



Jericho School News

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Jericho Students Start the 2011-2012 School Year

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.

"Our first day was very successful thanks to cooperation from the entire Jericho Community."

-Hank Grishman
Superintendent of Schools

Superintendent Hank Grishman thanks 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."



Students greet the first day of school with smiles and new friends.

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High School Debuts New Courses for the 2011-2012 School Year

The Jericho School District continually evaluates curricular offerings and instructional strategies to determine educational needs and set priorities. (Please note that all new course offerings have been implemented utilizing existing staff.) These High School classes were added based on student interest and sufficient course enrollment.

✓ **Advanced Placement Chinese** is designed to develop advanced skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing in Chinese. The course is taught almost exclusively in Chinese. The students are brought to a language lab weekly to record and practice speaking activities. All students receive authentic realia to read and discuss on a weekly basis from the Internet, magazines and newspapers. In addition, the use of a variety of textbooks, audio and video recordings, CD-ROMs and literature, and other resources are incorporated to develop reading and listening skills.

✓ **Advanced Placement Art History** provides the same benefits as an introductory college course. In the course, students will examine major forms of artistic expression from the ancient world to the present and from a variety of cultures. They will learn to observe and analyze works of art within an historical context, to articulate what they see or experience, and to frame an understanding that relates how and why works of art communicate visual meaning.

✓ **Computer Integrated Manufacturing** is the fourth class in the Project Lead The Way Engineering Program. 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? As students discover the answers to these questions, they will learn about the history of manufacturing and experience manufacturing processes, robotics and automation. The course utilizes computer modeling, Computer Numeric Control (CNC) equipment, Computer Aided Manufacturing (CAM) software, and flexible manufacturing systems. Students who successfully complete this course may earn college credit through the Rochester Institute of Technology.

✓ **Discrete Mathematics** will address six important themes in Discrete Mathematics: mathematical modeling, use of technology, algorithmic thinking, recursive thinking, decision thinking and mathematical induction.

✓ **New Media Communications** 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 information literacy, media literacy, videography, digital audio recording and editing, web design, and digital publication. Students will learn the skills of reporting, writing, and editing including: interviewing skills, research methods, copy writing and editing and news broadcasting. In addition to these real world skills, students will consider the ethics and business of producing news with particular emphasis on the issues presented when doing so on the Internet. The students in the course will be responsible for planning and producing the new JerEcho, an important record of life at Jericho High School.



Sebastian Millman races off the bus and to his fourth grade class at Cantiague Elementary School. ▲

JERICHO SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES UPDATE

The district is pleased to report that several building projects, which began over the summer, are nearing completion.

*Several parking lots were paved, seal-coated and re-stripped around the district.

*Throughout the district, several worn carpets were replaced.

*At the three elementary schools, the safety surface on the playgrounds was replenished.

*At Seaman, Phase 2 of the hallway floor tile replacement was completed.

*At the High School, two classrooms and the pool spectator area were retiled.

*A Bocce Court was built near the Field House, with a grant from the Jericho Education Foundation.

*The roof ductwork system for the High School Field House was re-insulated and re-covered.

*Also at the High School, the 11,000-square-foot roof between Sam Springer Gym and the Field House was repaired and re-coated.

“The buildings were in outstanding condition for opening day,” said Victor Manuel, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs. “Thanks to Timothy Almeida and the entire Buildings and Grounds staff for their efforts.”

Who's New in Your School?



DANIELLE D'AGUANNO
Co-Teacher
Robert Seaman



MARISSA LEVINE
Co-Teacher
Cantiague



MICHELLE MURPHY
Co-Teacher
Robert Seaman



JENNA NAAB
Dance
High School



BARBARA OLIVARES-LAZCANO
Spanish
Robert Seaman



RANDI SAMBURSKY
Co-Teacher
Jackson



MATTHEW SILVA
Technology
High School



LAURIE TROJANOWSKI
Co-Teacher
Middle School

Meet the New Members of the Administration Team

Jericho Welcomes Victor Manuel, Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs

Superintendent of Schools Hank Grishman is pleased to announce that Victor Manuel has joined the district's administrative team as the Assistant Superintendent for Business Affairs. Mr. Manuel replaces Dr. Joan Colvin, who retired in July.

Mr. Manuel comes to Jericho with over 15 years of administrative experience. He most recently served as the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Facilities in the Half Hollow Hills Central School District for the past six years. Prior to that, he was the Assistant Superintendent for Business in the Lindenhurst School District. In addition to his administrative background, Mr. Manuel was also the Treasurer and Chief Accountant for the South Huntington School District.

"We are delighted to have Victor join our Jericho family," said Mr. Grishman. "His extensive experience and knowledge will help to make the transition seamless."

Victor Manuel, Assistant Superintendent For Business Affairs. ➤



Barbara Murdock Takes Helm As Jericho's District Data Manager

Barbara Murdock comes to the Jericho School District with an extensive data background and a strong focus in educational data applications.

