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Jericho Students Welcome the 2011-2012 School Year

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Jericho students had an extended summer vacation after Hurricane Irene left many without power, including some of the school buildings within the district.

Students filled the halls on Tuesday, September 6 to start the 2011-2012 school year. Smiles, and even some tears, could be seen as students walked off of the buses, but excitement was definitely in the air.

Superintendent of Schools Hank Grishman visited buildings throughout the district with Assistant Superintendents Barbara Bauer and Victor Manuel as well as Board President Joseph Lorintz and trustees Barbara Krieger and Shawn Gladstone. Mr. Grishman thanked all Jericho families and staff for their cooperation and flexibility throughout the start of the school year.

“Our first day was very successful thanks to cooperation from the entire Jericho Community,” said Mr. Grishman. “Our entire organization worked extremely hard to prepare for the safe return of students. As always, the results of their work were evident on opening day.”

The Jericho School District continually evaluates curricular offerings and instructional strategies to determine educational needs and set priorities. The following courses are new this year at the High School.

-Advanced Placement Chinese, which is designed to develop advanced skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing in Chinese. The course is taught almost exclusively in Chinese.

-Advanced Placement Art History is designed to provide the same benefits as those provided in an introductory college course in art history. In the course, students will examine major forms of artistic expression from the ancient world to the present and from a variety of cultures.

-Computer Integrated Manufacturing is the fourth class in the Project Lead The Way Engineering Program and the major focus is to enable the students to answer such questions as: How are things made? What processes go into creating products? How do assembly lines work? How has automation changed manufacturing?

-Discrete Mathematics will address six important themes – mathematical modeling, use of technology, algorithmic thinking, recursive thinking, decision thinking, and mathematical induction.

-New Media Communications/Journalism will teach students the skills necessary for communication in the digital age. This course will use the production of the new online newspaper as the vehicle to teach students skills

of traditional literacy as well as those of: information literacy, media literacy, videography, digital audio recording and editing, web design and digital publication.

For more information on these courses, visit www.jerichoschools.org.



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