

THE MEMO

PTA Newsletter

Haddonfield Memorial High School

September/October 2006

From the President

The PTA welcomes all HMHS parents and staff BACK TO SCHOOL!

High school is one of the most memorable passages. I hope you plan to support HMHS by attending PTA meetings and school activities. Our meetings provide an opportunity to be informed on issues concerning our children. Membership is open to all parents and teachers. Our next PTA meeting is on Monday, 10/9, at 7:30 p.m. in the HMHS library.

Please visit our new website thanks to the Niles family. You can subscribe to the email at www.hmhspta.org to receive important email alerts, announcements and The Memo in your inbox. The website is an up-to-date location for PTA news and announcements.

Back to School Night is on Thursday, 10/5, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in each homeroom. During the break in your child's schedule, join us for refreshments in the library.

Best wishes for a memorable school year,

Gail Arruda
President, HMHS Parent Teacher Association
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HEARTFELT THANK YOU

For the last two years, Maryann Bigelow's commitment brought informative meetings on important issues facing our children as well as enjoyable PTA sponsored events. On behalf of the entire PTA, we thank Maryann for her service to the HMHS community and wish her well in her "Senior Year" at HMHS.

PTA NEWS

NEXT MEETING

Monday, October 9, 2006, 7:30 p.m. in HS Library

PTA MEMBERSHIP DUES AND DONATIONS

Sue Heindel, 428-6641, or Leslie Seneski, 427-9201

We hope that your family will join the PTA by contributing a \$26 donation. A membership envelope was included in the packet of material mailed in August by HMHS. You may forward your check in the membership envelope to the school office, your child's homeroom teacher or bring it to Back to School Night. All contributions are welcome. Our PTA needs your support.

PTA NEWS for STUDENTS

REFLECTIONS 2006-2007

"My Favorite Place"

Students in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to submit works to their local PTA.

- ❖ Photograph
- ❖ Visual Arts
- ❖ Literature
- ❖ Musical Composition
- ❖ Dance Choreography – NEW
- ❖ Film/video Production – NEW

Visit www.pta.org/reflections06
and contact PTA President for information packet.
http://www.njpta.org/committee/reflect/favorite_place.html

The deadline to submit entries
to the County PTA is December 1, 2006

From the Superintendent

The proposed Drug and Alcohol Policy and administrative procedures is now posted on the district's website under Superintendent's proposals.

<http://www.haddonfield.k12.nj.us/default.asp>.

There will be discussions at the upcoming Board of Education meetings as well as at the **What's On Your Mind Forum** scheduled for October 16th at 7:30 pm in the high school library. Now is the time to let your board members know how you feel about the policy.

Providing the board approves the policy the final vote is scheduled for November 2.

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To receive email alerts, current announcements and the PTA newsletter, The Memo, in your inbox, sign up online at www.hmhspta.org.

The Memo will **not** be mailed this year.

Julie R. Macier Character Award 2006 Recipients

At the 20th Annual Recognition Dinner,
"Celebration of Achievement,"

Joseph M. Goldberg from the graduating Class of 2006 and Julianne Edwards, Class of 2010, were individually honored when they were selected to receive the Julie R. Macier Character Award. The award is co-sponsored by the BOE and the PTA.

Since 1995, two students, a senior from the graduating class of HMHS and an eighth grade student from the Middle School are selected to receive this distinguishing award established in memory of Julie R. Macier, who died in October 1994 after a courageous battle with leukemia. The nominees recommended for this award are expected to exhibit the wonderful traits that Julie exhibited in her own life.

Joey and Julie are truly exceptional people and both wonderful and compassionate role models with very special character traits that make them most deserving of the Julie R. Macier Character Award. It is truly an honor to place Joey and Julie's name on the list of honored and distinguishing students preceding them in receipt of this prestigious award.

Best wishes to Julie who is a freshman at HMHS and Joey who is attending Franklin & Marshall.

~Pat Flynn

Senior Graduation Party

The Senior Graduation Party was held Monday, June 19th at the Marian House. A very special thanks to Joanne Sabatini for being in charge of the gift buying. She did an excellent job buying and creatively wrapping over 180 gifts for the Class of 2006!

The chaperones for the evening are also to be thanked for volunteering their time and staying up until 12:30 AM! They were as follows: Gail Arruda, Shelly Castorino, Mary Fagan, Louise Hagner, Janice and David Hunt, Lee Kenney, Steve and Jan Rood-Ojalvo, and Bonnie Walter.

We are all very thankful for the committee treasurer, Meredith Wickman! She took over this position with fiscal responsibility and kept the party very well organized!

Anyone who may be interested in joining the Senior Graduation Party Committee 2007 should check the box on the PTA survey or call Dorcas Tarbell at 354-1123 or email (sacrod1@aol.com). We are always looking for parents of underclassmen to join this committee, so that we may continue to provide a safe and fun opportunity for the seniors to celebrate their graduation! Next year's party will immediately follow the graduation ceremony on Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at Tavistock Country Club.

