



## Huntington High School

*A Tradition of Excellence Since 1657"*

Dr. Carmela Leonardi  
*Principal*

August 13, 2012

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and that the summer has been a restful one for you and your family. As always, over the summer, School Administrators are able to schedule for next year and finalize changes in practice and procedures that will help us to improve our school. One innovation for the coming school year involves the phasing in of a 10 hour community service program beginning with grade 9 during the 2012-2013 school year (see letter enclosed).

The practices that we will continue in September are intended to help every student to be more successful in school. It is important that we create an environment that is welcoming, respectful and provides the best atmosphere for learning. We ask, therefore, that everyone wear their ID cards, dress appropriately and come to school on time. In addition it is essential that the learning environment remain free of distractions. Because personal use of any electronic device interferes with the learning environment, we will continue to ban them between the hours of 7:25 a.m. and 2:25 p.m. In addition, under the new Dignity Act, students can receive severe consequences for using electronic devices to access, share or promote information that bullies or harasses others.

Help us by discussing the above with your son/daughter and providing us with feedback on how we can continue to improve our school.

**On the first day of class, September 5<sup>th</sup>, upon arrival, at 7:25 a.m., all grade 9 and 10 students must report to the auditorium for an informational meeting. Grades 11 and 12 will report to the gymnasium for the same purpose.**

**Please mark your calendars for the following events and review the attached list of important reminders:**

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# HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

**STUDENT HANDBOOK:** The 2012-2013 STUDENT HANDBOOK is a spiral bound, daily agenda/calendar containing important student/parent information ranging from a listing of student activities to procedures for securing working papers. We ask that you encourage your sons and daughters to use this STUDENT HANDBOOK as an organization and time-management tool. Where conflicts are noted between the Student Handbook calendar of events and the official district calendar, the district calendar dates should be followed. When you read the 2012-2013 STUDENT HANDBOOK with your child, please pay particular attention to the condensed form of the code of conduct.

**STUDENT ID CARDS:** ID card pictures were taken at the end of the last school year for all returning students and will be distributed during the first two days of school. **Every student is required to wear his/her ID card at all times.** This card will serve to identify **student lunch periods** and will be used to purchase lunch as well as borrow library books. A fee of \$3.00 will be charged to replace a lost ID card. Students who do not have a new Huntington High School ID can obtain one during their lunch period.

**PUNCTUALITY:** Getting to school and classes on time is a pre-requisite for doing well in school. As in the past, tardiness, cuts and absences will be verified and communicated by computerized phone calls to you home twice a day. Periodically, a summary of all absences and latenesses will be mailed home. **Please remember that student participation in class is a significant part of every grade and that tardiness, cuts, and unexcused absences will influence students' final grades.**

**PROCEDURES FOR STUDENTS WHO MUST LEAVE SCHOOL DURING THE DAY:** Students must come to school with a note stating the reason and the time that you will need to pick them up from school. This note must be brought to the Attendance Office (room 117) first thing in the morning. They will be given a pass to leave their class at the time they will be picked up. This will not only allow your child to leave their classroom at a specific time and be waiting to be picked up, but will also **avoid having to call into the classroom and interfere with the lesson.** When picking up you must come in through the main doors of the building and sign your student out of school from either the front desk or the nurse's office. Please remember to make doctor appointments for after school and on non-school days whenever possible.

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**DRESS CODE:** All students are expected to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to dress appropriately for school and school functions. Boys cannot wear shorts or pants with low waists that expose undergarments. The hem of girls' shorts or dresses should be no shorter than 3 inches above their knees. Halter tops, spaghetti straps, tube tops, plunging necklines or see through clothing cannot be worn in school at any time. Clothing that is vulgar, obscene, and libelous or denigrates others cannot be worn nor can any combination of clothing and/or items that law enforcement agencies consider gang related.

**LUNCH PRIVILEGE FOR SENIORS:** Please remember that in order to leave the building for lunch; students must surrender their ID card to security before leaving the school. Cards will be returned upon re-entry. Please note that all seniors who wish to opt for Lunch Privilege must complete the appropriate form. **Before the student may exercise his/her "senior privilege," parents are required to sign this form and return it to Ms. Caccamo in the main office.** Senior Privileges may be suspended or revoked due to any violations of the "Code of Conduct".

**PARKING PERMITS: IF YOU ARE A 12th GRADER WITH A SENIOR CLASS D LICENSE AND YOU INTEND TO DRIVE TO SCHOOL, YOU MUST REGISTER YOUR VEHICLE WITH THE SECURITY OFFICE.** Since there are only limited spots available for student parking, permits will be issued on a first-come-first-serve basis. **The first time vehicles may be registered is Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.** At that time, you must bring the vehicle which you wish to register as well as the registration and your Class D senior license. Please park in front of the school so that the security officers can place the parking permit sticker on the front and rear bumper of your car. **Seniors may register only one vehicle to their name and will receive an assigned parking spot (numbered).** Students parking in someone else's spot will lose their privileges for one month. Students who park in spots without a permit will have privileges revoked for the remainder of the year. Underclassmen who park without a permit will not be permitted to acquire their senior privilege the following year. In addition, **ANY** student parked illegally will be subject to a parking violation by the Suffolk County Police. Students may park in the student-designated area **ONLY**. Students may not park in the visitors' area or teacher's parking areas. While driving on school grounds, all school traffic safety regulations must be adhered to and will be strictly enforced.

**ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL:** Students must be in Period 1 at 7:25 AM. Please arrive early to avoid student lateness. **For arrival:** Do not use the Holdsworth Drive entrance, as this is a one-way exit during arrival time. When dropping off students, please refrain from double parking, switching drivers at curbside and U-turns. Please observe any direction from security, and be sure to move as far down the main roadway as possible. Prior to 7:45 AM, all vehicles must utilize the Holdsworth Drive exit. Arrivals after 7:45 may drop off directly in front of the Main Office, and must use the McKay Road exit. Students who arrive late to school, after 7:30, must sign in at the front desk. **For dismissal:** Enter from McKay Road only, stay to the right of the cones, proceed to the far end of the parking lot near the handball courts and remain in your vehicle. At this time, all vehicles must exit via McKay Road. Please remember that New York State law prohibits passing a school bus that is displaying a stop sign or flashing lights. The Huntington School District is extremely concerned about safety, and we thank you for observing our traffic patterns and procedures.

# HUNTINGTON HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

**Academic Year 2012/2013**

Dear Huntington High School Parents and Staff,

When purchasing your Back to School supplies please support your School by shopping locally at Huntington Business Products Centre (HBPC). HBPC will generously donate 10% of your school supply purchase to Huntington High School PTSA.

Huntington Business Products Centre is located at 339 Main Street in Huntington Village, across from the Library. HBPC is competitive in pricing and has been in our community for 42 years. They have an educational department, arts and crafts supplies and ideas for school projects.

Thank You for your support!

If you have any questions please call Joe Gentile @ 427.5600



## **10% Donation Coupon**

Huntington Business Products Centre

will donate 10% of

your purchase of school supplies to

Huntington High School PTSA

when you present this coupon

**BRING IN COUPON AT TIME OF PURCHASE**

**EXPIRES 9/22/12**



August 2012

Hello and welcome to all Huntington High School families,

Hope you are enjoying a restful summer! I would like to introduce the Huntington High School 2012 – 2013 PTSA Executive Committee:

*President – Alice Marie Rorke*

*Vice President – Nancy Shivers*

*Vice President – Maryann DeSimone*

*Recording Secretary – Laura Mills*

*Corresponding Secretary – Laurene Napurano*

*Treasurer – Debbie Knowles*

*Council Delegate – Dolores Breslin*

*Council Delegate – Lorraine Corbly*

The following is a list of the PTSA meetings for the year to be held at 7:30pm at HHS unless otherwise noted:

**9/11, 10/17, 11/13@Finley, 1/16, 3/13, 4/17, and 5/15.**

(Please refer to your district calendar for a more detailed listing of meetings and events.)

Also included in this letter:

**Huntington Business Products School Supply Form:** HHS will receive 10% of your school supply purchase when you shop locally at HBPC.

**PTSA Membership form** (on the reverse side of this letter): Please consider buying/renewing your membership early! Becoming a PTSA member will ensure your email correspondence for all PTSA meetings and events. We encourage all parents and students to get involved in the PTSA as it is also a great way for our students to earn **community service** hours by attending meetings and getting involved.

We encourage all of you to march with us in the Homecoming Parade on September 29<sup>th</sup> prior to the Football game! Come out as a family and show your support for our Blue Devils!!(Parade details can be found on the district website [www.hufsd.edu](http://www.hufsd.edu)) I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our meetings and working with you at Huntington High School this year!

Alice Marie Rorke  
PTSA President  
Huntington High School

# Huntington High School PTSA Invites You To Start The School Year Off Right Join Your PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association)

Have you considered becoming a member of our PTSA? (Parent, Teacher, Student Association).

Our PTSA is another wonderful way for our school to be a community. We serve our school and work on many committees to ensure a successful high school experience for all and we support and maintain scholarship programs!

Being a member ensures you will receive reminders and event emails.

Please consider joining us. Membership with the popular mini district calendar is just \$10.00 and \$9.00 without the calendar. Membership for students is \$7.00. You can send cash or check made payable to HHS PTSA.

Drop membership dues with member information in the PTSA mailbox in the main office or mail them to HHS PTSA, Oakwood & McKay Rd., Huntington, NY 11743.

We look forward to another successful year at Huntington High School. Thank you for your support.

Susan Cataldo (susanc25@verizon.net)  
Membership Chairperson

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Single Membership Only \$9.00  | <input type="checkbox"/> Single Membership + Mini Calendar \$10.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Two Memberships Only \$18.00   | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Memberships + Mini Calendar \$19.00   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student Membership \$7.00 each | #Students _____  |

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

\*E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

**You must be in attendance at our PTSA meeting on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:30 p.m. to pick up your mini calendar.**

\*Emails will only be used for PTSA purposes