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Jericho High School

Parent Newsletter

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Mr. P's Corner

As you recall, late last month, I challenged you to take a look at an important web site in efforts to start the conversation with your children about making good choices in regards to parties, drugs, and alcohol. The web site (www.prevention-smart.org) offers great material and 10 solid ideas for discussions with your children. For all of you who have used this site for your children's advantage, I thank you very much. From your personal responses, I must tell you how heartening it has been to know that our community cares for its kids as deeply as we do.

At the same time, I again heard disturbing stories of dangerous behavior over the break, from hospitalizations to drunk driving. The time for us to come together to keep our kids safe is now. They are young. They are impetuous. For the most part, it's not their fault. Blame Darwin if you wish, it's just their biological nature. As I have written in the past, their brains jam on the accelerator (amygdala) and haven't yet developed a consistent braking system (prefrontal cortex) any better than Toyota.

With this in mind, perhaps it is time for a school-parent recall. As such, in concert with the PTSA, we are in the process of creating a way to publish a secure HS directory. This directory will include information for you on addresses, phone numbers, and e-mails to

afford you the ability to contact one another to keep informed and to ensure that activities are supervised to your expectations. Of course, we will provide an “opt out” for this directory if you would rather not be included, but we really hope that you partner with us in our mission to keep all of our children safe. Look for an e-mail in the very near future asking for your participation.

I have the utmost confidence that together we will continue to ensure that our school and every one of its awesome kids remain the pinnacle of success... safely and securely.

As always, thanks for all of your continued efforts. You truly make the difference!

Advanced Placement Exams

Students enrolled in an Advanced Placement course take the AP exam in May as partial fulfillment of course requirements. Please click on the following website for the dates and times of each AP exam:

<http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/docs/guidance/AP%20Exam%20Schedule%202010.pdf>

International Night (3/3)

Please join us on Wednesday, March 3rd, from 7-9pm to experience all the international flavor our school offers. Students will present the worlds of Chinese, Spanish, French, Italian, Latin, and Sign Language. Additionally, our Diversity Club and Asian American Awareness Clubs will be performing.

By the way, we heard there will be great food! Bring the family and enjoy an experience like no other.

For more information, please see:

http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/docs/publicity/international_night_2010.pdf

Annie Get Your Gun (3/4-6)

Please come see our thespians and future Tony award winners in action. The HS Drama Club will put on its annual musical, Annie Get Your Gun, this Thursday through Saturday nights.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/docs/publicity/anniegetyourgun.pdf>

Alley Oop for Autism

Once again, Jericho High School will support the Ascent School for Autistic Children through an exciting 3-on-3 basketball tourney on Saturday, March 13th. Please bring your sneakers and show your support!

For more information, bounce here: <http://alleyoopforautism.com/>

Diversity Day & Night!

On Tuesday, March 16th, Jericho High School proudly presents Diversity Day & Night, celebrating the wonderful diversity of our schools. During the day, students representing different cultures and orientations will stage an energetic presentation to increase awareness and tolerance in our school community.

For the first time ever, our students will also perform at 7pm at night for the community. Monetary donations, benefiting world charities, will be collected at the door. T-shirts, showcasing this year's theme, "Coexistence," will also be sold.

All are welcome and encouraged to see our students' hard work!

Faculty and Staff Recognition

The Faculty and Staff Recognition Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 17th. We are in desperate need of dessert donations. We really need your help!

For dessert donations, please call or e-mail the following:

Lori Caputo	931-9740	vcaputo2003@yahoo.com
Debbie Kenny	935-0734	dknydoodles@aol.com

We are happy that we can work together to show our appreciation to the teachers and staff. Thank you in advance for your help.

-The Staff Appreciation Luncheon Committee

Kudos and Congratulations to...

... **Joe Chamish** who placed 4th in the New York State Wrestling Championships this past weekend in Albany. He is the first wrestler in 36 years to do so. On December 19th, he won his 100th wrestling match and February 14th placed 2nd in the Nassau County wrestling finals. Way to go, Joe!

... the **Boys' Varsity Winter Track and Field** who won their Conference championship for the first time ever!

... **Jordan Bernstein** who placed 3rd and **Nick Kiriazis** who placed 16th in diving in the Nassau County Championships. Senior **Horace Patrick**, competed in the New York State Swimming and Diving Championships in breast stroke.

... the following students who were named finalists in the 2010 Competition for National Merit Scholarships: **Rohitvarma Basavaraju, Mubarrat Bhuiyan, Rachelle Blidner, Jeremy Feinstein, Alvin Jeon, Pragma Kakani, Yvette Leung, Brandon Li, Ryan Schwartz, April Xiong, and Heeyoung Yoo.**

... our Intel Science Talent Search winners: **Brittany Hsu, Pragma Kakani, Brandon Li, Zachary Porges and Yvette Leung.**

... **Pragma Kakani** who was a winner and **Yang Liu** who was a finalist in the 2010 Neuroscience Research Prize.

... our MIT Think 2010 Competition finalists and semifinalists: **Courtney Wong** and **Robert Guber**, semifinalists, in the Ideas Proposal Category; **Sagar Rambhia**, a semifinalist, in the Home-Grown Project Category; and **Brandon Li**, a finalist, in the Lab Project Category.

... **Christopher Lam** who has been selected as New York's top high school youth volunteer in the 2010 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program. He will be nationally recognized in May in Washington, DC. Keep it up!

... **Tiffany Tzeng** who is a finalist in the 2010 Bentley University Tomorrow 25 program. Great job on her first issue of *I AM New York*. We wish her luck in making it to the Bentley Leadership Forum in April.

... the Debate Team for receiving a **1st Place Team Trophy** on January 16th at Great Neck South High School! Congratulations too for these additional outstanding individual results: In the Varsity Lincoln/Douglas Debate, **Nuvid Bhuiyan** placed 1st, **Harrison Tract** placed 2nd and **Ashley Paston** placed 3rd. In the JV Public Forum, **Ryan Alpert/Jason Wang** placed 5th. In the Novice Lincoln/Douglas Debate, **Alexa Aseel** placed 1st, and **Amelia Xu** placed 4th. In the JV Lincoln Douglas Debate, **Zach Leighton** placed 2nd, **Diana Bai** placed 3rd, **Neil Mehta** placed 4th and **Rachel Goldstein** placed 5th.

... the following members of the Debate Team who Saturday, February 6th all qualified for states: In the JV Public Forum, **Austin Boral/Arian Soroush** placed 2nd and **Grace Kim/Jennifer Yu** placed 5th. In the Varsity Lincoln/Douglas Debate, **Jasleen Kaur** placed 1st and **Pooja Rambhia** placed 3rd. In the JV Lincoln/Douglas Debate, **Diana Bai** placed 3rd, **Michelle Rosenthal** placed 4th and **Sydney Mendelsohn** placed 8th. In the Novice Lincoln/Douglas Debate, **Anchal Mehra** placed 1st, **Alexa Aseel** placed 4th, **Matthew Lesser** placed 5th and **Sarah Kaufman** placed 8th. Good Luck in April at the States!

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.