

Dear Parents,

***Welcome all parents to the Garden City High School, with a special welcome to the incoming 9th grade parents! As the 2011-2012 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 2011-2012 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 Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in the high school library.*** I will introduce our principal, Ms. Nanine Cuttitta, assistant principals, Mr. Dave Perrotta and Mr. Kevin Steingruebner, as well as our curriculum coordinators and director of guidance, 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 2011-2012 PTA dates can be found on the reverse side of this letter.

Our ***PTA Membership*** drive is now under way. All parents are encouraged to support the PTA with a family membership of \$20. 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*** 2011-2012 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 refer to the school calendar for important dates and events throughout the year. The following events are rapidly approaching:

- Freshman Orientation – Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 10 am A-L and 1 pm M-Z
- First Day of School – Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>
- Photo Days Grades 9-11 – Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>
- High School Back to School Night – Thursday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm
- High School College Info Night for Seniors and Parents – Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm
- SEPTA General Meeting – Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:15 am in GC Public Library
- High School Freshman BBQ – Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 to 9:00 pm (flyer enclosed)
- High School Guidance Meeting for Parents of Freshmen – Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 pm
- High School PTA Meeting – Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 am in HS Library
- PTA Reflections Contest Theme is “Diversity means...” Students may begin projects now!

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

Sincerely,

*Beth Kramer*

High School PTA Director