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Jericho High School

Parent Newsletter

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(Please our new web site <http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/> for the latest high school information.)

Mr. P's Corner

As you know, I am perhaps one of the strongest proponents in education calling for kids to learn from the real world. I want them to organize. I want them to manage. I want them to lead. And, you know as well as I do, they can. Oh, yes, they can!

With this in mind, we continue to turn to our students to help us make our own place here at the high school even better. One of the first tests this year will come later this week as our kids debut a new look to our pep rallies. Over the past four years, our pep rallies have become consistently more attended and of higher quality. However, they lacked much in the way of audience participation. As such, we asked the students in our BOLT (Building the Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow) program to brainstorm solutions. Working with the Spirit Club, they designed what they believe will be a positively different experience for our students. I can't wait!

In addition to pep rallies, our students have also been hard at work readying themselves for Homecoming. As you know, this is one of our community's premier events. See below for the details and stop on by this weekend to the parade, carnival, and various sporting events.

At the same time, we are excited that so many of our students are taking up the challenge to show their creativity to the world by creating short films and commercials for the upcoming JEF 2nd Annual Student Film Festival. During this festival (more on this below), our kids will debut their films and be judged by professionals in the field to hopefully uncover the next Spielberg. On this night, we will once again see the power of students creating products for a real audience and receiving feedback from beyond the classroom walls.

All told, our kids do great things. For them to continue, they need your support. Please make the time to support them in their efforts by joining us at our various events this fall. We know it will be worth your while!

-Mr. P

Homecoming Events

We are thrilled to welcome the Jericho community to our annual Homecoming extravaganza this weekend. Barring forecasts for rain and snow ☹, this year will be filled with great events for our students and larger community.

We especially hope that you will join us for our Homecoming Parade on Saturday at half time of the football game. Our HS Cheerleaders, Jayettes dance team, and marching band have created special performances just for you. Additionally, the audience will decide this year's winning class float from our theme, "Cities around the World." Last but not least, we will name the Homecoming King and Queen at the end of the show.

All proceeds from the two-day event fund club activities throughout the year and senior scholarships. Please show your support and join us!



Friday

2:30pm

Homecoming Carnival with rides, food and more!
(High School students are welcome to come to the Carnival at the end of their school day at 3:31.)

4:30pm

Boys Varsity Badminton vs. Great Neck
Boys JV Soccer vs. Cold Spring Harbor
Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Friends Academy
Girls Varsity Swimming vs. Sewanhaka

6:30pm

Carnival closes

BUSES will be available on Friday to take children home at the end of the Carnival.



Saturday

11:30am

Homecoming Carnival with rides, food and more!

2:00pm

Boys Varsity Football vs. Wantagh
Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Valley Stream Central

2:45pm

Homecoming Parade (halftime of the football game)

6:00pm

Carnival closes

NO BUSES will be available on Saturday. Please be certain to arrange for your child to be picked up by the end of the carnival as supervision will not be available beyond this time.

The 2nd Annual Student Film Festival

Be a part of the 2nd Annual Student Film Festival being held on November 13th in the Little Theater! Sponsor a movie quote and support the Jericho Educational Foundation! See the JEF website for more details: www.jerichoeducationalfoundation.org

Senior Class Party

Our parents are at it again. Coming off last year's tremendous Senior Party, the plans are even bigger and better for 2010. Please help our dedicated parents by reading and responding to this letter from the Senior Class Advisory Council:

www.jerichoschools.org/hs/docs/ptsa/Senior_Class_Party_2010.pdf

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

Kudos and Congratulations to...

... the following were named Commended Students in the 2010 National Merit Scholarship Competition: **Lauren Busch, Justin S. Einhorn, Gregory Ellner, Blake Frank, Julie Gold, Harry He, Rebecca Hong, Sophia Hsien, Grace Jeong, David Jung, Danielle Koenigsberg, Christopher Lam, Alyssa Leventhal, Sahil Lillaney, Cody Lipton, Hersh Mehta, Margaret Meng, Caroline Motschwiller, Kevin Paek, Pooja Rambhia, Charles Rubinfeld, Grace Seo, Carling Sugarman, Jason Wang, Kaixi Wang, Sydner Werber, Kevin Wu, Jeffrey Yoon and Jennifer Zagelbaum.** Fantastic!

... the Debate Club for their outstanding results of September 26th: In the JV Public Forum, **Austin Leist/Adam Birbach** placed 8th, **Abraham Fatehi/Bradley Wank** placed 7th, **Jennifer Yu/Grace Kim** placed 4th, **Matthew Roberts/Jake Solomon** placed 3rd and **Ryan Alpert/Jason Wang** placed 2nd. In the Novice Lincoln/Douglas Debate, **Sonia Joshi** placed 8th, **Morgan Smiley** placed 7th, **Jonathan Delman** placed 5th and **Alyssa Adler** placed 2nd. In the JV Lincoln Douglas Debate, **Rachel Goldstein** placed 8th, **Jake Siegel** placed 3rd and **Sahir Raof** placed 2nd.

... **Blair Seideman** on winning the Nassau County Tennis Singles Championship. Blair will compete at the New York State Tournament in November.

Upcoming High School Events

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