

Jericho Board of Ed Sets 2012-2013 Calendar

The Jericho Board of Education is in the process of setting an agenda that outlines academic presentations and policy review for the 2012-2013 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, Workshops and Recognitions</i> <i>During the Board Meeting</i>	<i>Auditor Reports</i>	
Sept. 20, 2012 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: www.jerichoschools.org/district/board_of_education		External Claims Internal	
Oct. 18, 2012 MS Library 7:30 PM		<i>Barbara Bauer and Ben Ciuffo</i> Annual Professional Performance Review		
Nov. 15, 2012 MS Library 7:30 PM		<i>Ben Ciuffo and Donald Gately</i> DASA		
Dec. 13, 2012 Jackson 7:30 PM		<i>Kenneth Pollitt</i> K-12 Performing and Fine Arts	Claims Internal	
Jan. 17, 2013 Seaman 7:45 PM		<i>John Mankowich</i> K-12 Health, Physical Education, Athletics	<i>Budget Workshop #1</i>	
Jan. 24, 2013 MS Library 7:30 PM		<i>Budget Workshop #2</i>		
Feb. 7, 2013 MS Library 7:30 PM		<i>Budget Workshop #3</i>		
Mar. 7, 2013 MS Library 7:30 PM		<i>Budget Review Meeting</i>		
Mar. 14, 2013 Cantiague 7:45 PM		<i>Brian D. Cummings</i> K-12 Science/Technology	<i>Adoption of Budget</i>	Claims Internal
April 18, 2013 MS Library 7:30 PM		<i>Benny D'Aquila, Tony Sinanis, and Adam Winnick</i> Elementary Principals		
May 23, 2013 MS Library 7:30 PM		<i>Hank Grishman</i> Goals Update		
June 13, 2013 MS Library 7:30 PM		<i>Retiree Recognition</i>	External Claims Internal	

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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District Launches New Websites

In August, the Jericho School District launched a new district website, as well as new sites for each of the five schools. The district page is still available at www.jerichoschools.org. Any websites previously used by the district are no longer being updated.

Residents are encouraged to visit the district site for district-wide information, but parents are encouraged to go to your child’s school site, where you will find updates pertaining to the individual school.

The websites are filled with information, but resources are broken down on the homepage by users – Staff, Students, Parents, and Community. Click each menu option to find important information.

Also on the homepage, the Departments tab will link you to important information on Academics, Athletics, Business and Finance, Human Resources, Public Information, School Lunch Program, Special Education, Transportation, and Use of Facilities.

Coming soon is a staff directory under each school’s “Contact” tab.

Please contact Denise Nash at dnash@jerichoschools.org with any website questions. We appreciate your patience as we continue to update and improve the new websites.



Quick Tip: Click on the High School and Middle School library windows on the picture on the district homepage to go directly to the library websites.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Schools Closed
Monday, October 8

Diabetes/Childhood Obesity Walk
Sunday, October 14th
High School Track

Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, October 18th
Middle School Library 7:30 PM

Recognition Reception
Thursday, November 8th
MS/HS Auditorium 7 PM

Board of Education Meeting
Thursday, November 15th
Middle School Library 7:30 PM

Schools Closed
Thursday, November 22th
& Friday, November 23th



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Jericho Students Start the 2012-2013 School Year

Students filled the halls on Wednesday, August 29 to start the 2012-2013 school year. Smiles, and even some tears, could be seen as students walked off of the buses, but excitement was definitely in the air.

Superintendent of Schools Hank Grishman visited buildings throughout the district with Assistant Superintendents Barbara Bauer and Victor Manuel, as well as Board President Joseph Lorintz and trustees Barbara Krieger and Shawn Gladstone. Mr. Grishman thanked all Jericho families and staff for their support throughout the start of the school year.

"Our entire organization worked extremely hard to prepare for a successful start to the school year," said Grishman. "As always, the results of their work were evident on opening day. Our first day of classes was successful thanks to the enormous efforts of our staff."

The Jericho School District continually evaluates curricular offerings and instructional strategies to determine educational needs and set priorities. The following are

some of the new courses this year at the High School. New Courses are taught by existing staff members.

Applied Statistics - This course is designed to be an introductory statistics course. The course emphasizes the application of exploring data, designing observational studies and experiments, simulations and statistical inferences. The graphing calculator will be the chief tool for data analysis.

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-Hank Grishman
Superintendent of Schools

Music Theory II - The study of the elements of music melody, harmony, rhythm, chords, vocabulary, and notation all lead to an understanding of how to compose music and how music is constructed. This computer-assisted course is designed for those with intermediate to advanced musical training.

New Media Communications II - In New Media Communications II, students will further their exploration of the role of journalists in society. They will produce longer, more in-depth news features and documentaries employing each of the four types of media commonly used by today's on-line journalists: article writing, photojournalism, video broadcasting, and audio podcasting. Students in the class are expected to take leadership roles in producing the school's on-line news service and in working closely with the members of the High School's *JerEcho* club to produce the highest quality content possible for publication on the website.

(See more opening day photos throughout the newsletter.)

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Important Document - Please Translate

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重要文件請翻譯

Documento importante - Traduce Por Favor



▲ These girls stopped for a picture while looking for their classroom in Middle School.



▲ Mr. D'Aquila greets Michelle as she gets off of the bus at Jackson Elementary School.



