

# Welcome to the Counseling Department's 9th Grade Parent Meeting

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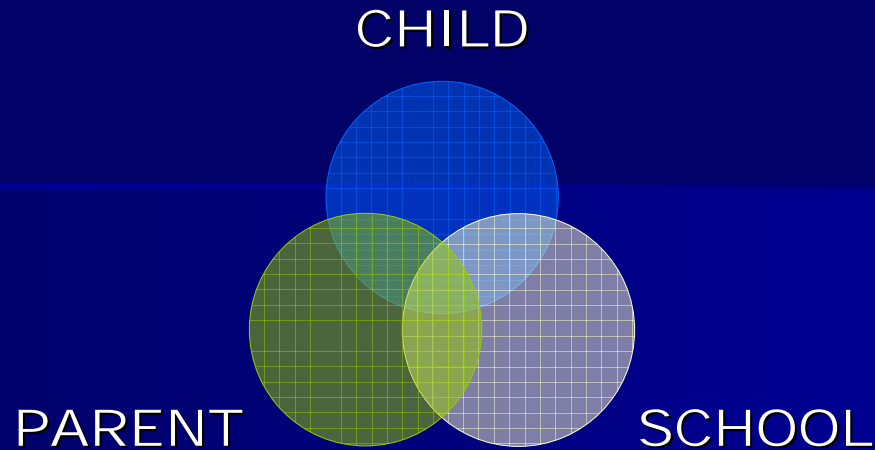
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# Good Communication is the Key



- JERICHO SCHOOLS ARE NOW PAPERLESS
- COMMUNICATIONS ARE THROUGH EMAILS AND ARE POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE
  - [Gbodnar@jerichoschools.org](mailto:Gbodnar@jerichoschools.org)

❖ Teachers Workroom

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❖ Counselor

❖ Progress Reports – Mid Quarter

❖ Report Cards – Quarterly

❖ Parent Conferences

# HOW CAN WE HELP STUDENTS HELP THEMSELVES?

- Set Goals and Broaden Experiences
- Become a Lifelong Learner
- Learn to Budget Time
- PEER TUTORING:
  - Joan Kearon ext. 3576
- COUNSELORS
- TEACHERS:
  - Extra Help 2x per week – Period 2

# OUR WEBSITE

## [www.jerichoschools.org](http://www.jerichoschools.org)

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### ➤ HIGH SCHOOL

✓ Academics

✓ Clubs

✓ Library

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✓ Course  
Descriptions

✓ News  
Bulletins

✓ Counselor  
Information

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Today is 10/11/2006  
'B' Week  
Day 1

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# PREPARING FOR 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- Typical 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Schedule
  1. English II
  2. College Prep Writing / Health
  3. Math
  4. Global II or AP Euro
  5. Science
  6. Science Lab / Phys. Ed.
  7. World Language
  8. Additional Courses: Art, Music, Business, Lang., Etc.
  9. Lunch
- High School Course Information Night  
& Community Service Fair – 2/5/2009



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## COURSEWORK

<u>COURSES</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
– ENGLISH	4
– SOCIAL STUDIES	4
– MATH	3
– SCIENCE	3
– HEALTH	.5
– ART / MUSIC	1
– WORLD LANGUAGE	1
– PHYSICAL EDUCATION	2
– <u>ELECTIVES</u>	<u>3.5</u>
TOTAL UNITS	22



# GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

## NEW YORK STATE TESTING

### ■ REGENTS DIPLOMA

- ENGLISH 11
- INTEGRATED ALGEBRA
- GLOBAL HISTORY
- U.S. HISTORY
- SCIENCE

### ■ ADVANCED REGENTS DIPLOMA

- ENGLISH 11
- INTEGRATED ALGEBRA
- GEOMETRY & ALG2 / TRIG
- GLOBAL HISTORY
- U.S. HISTORY
- (2) SCIENCE
- WORLD LANGUAGE

