

**Holmdel High School PTSO**  
**June 9, 2014**

Mary Lou Moramarco called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. The PTSO meeting took place at the Red Oak Diner. Mary Lou asked everyone to stand for the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence. Darlene Kiss made a motion to accept May minutes. Donna Disko 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Presidents Report –Mary Lou Moramarco-**

**“I am sad to say goodbye to a few people moving on, sad to step down, but happy that I will still be around to see everyone for two more years.”**

- We need volunteers for the following board positions next year: Sunshine, OneCause and Photocopier. Please volunteer if you can.
- Paper Packets will be sent out in August. We will meet on June 11 at 9:30 to collate. Please have 1,000 copies of your insert as well as printed envelopes.
- Senior Awards Night is tomorrow.

## **Principal's Report - 9 June 2014**

### **Senior Prom**

**The Senior Prom was held on Friday** - a wonderful time was had by all. Special congratulations go to Senior Class advisor Dave Gurney and the Class Officers for all of their efforts in making the evening such a success...bravo!

### **End of Marking Period Test Schedule**

June 9 - Social Science / Science / Electives

June 10 - Math / English / World Language / PE

June 11 - **No Tests or Quizzes** (except for individual makeups)

June 12 - **No Tests or Quizzes** (except for individual makeups)

**Please Note:** Lab Days END on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

### **Final Exams**

Date	1 <sup>st</sup> exam (8:30 - 10:30)	2 <sup>nd</sup> exam (11:15 - 1:15)
Friday, June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Period 8	Period 7
Monday, June 16 <sup>th</sup>	Period 3	Period 6
Tuesday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Period 2	Period 5
Wednesday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	Period 1	Period 4

## June Dates of Interest

- 9                   PTSO Mtg. (9:30 am - Off Campus)
- 9                   Yearbook Signing Party (Srs. Only - 5:00 pm);  
Music Dept. Awards (6:30 pm)
- 10                  Senior Awards (6:30 pm)
- 11                  NAHS Induction Ceremony (6:30 pm)
- 11                  BOE Mtg. (7:00 pm - Indian Hill)
- 12                  "Locker Cleanout" (8:00 am); Acting Showcase  
(6:30 pm)
- 13                  Final Exams (Periods 8 and 7)
- 16                  Final Exams (Periods 3 and 6)
- 17                  Final Exams (Periods 2 and 5); Graduation  
Practice (1:30 pm);
- 17                  Senior Picnic (3:30 pm - 5:30 pm)
- 18                  Final Exams (Periods 1 and 4); Staff Party
- 19                  Last Day of School (Early  
Dismissal for Students)

- 19 Graduation (6:45 pm); Project Graduation  
(10:00 pm)
- 23 Summer Hours Begin (Monday-Thurs. 7:30 am  
- 3:30 pm; CLOSED Fridays)
- 25 BOE Mtg. (8:00 pm - Satz)
- 27 Report Cards mailed home

**Enrollment (9 June 2014)**

12 <sup>th</sup> - 258	10 <sup>th</sup> - 260
11 <sup>th</sup> - 261	9 <sup>th</sup> - 228

Total - 1007

**Potential HS Gifts for  
2014-2015**

3-Octave Handbell Set for HS Chorus	9,950.00
Microphone Pack - Theatre	5,400.00
Sound System	2,500.00
Podium	1,200.00
Student Lounge in Lower Commons	5,000.00
Shakespeare Performance	1,500.00
Character Education Assembly-(ies)	1,500.00

Regarding the **Hand Bells** and the **Microphone Packs**, the HCAA has donated \$4,000 towards these items (1,200 for Bells and 2,700 for Microphones) – Chorus is about 40% toward its goal and Theatre is 50% toward its goal of full replacement.

A portable **Sound System** would be used by all sorts of Club and Activities for their various events – as well as by the school administration for things like school dances and pep rallies, etc.