Students receive their folders during freshman orientation. ▲

APPR Update

In accordance with New York State regulations regarding Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR), many of our students will participate in pre-assessments that are part of the teacher evaluation process. These assessments are diagnostic in nature and will enable teachers to gauge students' previous learning and readiness for course curriculum. However, scores on assessments will not be counted in students' grades.



▲ *The first day at Robert Seaman was exciting for this student.*

Adult ESL Classes

Adult English as a Second Language (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. 9.

The sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. for beginning level English proficiency and 10:30 a.m. - noon for intermediate and advanced levels of proficiency.

Those interested in registering, please email efriedlander@jerichoschools.org. Space will be limited to first come first served. Child-care services are NOT available.

JERICHO FACILITIES UPDATE

The district is pleased to report that several building projects are nearing completion.

*The High School Track project with a new irrigation system for the field was completed. The installation of the scoreboard will take place in the near future.

*The High School Dance Studio was refurbished with a new ceiling and state-of-the-art LED lighting system to replace the conventional fluorescent lights.

*A custom-made trophy showcase was made and installed by the staff for the High School Learning Center.

*Replaced a section of playground equipment at Jackson Elementary School.

*New bleachers will be installed this month in the High School Field House.

*Re-keying the doors will be completed district-wide, which will allow better control of who has access to the buildings.

*A new program has been implemented that will allow Facility Use Requests to be completed online.

*A completely green floor care system on the first floor of the Middle School was implemented this summer. This will minimize the necessity for the traditional method of stripping and waxing.

"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?



ADRIAN ADAMS
*Science
High School*



THOMAS ANDERLE
*Mathematics
High School*



MICHELE BRADLEY
*Business
High School*



MARY ANN CHRISTIANSEN
*Physics
High School*



MICHAEL CROCE
*Science
High School*



MELISSA HOFMANN
*Grade 3
George A. Jackson*



VALENTINA LO PICCOLO
*Italian
High School*



HEATHER MORIARTY
*Reading
George A. Jackson*



MEGAN RIGO
*Co-Teacher
High School*



JACLYN SCHAUB
*Physical Education
High School*



MELISSA SHANNON
*Mathematics
High School*



MARISSA SINCLAIR
*Co-Teacher
High School*

What is DASA and What Does it Mean for My Child?

New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) was signed into law on September 13, 2010 and took effect on July 1, 2012. The Act seeks to provide the State's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function.

Jericho's Board of Education recognizes that learning environments that are safe and supportive can increase student attendance and improve academic achievement. A student's ability to learn and achieve high academic standards, and a school's ability to educate students, is compromised by incidents of discrimination or harassment including, but not limited to, bullying, taunting and intimidation.

Therefore, in accordance with the Dignity for All Students Act, Education Law, Article 2, the District will strive to create an environment free of discrimination and harassment and will foster civility in the schools to prevent and prohibit conduct which is inconsistent with the District's educational mission.

The District condemns and prohibits all forms of discrimination and harassment of students based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender, or sex by school employees or students on school

property as well as at school-sponsored activities and events that take place at locations off school property. In addition, any act of discrimination or harassment outside of school-sponsored events, which can reasonably be expected to materially and substantially disrupt the education process may be subject to discipline.

At least one employee at every school shall be designated as the Dignity Act Coordinator. The Dignity Act Coordinator will be thoroughly trained to handle human relations in the areas of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (identity or expression) and sex.

Each school's Code of Conduct has been amended to reflect DASA's regulations in age-appropriate language.

The District will investigate all complaints of harassment and discrimination, either formal or informal, and take prompt corrective measures, as necessary. Complaints will be investigated in accordance with applicable policies and regulations. If, after an appropriate investigation, the District finds that this policy has been violated, corrective action will be taken in accordance with District policies and regulations, the Code of Conduct, and all appropriate federal or state laws.

Training will be provided each school year for all District employees in conjunction with existing professional develop-

ment training to raise staff awareness and sensitivity of harassment and discrimination directed at students that are committed by students or school employees on school property or at a school function.

DASA FAQ's

Q: Who is protected by the Dignity Act?

A: All public elementary and secondary school students are protected by the Act.

Q: What does the Act prohibit?

A: The Act prohibits the harassment and discrimination of students by students and by school personnel.

Q: How does the Dignity Act relate to bullying and hazing?

A: Bullying and hazing are forms of harassment and discrimination.

Q: What physical spaces are covered by the Dignity Act?

A: The Dignity Act applies to behavior on school property (including athletic fields, playgrounds and parking lots), in school buildings and on a school bus/vehicle, as well as at school-sponsored events or activities.

(Credit: www.p12.nysed.gov/dignityact)

Meet Curriculum Associate Brian D. Cummings

Brian D. Cummings was named Curriculum Associate for Science and Technology Education after Frank DiMartino retired in June.

Mr. Cummings was a mathematics and science teacher in the Jericho School District since 1997. Throughout his tenure as a teacher, he taught a variety of courses and also coached basketball, football and lacrosse. He has mentored students on research projects and also participated in many extracurricular activities with the students. Mr. Cummings is a member of the Jericho Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

"The district is excited to have Brian join our administrative team," said Superintendent Hank Grishman. "Brian has earned a reputation as an outstanding educator during his tenure in Jericho, and we look forward to working closely with him in his future challenges."

