

Dear Parents,

*Welcome all parents to the Garden City High School, with a special welcome to the incoming 9<sup>th</sup> grade parents! As the 2009-2010 school year begins, I invite you to become actively involved in the high school Parent Teacher Association.*

As PTA director, I work with the school administration to facilitate the flow of information between the high school, district administration and parents. Issues and concerns are 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](http://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 2009-2010 High School PTA Board is a dedicated group of volunteers who 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:15am in the high school library.* I will introduce our principal, Ms. Nanine Cuttitta, assistant principal, Mr. Dave Perrotta and welcome our new assistant principal, Mr. Kevin Steingruebner. PTA meetings are a great source of timely information and include reports by the principal, the guidance coordinator, curriculum coordinators, the 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 2009-2010 PTA dates can be found on the reverse side of this letter.

Note these rapidly approaching September events:

- **Freshman Orientation** – September 1<sup>st</sup>, A-L 10am – M-Z 1pm
- **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** – September 8<sup>th</sup>
- **Seniors/Parents Guidance Meeting** – September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm
- **District-wide Day of Service** – September 11<sup>th</sup>
- **Mandatory Meeting for Parents of Athletes** – September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- **Photo Days grades 9-11** – September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Back to School Night** – September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
- **High School PTA Meeting** – September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:15am in HS Library
- **SEPTA General Meeting** – September 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am in GC Public Library
- **Freshman BBQ** – September 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00pm (flyer in this packet)
- **Guidance Meeting for Parents of Freshmen** – September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm
- **This year's REFLECTIONS Theme is: "Beauty is..."** – students begin projects now!

Thank you, enjoy the rest of your summer and I look forward to a productive year at GCHS!

Sincerely,

*Marcia Kelly*



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