The Podium we use now was donated by the PTSO several years ago and is starting to show wear; a **2<sup>nd</sup> Podium** with a built-in microphone would be optimal – especially for use in the lower commons or outdoors.

We are in the early stages of planning to convert the lower commons into a sort of **‘Student Lounge’** during school hours – we envision some durable couches and chairs – a few flat-screen TVs and Game Consoles and other amenities.

Freshmen students saw a professional performance of **‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’** that was very well-received; we would like to host another next year.

Similarly, we would like to host an **assembly or two dedicated to areas that would fall under Character Education** – there are several powerful speakers available who speak to issues like making good decisions, drug abuse, bullying, and stress.

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## June 9, 2014 – Faculty Report to PTSO

### **Achievements**

**Amanda Rein** was 1 of 25 teachers selected to attend the American Psychology Association (APA) Clark University High School Psychology Teacher's Workshop from June 30-July 2 in Worcester, Mass. Clark University, the first home to the APA, continues to produce cutting-edge psychological research and its archives contain a broad range of artifacts relating to the history of Psychology. The conference gives the participants the opportunity network with colleagues from across the country at varying levels of their careers. Additionally, lectures and demonstrations will be given by leading professors at the forefront of research in their fields, as well as master high school psychology teachers sharing their best practices.

#### **Merck State Science Day**

New Jersey's best and brightest students compete in Merck Science Day: HHS is **3rd overall** in NJ from the performance of 5 HHS teams in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Integrated Science, and Advanced Integrated Science. Individually we have 2 Merck Scholars: Bilal Shaikh who placed 1st in Integrated Science and Andrew Li who won 3rd in Biology.

#### **National Science League:**

In the National Science HHS earned the following results:

- Biology: second place, with Andrew Li scoring a perfect score (a National Student Leader)
- Chemistry: second place
- Physics: first place, with Jeffrey Lu and Joseph Blazer scoring perfect scores (both National Student Leaders)!

#### **American Computer Science League (ACSL) All-Star Contest:**

Six students traveled to Denver, CO and competed in two (of the five) divisions of ACSL. Two of the students (Alan Tong and Jeffrey Lu) won individual awards for their high scores on the short contest (the non-programming part). The students compete against computer science magnet schools from across the country (there are even several teams from Europe at the competition). Here are the results by team for the season and at the All-Star Contest itself:

### Senior 3 Team

Students: Jeffrey Lu, Alan Tong, Ray Wang  
Teams in division (regular season): 42  
Regular season placement: 6th  
Teams at All-Star Contest: 18  
All-Star placement: 7th

### Intermediate 3 Team

Students: Andrew Li, Patricia Shelton, Grant Li  
Teams in division (regular season): 55  
Regular season placement: 9th  
Teams at All-Star Contest: 16  
All-Star placement: 14th

## **Field Trips:**

### **Photography at Ocean Grove**

Mr. Mazzeo brought about 30 photography students and Mr. Bonner to visit the picturesque seaside town of Ocean Grove for a photo safari on June 2. The trip is a great experience for the students, as they put their photography skills to the test. The results were excellent. The students took many beautiful photos of the Victorian homes, the Great Auditorium, the quaint shops and surfers on the beach.

### **US History at the NJ Vietnam Veterans' Memorial**

Ms. McBride's & Mr. Gelpke's U.S. History 2 students visited the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and Vietnam Era Museum. Students were able to explore artifacts, models, and read letters from soldiers and family members. The majority of students found being able to talk to Vietnam veterans firsthand to be the most enlightening. Veterans candidly spoke of their experiences and answered students' questions. Some students described the trip as being very emotional.

