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## **Jericho High School**

Parent Newsletter

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### **Mr. P's Corner**

The New Year is always such a wonderful time. Coming off the oh so enjoyable excesses of the holiday season (full disclosure: I ate 184 chicken wings during our time off), we swear to do right by one another and ourselves. Toward this end, we make New Year's resolutions. For those of you interested in the resolutions of our students and faculty, please check the JerEcho's main story of the week ([www.jerichoschools.org/hs](http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs)). For us as a collective, the New Year means taking a serious look at our school with three questions in mind:

1. What are we doing very well and must keep doing?
2. What could we do more of?
3. What should we stop doing altogether?

With this in mind, we asked graduates from the past three years to take a little time to speak with us about these questions. Today, we convened an open session to hear their thoughts. I could not have been more proud than to have been the principal for these young men and women. They were candid. They were poignant. They were respectful. Most of all, they were spot on in their analyses.

With this fine group, we focused our discussion on what best prepared them for college and what could have been done differently to either ease their transition or lay the groundwork for further success. Many of them had laudatory things to say about our school and staff, including building a strong knowledge foundation that often exceeded that of their college courses. In citing areas of need, many of them were both aware of and

impressed by new programs and course offerings that we have initiated since their graduations. At the same time, the grads also gave us much to ponder. Many of their challenges, including time management, autonomous work, and increased expectations for novel thought, have confounded the experts for ages. Nonetheless, bringing these issues to the fore will surely help guide us as we continue to seek answers to the three annual questions listed above.

So, as always, our New Year's resolution at the High School is to continue to innovate in our teaching practices and program offerings in efforts to best prepare our students for the world ahead. You have my personal guarantee that this is one resolution we will not break. (As for my own resolution to ignore the \$1 double-cheeseburger sign on 107 on my ride home each evening, I make no such promises.)

Happy New Year!  
-Mr. P

### **Monday Night's Winter Concert (benefiting Rock CAN Roll)**

Jericho High School's Tri-M Music Honor Society is pleased to invite you to the Winter Concert on Monday night at 7:30pm in the HS Auditorium. **Please note that this and all high school concerts are Rock CAN Roll events.** Please bring a canned good with you to help those less fortunate in our community.

For more information about Rock CAN Roll from our Tri-M president, please click here:  
[www.jerichoschools.org/hs/docs/drives/rockCANroll.pdf](http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/docs/drives/rockCANroll.pdf).

### **Course Information Night, Community Service Fair, & Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting**

We are very excited to once again invite you to our Course Information Night and Community Service Fair on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm. All of our teachers will be on hand to answer questions about their courses. Additionally, AP teachers will offer mini-sessions to discuss the rigor and expectations of these courses. For our incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders, the administrators will offer a program starting at 7pm. This session will release students and parents with plenty of time to attend the Course Information Night to learn about all that the high school offers.

An updated listing of all course offerings and a full schedule of the night's events will be posted to our web site later in this month.

We can't wait to see you!

### **Kudos and Congratulations to...**

... the Debate Team for receiving a **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team Trophy** on November 14<sup>th</sup> at Kellenberg High School and for their additional outstanding individual results: In the Varsity Public Forum, **Philip Fitzpatrick/Ryan**

**Schwartz** placed 4<sup>th</sup> (GOING TO THE STATES!!). In the JV Public Forum, **Matt Roberts/Jake Solomon** placed 4<sup>th</sup>. In the Novice Lincoln/Douglas Debate, **Anchal Mehra** placed 1<sup>st</sup>, **Alyssa Adler** placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, and **Nebiyu Getahun** placed 5<sup>th</sup>. In the JV Lincoln Douglas Debate, **Sahir Raof** placed 1<sup>st</sup>, **Rachel Goldstein** placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, **Zach Leighton** placed 5<sup>th</sup> and **Sara Jenis** placed 8th.

... the following individuals who placed at the December 19<sup>th</sup> Debate at Syosset High School **Pragya Kakani** placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the Varsity LD, **Dylan Kugler** placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the JV Lincoln Douglas Debate, and **Nebiyu Getahun** placing 1<sup>st</sup>, **Amelia Xu** placing 4<sup>th</sup> and **Peter Zhou** placing 8<sup>th</sup> in the Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate.

... to our **Girls' Swimming and Diving Team** and our **Girls' Volleyball Team** who were named the #1 Scholar Athlete Teams in New York State.

### ***Calendar of Upcoming High School Events***

Please visit the new Jericho High School web site: <http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/> for the latest information on our upcoming high school events.