Ms. Murdock most recently worked for Nassau BOCES in the Curriculum Institution Technology Department as a Data Analyst where she was a member of the Data Warehouse team. Previously she was a computer consultant, which allowed her to work with several Nassau County School Districts including Valley Stream, Oyster Bay-East Norwich, and Plainedge, as well as Dowling College. Ms. Murdock began her career as a software programmer for the Unisys Corporation.

Ms. Murdock is excited to join the Jericho team and has already made a seamless transition in her role replacing Mark Steinberger, who recently retired.

◀ *Barbara Murdock, Jericho's District Data Manager.*



Denise Nash Named Director of Public Information and Community Relations

While Denise Nash is new to the Jericho School District, she is not new to Jericho. She replaces Mary Marks, who retired from her post in August, as the Director of Public Information and Community Relations.

Mrs. Nash brings over 12 years of experience with her to this position. She was the editor of the *Syosset-Jericho Tribune* for over ten years where she learned a great deal about the Jericho School District and the community. She then worked for AOL's online newspaper *Patch* for the past 16 months covering local news in Suffolk County in a digital format.

Mrs. Nash is excited to be back in Jericho and looks forward to working with the community again.

Denise Nash, Director of Public Information and Community Relations. ➤



Jericho Board of Ed Sets 2011-2012 Calendar

The Jericho Board of Education is in the process of setting an agenda that outlines academic presentations and policy review for the 2011-2012 school year. Listed below is a preliminary schedule for the coming year. “This calendar gives residents advance notice of the schedule for presentations throughout the school year,” said Board President Joseph Lorintz. “It is our hope that interested individuals will join the Board as we are updated on and discuss the many aspects of our educational program.” Updated presentation schedules can be found on the district website www.jerichoschools.org throughout the school year.

<i>Public Meeting</i> <i>Date/Place/Time</i>	<i>Policy Review</i>	<i>Presentations</i>		
		<i>Presentations and Recognitions During Meeting</i>	<i>Budget Workshops</i>	<i>Auditor Reports</i>
Sept. 15, 2011 MS Library 7:30 PM	<i>Policies will be added to the agenda for review and update as necessary.</i> The current Jericho School District Board Policy Manual can be found on the district website at: http://www.jerichoschools.org/BoE/JERICHO_POL.pdf	<i>Barbara Bauer and Ben Ciuffo</i> Annual Professional Performance Review/ Staff Recognition		External
Oct. 13, 2011 MS Library 7:30 PM		<i>Eric Sundberg</i> K-12 Social Studies		Claims Internal
Nov. 17, 2011 MS Library 7:30 PM		<i>Daniel Salzman</i> K-12 English/Language Arts Response To Intervention Plan	Budget Process Overview	
Dec. 15, 2011 Jackson 7:30 PM		<i>Elaine Margarita</i> K-12 World Languages Service Learning		
Jan. 19, 2012 Seaman 7:45 PM		<i>Barbara Bauer and Ben Ciuffo</i> Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Update	#1	Claims Internal
Jan. 26, 2012 MS Library 7:30 PM			#2	
Feb. 8, 2012 * MS Library 7:30 PM			#3	
Mar. 1, 2012 MS Library 7:30 PM			Budget Review Meeting	
Mar. 15, 2012 Cantiague 7:45 PM		<i>Helene Kriegstein</i> K-12 Mathematics New Math Program	Adoption Of Budget	
April 26, 2012 MS Library 7:30 PM		<i>Frank DiMartino</i> K-12 Science/Technology Project Lead the Way		Claims Internal
May 17, 2012 HS Little Theater 7:30 PM		<i>Hank Grishman</i> Goals Update		
June 14, 2012 MS Library 7:30 PM		Retiree Recognition		Claims Internal

* Wednesday Night Meeting

Students and staff, along with their families, are invited to meetings throughout the year to be recognized for achievements and honors.

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Did You Know?

School Welcome and Information Nights are held in each building. The goal of these programs is to provide new parents with an opportunity to meet in small groups and learn about our schools. Scheduled dates are listed on the school district calendar.

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Adult ESL classes will resume this fall for Jericho residents. **Federal funding offsets all costs for this program.** The goal of this program is to improve communication between school and home. This is one of the district's initiatives to make all members of the community feel welcome in our schools. Classes, which are held twice a week, begin the week of Oct. 3 and run through Nov. 18.

- Day classes will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - 9 to 10:30 am for parents with limited English proficiency
 - 10:30 am to 12 pm for parents continuing their education

- Evening classes will be on Mondays and Thursdays
 - 7:30 to 9 pm for all levels of English proficiency

Please email efriedlander@jerichoschools.org to register.

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Jericho successfully utilizes **"paperless" communication** whenever possible. Parents are reminded to register their email addresses with their child's school. Those without regular access to a computer are asked to contact their child's school and alternate arrangements will be made.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Schools Closed

- Thursday, September 29
- Friday, September 30
- Monday, October 10

Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, October 13th
Middle School Library 7:30 PM

Recognition Reception

Thursday, November 10th
MS/HS Auditorium 7 PM

Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, November 17th
Middle School Library 7:30 PM

Schools Closed

- Thursday, November 24th
- & Friday, November 25th