

## **Week of 10/3/11**

We were all saddened last week to learn of the passing of 2008 graduate and senior class president Jacob Neumann. Jake, who was killed in a motorcycle accident while attending school at Arizona State University, was a wonderful young man who infused remarkable positive energy into our school. His passion for people and love of life brought smiles to the faces of everyone he encountered. Jake was remembered with both a moment of silence at Saturday's football game and a beautiful service on Sunday afternoon. Below please find the special tribute that Mike Potter wrote and Greg Taylor read at last weekend's pre-game address.

"It is with great sadness and sorrow that we mourn the passing of Jacob Neumann before today's football game. Jake's life was tragically cut short this past Tuesday in a motorcycle accident while attending school in Arizona. Jake served as senior class president at Harborfields HS for the 2007-2008 school year. He played fullback and linebacker on the football team while also serving as goalie and team captain for varsity lacrosse. Jake was a true leader that sincerely cared about his fellow classmates and teammates alike. He loved to compete and represented the Harborfields community with tremendous class and character. What we loved most about Jake was the camaraderie he shared with his teammates and classmates. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out to the Neumann family and to the numerous friends that Jake touched during his time with us. Please join us in a moment of silence in honor of Jake's memory."

We are pleased to have received some wonderful feedback from last week's open school night. The professionalism and cooperative relationship between our teachers and parents speaks volumes about the quality of our high school family. It is a privilege to work and live in a place where the "school to home partnership" is so crystal clear for all to see. The tone has definitely been set for a warm, productive year to come.

On Monday, September 26, 2011, Harborfields High School proudly hosted the 2011-2012 induction of the Tri-M Honor Society. This prestigious national organization, which recognizes students for their musical talent, exemplary participation, scholarship, and community service, serves as one of the cornerstones of our award winning music program. Congratulations to our Tri-M students for demonstrating the talent, commitment, and character that make our high school family special. Special thanks once again, to Allison Scilla for attending to every last detail of the ceremony and ensuring a wonderful experience for 30 new and 18 continuing members. Congratulations as well to the proud parents of our inductees for supporting their children and nurturing an appreciation of the arts in their homes.

### **NEW INDUCTEES**

Katherine Adams	Logan Klaire
Kristin Allard	Alex LaFroschia
Lauren Antonucci	Daniel Leary
Matthew Baran	Joseph Masselli
Christopher Brandine	Hunter McKane
Kennedy Burgess	Bret Quinn
Michael Carillo	Daliah Ross
Kristen Carlstrom	Gabriella Savino
Amanda Conklin	Mark Schumm
Jacob Flanzenbaum	Megan Schumm
Alec Friedman	Nicholas Starost
Rebecca Golub	Jacob Wax
Eric Hochwald	Zoe Weiss
Ye Seul (Laura) Im	Aria Wiseblatt
Young Sung Kim	Stephanie Zamow

Please be reminded that we have our Rachel's Challenge program scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Special thanks to all of our PTSA units for bringing this special program to our school. We are remarkably fortunate to enjoy such a symbiotic relationship with our PTSA.

The plan for Rachel's Challenge is to have two, one-hour assemblies that address grades 9 /10 and 11/12 respectively. Presenters then follow with a one-hour training session for our Natural Helpers and Leadership class students. Our visitors also go to the cafeterias, spending time with students and collecting thoughts on the powerful message. There is then an evening program (7:30PM) which is geared more specifically to the adult community. We encourage all adults to attend this outstanding program.

Please be advised that our 12<sup>th</sup> grade group photo for the yearbook will be next Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. Seniors will be asked to come to the north gym during the last 15 minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> period. Thanks for your help.

Monday	10/3	Faculty Meeting @ 2:30PM JV Boy's Soccer Home @ 4:00PM JV Girl's Tennis Home @ 4PM
Tuesday	10/4	Rachel's Challenge 7:00-7:45AM – Leadership Class Locker Message Project 7:45-8:45AM – Grades 9 and 10 (auditorium) 9:15-10:15AM – Grades 11 and 12 (auditorium) 10:20-11:20AM – Training for Natural Helpers and Leadership Students (MPR) 7:30PM – Evening Assembly (auditorium) PTSA Meeting @7PM Varsity Field Hockey @ 4PM JV Field Hockey @ 5:30PM
Wednesday	10/5	Varsity Boy's Soccer @4PM Varsity Tennis @4PM
Thursday	10/6	Administrative Council APPR Training @9AM Health and Welfare Committee Meeting @9:30AM JV Tennis @ 4PM JV Girl's Soccer @4PM Varsity Volleyball @4PM JV Volleyball @ 5:45PM Varsity Football @3:30PM BOE Newly Tenured and New Teacher Reception @7PM
Friday	10/7	Varsity Girl's Soccer @3:30PM