formatted for adults.

Between the opioid crisis and vaping epidemic, parents today are simultaneously facing the deadliest and fastest growing drug problems in the nation's history. Amongst dwindling government support, shrinking prevention budgets and an explosion of commercial influence, kids today face a more challenging road than ever.

Luckily, they've got you! You are still the most powerful piece of the Prevention Puzzle, and Timothy Shoemaker MA, can help you maximize your critical role at this critical time. Tim brings passion, inspiration and 30 years of experience to this powerful parenting topic.

Join us for a remarkable 60 minutes, as we endeavor to solve the **Prevention Puzzle!**



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Bits and Pieces...

Kudos to the Montville Township Public Schools Music Program on receiving the "Best Communities for Music Education Award" for the sixth year in a row. This award is meant to recognize communities for the outstanding efforts of teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders for making music a part of

a well-rounded education for every child in the community. This award is presented annually by the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation.

Thomas Chen, MTHS Class of 2021, has earned the National Speech and Debate Association's Academic All American Award. This award recognizes students who have completed at least five semesters of high school, earned the degree of Superior Distinction in the NSDA Honor Society, met the rigorous GPA criteria, and demonstrated outstanding character and leadership.

Congratulations to our Winter Sports Teams for the following accolades:

Boys Basketball - NJAC National Division Co-Champions - 1st championship for the program since 1985.

Girls Basketball - Bella Vito named Morris County Player of the Year.

Girls Volleyball - Advanced to the second round of the NJSIAA playoffs.

Wrestling - Aaron Kurzer, Anthony Monetti, Karl Monaco, Justin Ciliotta, Daniel Salzano, Tommy LaScala, and Mohammad Gaber all qualified for the region level competition.

Bowling - Finished the regular season with a 15-0 record and was named the #1 team in New Jersey. Five bowlers were named to the 1st Team All Conference. Ben Sherman was named 1st Team All State.

The William Mason Student Council raised \$1,838.00 for Special Olympics.

WATCH NOW! Two MTHS Students Make Documentary: "Life Goes On - How MTHS is Adapting to the Global Pandemic." Junior, Alyssa Neff and senior, Ben Sherman spent eight months compiling, filming, directing, and producing this hour-long film. It premiered April 27, 2021, at noon on the [MTTV MTHS YouTube Channel](#).

Interfaith Food Pantry Network Offers Free Groceries to Morris County Residents



While most Montville Township Residents are familiar with the Montville Kiwanis Food Pantry as a resource for those experiencing food insecurity, the Interfaith Food Pantry Network is also a resource available to residents of Morris County who are in need. The Interfaith Food Pantry Network provides assistance in a number of areas including food, education, and resources to inspire confidence and

provide hope to Morris County families in need. For additional information, visit their website at [Interfaith Food Pantry and Resource Network](#)