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## **Jericho High School**

Parent Newsletter

June 2010

### **ATTENTION SENIORS: LAST DAY TO PURCHASE PROM TICKETS IS WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> IN MRS. ROSENBERG'S OFFICE**

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#### **Mr. P's Corner**

While many view this as a wonderful time of year—counting the days until the school year is through—I always have a touch of the blues. As I write to you on the afternoon of our Senior Party, I am reminded how little time we have left with our fantastic seniors. At the same time, I am confident that they will make their ways in the world, scale to new heights, and hopefully continue to give back the way they have all throughout their high school years. With this our largest class we may ever see, I have been overjoyed by our seniors' indomitable community spirit. I think this—more than anything—is what I will miss most. This class jumped headfirst into anything and everything in an attempt to better the world.

Most recently, I was thrilled to work side by side with our students as they built a home for the less fortunate through Habitat for Humanity. It was obvious from the get go that

most of these students had never swung a hammer, much less hung drywall. But, by the end of the day, they did all these things... and more. It was so refreshing to watch our kids beam with satisfaction after properly installing insulation (on only the third try!). It seemed to me that they were just as satisfied with their physical work as they were receiving high marks in any AP class. Coupling their intense intelligence with such “can do” attitude, I could not be more proud of these Renaissance men and women.

Without shedding a tear (OK, maybe just one), we will say our goodbyes, but not before we have a whole lot of fun. It starts tonight at 7pm with the aforementioned **Senior Party**, a wonderful event put together entirely by our PTSA. We will also celebrate at our **Senior Awards Ceremony** on Monday, June 14, the **Senior Breakfast** on Monday, June 21, **Graduation Rehearsal** on Tuesday, June 22, **Prom** on Thursday, June 24, and finally, at **Graduation** on Sunday, June 27. Please join us in sending this wonderful class on its way.

While the seniors are celebrating, we also commend the rest of the student body as they prepare final papers and study for both final and Regents exams. Please find important schedules listed below.

What a wonderful year it has been and what a wonderful new year it will be come September. As we usher our seniors into the world, we feel the energy emanating from the 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they prepare to cross the threshold into high school. Oh, boy, here we go!

From our school family to yours, please have a safe, restful summer and please join us for our many events this month. We can't wait to share these last few moments with you!

See you soon...  
-“Mr. P.”

### ***Finals & Regents Exam Schedules – June 2010***

The schedule for the upcoming final and Regents examinations is on our website at: [http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/docs/guidance/2010-june\\_exam\\_schedule.pdf](http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/docs/guidance/2010-june_exam_schedule.pdf).

Bus schedule during Finals and Regents weeks is on our website at: [http://www.jerichoschools.org/announcements/2010\\_EoY\\_Bus\\_Schedule.pdf](http://www.jerichoschools.org/announcements/2010_EoY_Bus_Schedule.pdf)

### ***New Web Site Banner...***

As you know, we continue to push our students to do work that matters, far beyond the walls of our high school. Ms. Gilfedder and Ms. Millmann have continued their tradition of having their students in the Media Arts program design banners for our web site. The

winning banner will be placed atop every web page on the Jericho High School site next year. Please vote by visiting our home page: <http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/>

### **Relay for Life**

Jericho High School's BOLT (Building the Outstanding Leaders of Tomorrow) Leadership Class is helping save lives from cancer by taking part in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life at Westbury High School on June 12, 2010.

We hope that you will support us by making a tax-deductible donation at our TEAM BOLT (<http://main.acsevents.org/goto/BOLT>) page.

You can also visit Subway in Syosset using this coupon ([http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/docs/publicity/subway\\_voucher.pdf](http://www.jerichoschools.org/hs/docs/publicity/subway_voucher.pdf)) on June 8-10 with all proceeds benefiting TEAM BOLT's entry into Relay for Life.

### **A Very Special Thanks to...**

... the members of the SEPTA Board for all their hard work in renovating the courtyard outside the student cafeteria. Let it grow!

... the members of the PTSA's Senior Class Advisory Council for giving of themselves all year to present the Senior Party 2010!

### **Kudos and Congratulations to...**

... **Yvette Leung** who was selected as one of two 2010 U.S. Presidential Scholars for New York State. This is one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. Scholars will enjoy an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. to attend recitals, receptions and ceremonies in their honor. Oh, and she will meet the president, too!!

... the following members of the Debate Team who attended the State Tournament held at Chaminade High School in April: In the Lincoln Douglas Debate, **Morgan Smiley** placed in the top 16. In the JV Lincoln Douglas Debate, **Jake Siegel** placed in the top 4, and, in the Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate, **Pragya Kakani** placed in the top 16. In the Junior Varsity Public Forum Debate, **Jake Solomon** and **Matt Roberts** placed in the top 16. Our Lincoln Douglas team placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the State of New York! No argument there!!

... the following students who received Special Awards at the International Science & Engineering Fair held in May in San Jose, California: **Nuvid Bhuiyan** for Engineering:

Material Sciences, **Brandon Li** for Environmental Management, **Pooja Rambhia** for Biochemistry, and **Pragya Kakani** for Medicine & Health.

... to the following students who received Special Awards at the Long Island Section of the Science Teachers Association of New York State: **Pooja Rambhia, Sahir Raof, Manleen Singh,** and **Yvette Leung.** The following students received Highest Honors: **Sahir Raof, Yvette Leung, Manav Kumar, Pooja Rambhia** and **Manleen Singh.** **Matthew Lam** and **Hyeon soo Jung** also received Honors designations, while **Robert Guber** and **Courtney Wong** received Achievement Awards. Last, but not least, **Yuxin Zhu** was Honorably Mentioned. Excellent work done by all!

... to the following students who were selected to represent Long Island's Senior Division at the State Science Congress competition being held at the College of Saint Rose in Albany this coming weekend: **Rooja Rambhia, Sahir Raof,** and **Manleen Singh.** We wish them the best of luck!

... to the following students who received prize recognition at the Nassau Country French Poetry Competition: **Lindsey Lam, Anjeli Song, Samuel Rosenbaum, Sabrina Lee, Diana Lai, Emily Bih** and **Sonia Joshi.** Très bien!

... to **Kang-Ning Zhu** who placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Third Annual Chinese Essay Contest and **Sabrina Lee** who was honorably mentioned. 很好!

... to **Jeremy Duggan, Aury Mejia** and **David Kim** who won an award for their Outstanding Use of Technology at the Project Citizen Public Policy Showcase. Excellent job!

... to **Melanie Waller** who will be honored on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Carnegie Hall in New York City by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers for her artwork, "Shirt." Melanie's work can be seen along with other national award winners at the Scholastic Art and Writing Website: <http://www.artandwriting.org/ORGGalleries>.

... to the team of **Michael Gerazounis, Joshua Goodfarb** and **Matthew Lanz** who won the Best in Show Award for their video at the 2010 Long Island Media Arts Show held in March. This is a first in the video category for Jericho!

... to JET-TV students, **Suraj Sharma, Mike Smith** and **Nathan Weinberg,** for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the C. W. Post Film Festival held on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

... to **Sahil Iyer** who was one of the top golfers in last week's Nassau County Tournament. He will be competing in the New York State Golf Tournament at Cornell in June.

... to Jericho High School's **Boys Track and Field** and **Girls Track and Field** who were named the Spring 2010 Scholar/Athlete Team State Champions and to all Jericho athletic teams for helping Jericho earn the title of A School of Distinction.

## **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.