Dorcas Tarbell



LEOS CLUB RECYCLES

The HMHS Chapter of LEOs is assisting the Haddonfield Lions Club in recycling several items: **Used eyeglasses, used hearing aids, used cell phones and empty ink jet or laser computer printer cartridges.** If you have any of these items that you would like to contribute, you can send them in to school with your son or daughter or bring them with you to Back to School Night. Recycling boxes are located year round in the front office and in the hall outside of the HMHS library, as well as at the Haddonfield Visitor's Center and ACME.

The group meets periodically before school, and club advisor, Dick Eastwick, reports that nearly 100 students have signed up for this service organization this year. Members of the LEOS (which stands for Leadership, Experience, Opportunity) plan and execute their own service projects and fundraisers like the Senior Citizens Prom, and the Dodge Ball Tournament which raised \$3000 for Kid's Peace. LEOs also help provide manpower at Lion's Club events, like the annual Lion's Flea Market (coming up on October 7th at the Archer & Griner parking lot on Euclid Avenue), the Pasta Bowl and Pancake Breakfast. Look for LEOs who will be helping children with Pumpkin and face painting at this year's Fall Festival.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

School directories will be available outside the Library on Back to School Night. The purchase price is \$5.00. If you wish to change/add to your current information for 2007-2008, please email info@hmhspta.org.

—Elaine Ercolani

Light The Night

Haddonfield Memorial High School will be represented at the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Light The Night" Walk. This is an opportunity for our school and community to help fight cancer by:

- Joining the Haddonfield Memorial High School Light The Night Team
- Making a personal contribution
- Raising funds for the Society to use for critical cancer research and services for patients and their families

Light The Night is an evening walk to celebrate and commemorate the lives of people touched by cancer. Walkers hold illuminated balloons—white for survivors, red for supporters—and light the night with hope. The Walk culminates in a community celebration with music, refreshments and entertainment—where friends, family members, neighbors, co-workers, and others come together to demonstrate their support for cancer patients.

Team members raise funds by encouraging others to contribute. Funds will be used for research to find cure for blood cancers—leukemia, lymphoma and myeloma—and improve the quality of life of patients and their families.

You are encouraged to become involved in this worthwhile endeavor, and to give yourself the experience of helping others. Register online at www.lightthenight.org

Team Name: Haddonfield Memorial High School

Walk Information:

When: Saturday, October 7th,
5:00pm – registration and entertainment
7:00pm – Walk

Where: Rivershark Stadium (Campbell's Field), Camden

Who: Anyone who wants to fight cancer is invited to join. No particular level of fitness required.

How: We encourage each walker to beat the national average amount (\$100). However, all contributions are appreciated.

Why: The need for cures is critical: Every five minutes, someone in this country is diagnosed with blood cancer. Every 10 minutes, someone dies. Leukemia is the leading cause of cancer death among children and young adults under the age of 20.

Rewards: All participants raising \$100 or more will receive an illuminated balloon and a T-shirt to wear during the Walk.

NEWS FROM CCSLN The Committee for Children with Special Learning Needs

NEW THIS YEAR: CCSLN eBoard

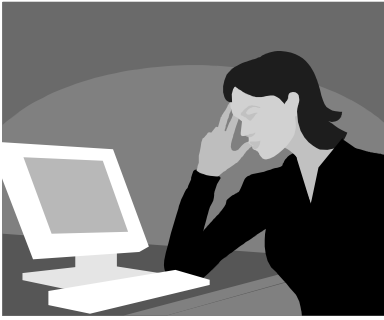
CCSLN is a district-wide parent support and advisory organization for parents of students with 504 plans or IEPs. The group meets monthly throughout the school year, and has a parent contact at each school to help answer questions and provide information about Haddonfield programming. The group also maintains an eBoard where you can find information about the groups's meetings and activities as well as helpful links about 504 Plans and Special Education. Please visit the eBoard, and save this address www.ccsln.haddonfield.site.eboard.com to your Favorite's lists for future reference. You can also reach the eBoard through the district website (go to District Links on the home page).

DOES YOUR CHILD NEED A TUTOR, TOO?

On October 4, 2006, CCSLN (The Committee for Children with Special Learning Needs) is sponsoring a program about issues surrounding tutoring. The guest speaker is Dr. Richard Selznick of Cooper Learning Center in Voorhees. The meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the Middle School Library. All interested parents and staff are invited to attend. Copies of the list of tutors provided by the HMHS guidance office will be available at the meeting. For additional information about the meeting or CCSLN, please visit the CCSLN eBoard.

