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Jericho High School

Parent Newsletter

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Mr. P's Corner

I just get so excited for the start of each new year. This year has surely been no exception! While our kids may not want to admit it, they too come back with a certain kinetic energy, enlivening our halls with discussions ranging from Newton's laws to the Constitution to Miley Cyrus. Some are perhaps more academic, but all are fun.

In wishing to capture this energy, last week, we created the opportunity to meet with each and every student in small groups. In this open forum, our administrative team reviews our expectations and highlights major changes for the year (please refer to our Quick Reference on the provided student folders: http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/docs/folder_2009-2010.pdf).

More than new regulations, however, I wanted to impress upon our students the thought that we truly are a community. From H1N1 prevention ("Sneeze into that sleeve!") to displaying respect towards one another, we are the ones responsible for taking care of "us." More globally, I also wanted to challenge our students to understand that taking care of us does not end in our halls. Indeed, we have a responsibility to the world. Along these lines, we had the chance to discuss what we hope will become a district initiative to help build schools for children who currently have none. In response to my call to action, our awesome kids have already come forward with three proposals that could take us a long way toward realizing our dream. I love these kids!

Back on the homefront, we hope to see you at our various functions this month. We are simply chock full of great events. Recently, we welcomed 70 new parents at our High School Welcome & Information Night. Tuesday night brings our first High School PTSA Meeting: The Principal's Coffee Hour. Please join us for coffee and thoughts on the new year. Thursday finds one of our premier events, our annual open house, known simply as Back to School Night. In efforts to efficiently maximize our time with you, we have combined this event with the Learning Center's Back to School Night. Please see below for more details. After these events, we will be running strong toward our fall highlight, Homecoming, on October 16th and 17th. I don't know about you, but I can't wait!

On behalf of our entire school family, welcome home. We missed you!

-Joe Prisinzano, Principal

Back to School Night + LC Back to School Night

Please join us for our annual open house on Thursday evening, September 24th. On this night, you will have the chance to meet your children's teachers and find out about each course's extensive curriculum. Please ask your children to fill out this form (http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/docs/back_to_school_night_schedule.pdf) with room numbers and teacher names.

The Senior Class will be on hand to sell refreshments, while the Student Council will sell Entertainment Books and raise money for Habitat for Humanity.

- Schedule:

<u>Period</u>		<u>Period</u>	
2	6:45 – 6:55 p.m.	7	8:00 – 8:10 p.m.
3	7:00 – 7:10 p.m.	8	8:15 – 8:25 p.m.
4	7:15 – 7:25 p.m.	9	8:30 – 8:40 p.m.
5	7:30 – 7:40 p.m.	10	8:45 – 8:55 p.m.
6	7:45 – 7:55 p.m.	11	9:00 – 9:10 p.m.

- Parents will follow a Day 1 schedule. If your child's science class and lab both fall on Day 1, you should only attend the science class.
- Due to the large number of teacher vehicles present, parents are asked to park in either the Administration lot to the right of the front circle or the Middle School Parking lot in the rear of the building.
- As we are following a Day 1 schedule, Learning Center Instructors will be available from 6-7 p.m. for scheduled appointments for any parent whose child is scheduled for Learning Center on Day 2. Please contact your child's LC Instructor directly to schedule an appointment

(516-203-3600 x 3549). LC Instructors will follow the normal schedule above for all students scheduled on Day 1.

- Other questions? Please E-mail us and we will respond ASAP.

New Web Site...

To start the new school year, we unveiled our new high school new web site, adorned at the top by **Karen Park**'s award winning banner. Karen won last year's public vote to have her design become the new face of our web site.

The revamped site features navigation improvements to allow parents and students far quicker and more logical movement. Other additions include up to the minute calendars, student generated news, teacher information, staff directories, and important documents.

Working with students from the Art Club and the JerEcho, the site will remain a work in progress through the fall.

Jericho's new web site can be found at: <http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs>.

Bookmark it!

College Visits!

Representatives from various colleges will be visiting with students in the Counseling Center during the school day over the next few months. If your child is interested in attending any of these information sessions, a listing of the colleges and the times they will be here can be found on the following website:

http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/guidance/college_forms/College_Visits.pdf

Homecoming Weekend...

At the present time, we are continuing to plan Homecoming Weekend 2009. Jericho's Homecoming has developed into an exciting tradition that helps create a spirit of community. The twenty-seventh annual Homecoming promises to be a highly successful and memorable event for all.

This year, Homecoming will be on Friday, October 16th and Saturday, October 17th.

Among the events planned for the Weekend include: a carnival, spirit-boosting pep rally featuring Jericho's Spirit Club, athletic teams and cheerleaders, Homecoming Parade, a Varsity football game and a half-time show.

With your enthusiasm, energy and help, we can make Homecoming 2009 another resounding success. We look forward to your participation and support.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16th

2:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. Games/Carnival

Late buses available to take students home.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17th

11:30 A.M. – 6:00 P.M. Games/Carnival

2:00 P.M. Girls' Varsity Soccer vs. Valley Stream Central

2:00 P.M. Varsity Football vs. Wantagh

Halftime Parade begins in Tennis Court Parking Lot and ends on the Football Field

Kudos and Congratulations to...

...the following students who were named Semifinalists in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Competition: **Rohitvarma Basavaraju, Mubarrat N. Bhuiyan, Rachelle Blidner, Jeremy Feinstein, Alvin Jeon, Pragya Kakani, Yvette Leung, Brandon Li, Ryan Schwartz, April Xiong and Heeyoung Yoo.** Very impressive!

...the following students who will be representing Jericho High School at the 2008 NYSSMA All-State Conference in Rochester New York from December 3 – 6, 2009: **Tina Jung, Justin Park, Nicole Chun, Lindsey Lam, Brian Tak, Carling Sugarman, Neal Marshall, Samuel Kim, David Zheng, Michael McCormack and Yvette Leung.** Music to our ears!

...the following students who competed and received awards last spring at the Long Island Science Congress: **Rebecca Hong, Nuvid Bhuiyan, Brandon Li, Sagar Rambhia, Brittany Hsu, Arpita Shah, David Zheng, Cecilia Copperman, Matthew Lam and Christopher Lam.** The following students went on to compete in the Science Teachers of New York State (STANYS) Science Congress: **Rebecca Hong (Finalist and Overall Senior Division Winner), Nuvid Bhuiyan (Finalist), Brandon Li (Finalist) and Sagar Rambhia (Finalist).**

...**Jericho High School** which was named School of Distinction from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for the 2008-2009 school year. In order to receive this award, every varsity team must have been named a scholar athlete team for last year with an average of 90% or better. There were only 13 high schools in New York State who won this award for last

year. This is our 5th year in a row winning the award. This is a state record shared by only one other high school in all of New York State!

Upcoming High School Events

Please visit the interactive High School Calendar on our new Jericho High School web site for up to date event schedules:

<http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/events.asp>