

Dear Parents,

Welcome all parents to the Garden City High School, with a special welcome to the incoming 9th grade parents! As the 2010-2011 school year begins, I invite you to become actively involved in the high school Parent Teacher Association.

As your PTA director, I will work with the school administration to facilitate the flow of information between the high school, district administration and parents. Issues and concerns will be addressed at every PTA meeting as well as through the HS PTA e-news forwarded to your email address. I encourage you to take advantage of the information available on the HS PTA page located on the PTA website ***www.gardencitypta.org***. In addition, please feel free to email or call me at any time. Your participation in the PTA community, at any level, is always welcome.

The 2010-2011 High School PTA Board is a dedicated group of volunteers who will chair the various PTA committees during the school year. PTA sponsors many events, speakers and programs which benefit our school community. Whenever there are opportunities to volunteer on these committees or PTA activities, sign-ups will be available at PTA meetings.

Please join me at the first high school PTA meeting on Wednesday, September 15th at 9:15 am in the high school library. I will introduce our principal, Ms. Nanine Cuttitta, and assistant principals, Mr. Dave Perrotta and Mr. Kevin Steingruebner, and welcome our new guidance director, Ms. Gina Christel. PTA meetings are a great source of timely information and include reports by the principal, guidance director, curriculum coordinators, athletic director, PTA committees and other relevant speakers. Parking is limited at the high school during school hours, so allow time to find on-street parking. A complete list of 2010-2011 PTA dates can be found on the reverse side of this letter.

Our ***PTA Membership*** drive is now under way. All parents in each household are encouraged to support the PTA with their membership. Join by September 17th and you will be entered in a raffle to receive a \$100 American Express gift certificate. The more members we have, the stronger voice PTA has at the local, regional, state and national levels. Please mail in the enclosed membership form today!

Check out this year's ***new*** 2010-2011 PTA-SEPTA Sportswear line on the PTA website and send in the enclosed order form today! Sportswear items may also be purchased at PTA meetings and back-to-school night.

Please note these rapidly approaching events:

- Freshman Orientation - August 31st, A-L 10 am; M-Z 1 pm
- First Day of School - September 7th
- Mandatory Meeting for Parents of Athletes - September 13th at 7 pm
- Photo Days Grades 9-11 - September 14th and 15th
- High School PTA Meeting - September 15th at 9:15 am in HS Library
- Guidance Meeting for Seniors and their Parents - September 15th at 7:30 pm
- Back to School Night - September 16th at 7 pm
- SEPTA General Meeting - September 24th at 10:15 am in GC Public Library
- Freshman BBQ - September 24th from 6:30 to 9:30 pm (flyer and contract enclosed)
- Guidance Meeting for Parents of Freshmen - September 27th at 7:30 pm
- This year's Reflections Theme is: "Together we can..." Students may begin projects now!

I look forward to a productive year at GCHS. Enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Sincerely,

Beth Kramer

High School PTA Director