HOW DO CHANGES TO IDEA AFFECT YOUR CHILD

On November 1, 2006, CCSLN (The Committee for Children with Special Learning Needs) is sponsoring a program about the recently reauthorized federal law about special education. Two local attorneys, who specialize in special education law, will present a program highlighting the most important changes that parents need to know. One of the significant changes made to the law affects Transition and Graduation, ***which should be of particular interest to high school parents as they help prepare their children for college or employment.*** The meeting will be held at 7:30 pm at the Middle School Library. All interested parents and staff are invited to attend. In preparation for the meeting you may want to read the following article: [Parents' Resource Guide to Key Changes in Special Education under IDEA 2004, the IDEA 2004 Regulations, and the Revised State Code](#). For additional information about the meeting or CCSLN, please visit the CCSLN eBoard.



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First Name

Last Name

Email Address Required

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Other Information

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Student's Grade

- 10th Grade
- 11th Grade
- 12th Grade

Required

Email Preference

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Technology Corner is Back!

by Brian Niles

When you think of securing your computer, most people think of email viruses, annoying pop-up ads and inappropriate material on the web. But for many people in Haddonfield, wireless networks in the home have become a significant convenience. But are they secure?

Surprisingly, drive down many streets in Haddonfield with a laptop computer and you'll find dozens of open wireless networks every few blocks. This means that anyone with a wireless computer can use your network to access the Internet or worse, possibly break into your computers in your home from the street.

If you have a wireless network setup in your home, there are a variety of things you can do to secure it. For many, it's advisable to consult your device's user's manual. (1) be sure to change the password used to change the administrative settings on your wireless network. (2) change the SSID – the name that is used to identify your network. For example, if you have a Linksys device, its default is "linksys" so change it to something only you know (and don't make it your home address). (3) change the setting on your network to stop broadcasting your SSID. This way, someone trying to break into your wireless network won't know that it even exists. (4) encrypt the network (this is where it gets a little tricky). Each device works a little differently. There are ways to require computers trying to connect to the network to provide a passkey and there are ways to only allow certain computers to connect. Again, consult your user's manual for instructions.

This information is also posted on the PTA Tech Corner (<http://www.ptatechcorner.com>) with links for more advice.

HELMET LAW – Recap from the Courier Post...

In NJ, effective March 1, 2006, anyone younger than 17 will be required to wear an approved helmet when cycling, roller skating, or in-line skating.

Head injuries are the most common cause of deaths among bicyclists

YEARBOOKS ON SALE NOW

Order the Shield now. Please look for a mailing with information about ordering a 2007 *Shield* yearbook. Books purchased before November 1, 2006 will cost \$88. Pre-order envelopes will be sent home and should be returned on Back-to-School Night or before November 1, 2006 - when the price of the book will increase to \$95.

If you don't receive a pre-order envelope, stop by the *Shield* table on Back-to-School Night and pick one up. Any questions, please contact Mrs. Smart, Business Advisor (extension 644).

--Julia Smart

Sports Booster Clubs Sale

**Sept. 25th 7-9 PM &
at Back to School Night
October 5th
HMHS Cafeteria**

The Booster Clubs will sell their various fundraising items at this sale, so come out to support your athletes and get a head start on your holiday shopping.

Items for sale include: cement bulldogs, men sweatshirts and pants, women's yoga pants and matching zip hoodie, youth bulldawg sweatpants and shirts, t-shirts, flannel pj pants, umbrellas, slider pants for men and women, and more...

Contact Sue Sobolewski with questions. 795-8565
sobo35@aol.com

Host Families Needed

Students from Japan's Kasukabe High School will be visiting next summer, the first phase of the Haddonfield Japan Exchange Committee's exciting cultural program. The duties of host families will be to provide breakfast & dinner to the guests, as well as sleeping accommodations. The committee will take care of providing transportation and daily activities for the students during their 10-14 day stay. Host families will be given special consideration when the selection is made for the Haddonfield students visit to Japan in 2008. If you are interested in hosting, wish to join the committee to plan for these events or want more information, please contact Boe Daley at the high school.

Dates to Remember

September

25 Fall Play Rehearsals Begin
29 Senior Picture Group
Coffeehouse
Fall Pep Rally
Fall Play Rehearsals End

October

3 N.J H.S Proficiency Assessment Grade 12 make-up test
5 Back to School Night
9 PTA Meeting
11 College Night
14 SAT
16 Zone PTA (Whats on Your Mind)
19 Underclass pictures (makeup)
World Languageapalooza
21 PSAT
23 Senior Portrait Retakes
26 Day of the Dead

November

4 SAT
6 Zone PTA
7 National Honor Society Induction
9-10 School Closed/NJEA Convention
11 Pinelands Hike Fundraiser
13 PTA Meeting
15 H.S. Principal's Advisory Meeting
17 Spirit Week Dance
19 HMHS Fall Play Matinee
20 Spirit Week: Golden Bulldawg and Scavenger Hunt
21 Spirit Week: Hallway Decorating
22 PEP Rally
23 Homecoming vs. Haddon Heights
25 Haddonfield Alumni Society Ceremony
26 HMHS Fall Play

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