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We are thrilled to report that the school year is off to an outstanding start. Our orientation and Buddy Program proved remarkably successful as we welcomed 289 new students into our high school family. We were equally thrilled to return our outstanding sophomore, junior, and senior classes who will now assume the mantle of leadership in our fine school. The tone of the building could not be better and our wonderful scholastic culture is sure to grow in the weeks and months to come.

2010-2011 was certainly a remarkable year at Harborfields High with Newsweek Magazine's recognition as one of the nation's top high schools and record Regents and Advanced Placement results. Our athletes, artists, actors, and musicians also continued to shine and the tradition of charitable giving grew even more powerful during the very special year.

While it is always nice to reminisce, we remain focused on the desire to improve upon the record accomplishments of yesteryear. The dynamic energy exhibited by both our teachers and students provides strong indication that great things are yet to come. One only has to have witnessed the standing ovation that our seniors provided the incoming freshmen during the Buddy program for evidence of the special tone that permeates the building. We look forward to celebrating great victories as story 2011 – 2012 gradually unfolds.

It is hard to believe but Homecoming is upon us. Our student government, class officers, and grade level advisors labored tirelessly and developed a week of activities that are sure to make the community proud. The next several days will generate a special brand of energy that galvanizes our Harborfields family and connects generations of proud tornadoes. The spirit week, pep rally, bonfire, parade, and dance provide the foundation of life long memories and accentuate the small town climate that characterizes our community. We invite you all to participate in the activities and become part of this great "tornado" tradition.

The Homecoming festivities kick off Friday evening at 7:00 p.m. with our traditional pep rally and bonfire. We continue the next day with a wonderful community parade at 12:30 p.m. The parade will assemble at the public library and proceed to our high school for the afternoon events. We will then be treated to an action packed football game against Easthampton. Our weekend will conclude with the homecoming dance on Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. in our high school cafeteria.

As you can see the Homecoming celebration is filled with a series of fantastic activities that will bring us together. The PTSA, Booster Club, class advisors, and student government have gone out of their way to provide us with a very special weekend. I have no doubt that this year's Homecoming will display all that is great about Harborfields High School. I look forward to seeing you all at the events.