# GRADING POLICIES & EQUIVALENTS

<u>LETTER GRADE</u>	<u>GPA</u>	<u>EXPLANATION</u>
- A+	4.0	Excellent – strong intellectual accomplishments
- A	3.8	
- A-	3.6	
- B+	3.4	Good – strong learning accomplishments
- B	3.2	
- B-	3.0	
- C+	2.7	Average – indicates average learning accomplishments
- C	2.4	
- C-	2.0	
- D+	1.7	Low passing – meeting only minimum standards
- D	1.4	
- F	0.0	Failing

# STANDARDIZED TESTING

- **PSAT** – October of the Junior Year
  - PSAT/NMSQT : National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test
- **SAT REASONING** – Spring of the Junior Year
  - Critical Reasoning, Math and Writing
- **SAT SUBJECT TESTS** – Typically after finishing the highest level of preparation for particular subject
- **ACT** – Skill Areas: English, Math, Reading, Science and Suggested Writing
  - Spring of the Junior Year
- **How to prepare?**
  - **READ...READ...READ!**
  - [www.number2.com](http://www.number2.com) Free Practice and Vocabulary
  - [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) Word and Question of the Day

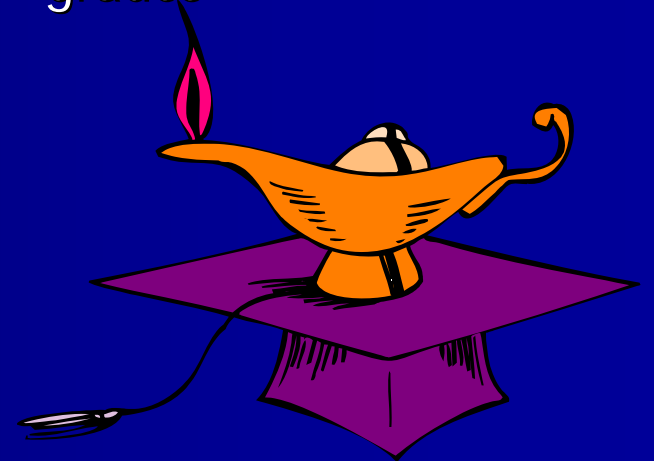


# EXTRACURRICULARS AND VOLUNTEERING

- Clubs, Sports, Community Service
- Use Summers wisely:
  - Summer Programs at Colleges
  - Internships, Job Shadowing
  - Travel, Exchange Programs
- **Volunteer:** Students who contribute are seen as leaders and innovators to school and community
  - [www.volunteermatch.com](http://www.volunteermatch.com)
  - [www.jerichoschools.org](http://www.jerichoschools.org)
  - [www.teenstakecharge.org](http://www.teenstakecharge.org)
- Quality over Quantity
- Develop a Passion
- Follow a Leadership Path

# NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES

- SCHOLARSHIP
  - Character, Service and Leadership
- ART HONOR SOCIETY
- TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY
- THESPIAN HONOR SOCIETY
- NATIONAL LANGUAGE HONOR SOCIETY
  - Sophomore Year
  - A- average (3.6)...usually 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades
  - Be enrolled in 3<sup>rd</sup> year of language
- NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
  - A- average (3.6) to be a candidate
  - To be inducted:
    - Community Service
    - School Service
    - Attend Meetings



# WHAT 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS SHOULD BE DOING...

- MEET YOUR COUNSELOR!!
- EMAIL ADDRESS AND THE WEB
- SET GOALS AND EXPECTATIONS
- READ...READ...READ!
- DEVELOP GOOD WORK HABITS

# POST-HIGH SCHOOL PLANNING FOR 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS

## ■ CHALLENGE YOURSELF

- Rigorous Course Selection

## ■ GET INVOLVED

- School and Community

## ■ LEARN TO BUDGET YOUR TIME

## ■ BE YOUR OWN ADVOCATE

# THINGS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO REMEMBER

- Challenge but don't overwhelm yourself
- Work, volunteer or gain some experience
- Talk to adults about careers and colleges
- Remember to follow your own path in life
- People change...Keep an open mind
- Hold onto your dreams & ambitions
- Never too late to get organized and make plans