## **AP Government and Politics at the Constitution Center and Independence Hall, Philadelphia**

On May 20th, James Gelpke and Kathleen Dougherty took students enrolled in AP Government and Politics on a field trip to the Constitution Center and Independence Hall in Philadelphia. The Constitution Center is the only institution in America established by Congress to "disseminate information about the United States Constitution in a non-partisan way in order to increase the awareness and understanding of the Constitution among the American people." Students viewed the "Slavery at Jefferson's Monticello" exhibit, which explores slavery and enslaved people in America through the lens of Jefferson's Monticello plantation. Students also participated in the Freedom Rising Tour, saw the Famous Signers Hall, and took part in Living News, which allowed for students to explore current controversial issues in an open forum. Finally, students participated in a tour of Independence Hall, the birthplace of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.

### **US2 at Brookdale heard Holocaust speakers**

On June 2, Ms. Lepore and Mr. Guastella's US 2 classes took part in a field trip at Brookdale to hear the accounts of 2 passengers from the *St. Louis*, a ship that was turned away from North American shores forcing numerous Jewish refugees to return to Nazi dominated Europe. The speakers were wonderful and expressed their experiences with clarity and emotion. The students clearly appreciated the plight of the people on the ship and were attentive and engaged. One of the speakers made a strong point when

she told the students attending that they will be some of the last people to hear 1st hand accounts such as those that were presented. That realization was not lost on the students and they reflected that sentiment to their teachers. We hope Brookdale continues to provide opportunities to hear 1st hand accounts such as these and that students are given the opportunity to attend them.

***Executive Board Reports:***

**VP Membership** – Alyssa Cofarro – No report

**VP Fundraising** –Teri Perez, Roseanne Wriedt – No report

**Treasurer’s Report** – Robin Grossman- Robin read the April Report:

**Income (Membership, Pathmark Script, Write A Check, Bake Sales).....\$435.92**

**Expenses (Comedy Night, Hospitality, Project Graduation, Junior Prom, General gifts to each class and Service Awards).....\$9,025.55**

**Ending Balance as May 31.....\$8,830.81**

Darlene kiss made a motion to accept the May Treasurer’s Report. Donna Disko 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Dani Page – No report

**Recording Secretary** – Michele Shields – No report

**Committee Reports**

**ARISE Liaison** – Darlene Kiss- Anna Vander Woude will take her position next year.

**Bake Sales** – Deidre Kane and Jennifer Yan – No report

**BOE** – Abbi Finch – No report

**Booster Liaison** – Roseanne Wreidt – No report

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Lisa Cronin – No Report

**10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Mary Lou Moramarco –No report

**11<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Donna Disko –Please get your Senior balloon orders in.

**12<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Liaison** – Lucia Van Name – She will coordinate Grab and Go snacks for exams. Parent volunteers are needed to distribute the snacks on exam days between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. on their respective class day. The schedule is as follows:

June 13 – Freshman Parents

June 16 – Senior Parents

June 17 – Junior Parents

June 18 – Sophomore Parents

**Facebook** – Vicky Entwistle - Thank you for regular updates. Our social media team is on top of things.

**HCAA** – Julie Stolker –No report

**HDAA** – Kristin Echavaria – No report

**HFEE** – Tom Minerva – No report

**Hospitality** – Emma Butler – No report

**Newcomers** – Colleen Fischer –No Report

**OneCause Fundraising** – Kim Jeanos – No report

**Photocopier** – Vicky Mazzei – There was a loose wire that was repaired and the photocopier is back in service. There was no charge for the service call. We will continue to charge .10 cents per copy.

**Programs** – Darlene Kiss, Darlene Field and Lisa Lograno – No Report

**Project Graduation** – Linda Jackman - Debbie Lynch – 10 days till graduation and they need 10 more chaperones. This event is so well organized. You will not have to work in an area you feel uncomfortable in. Please volunteer your time graduation night if you can.

**Publicity** – Joanne Colella – We need a representative to gather information on PTSO events, take pictures etc and send information to Joanne at the Holmdel Journal for FREE PUBLICITY!

**Special Projects** –Emma Butler- No report

**Student Directory** –Teresa Slade – No report

**Sunshine** – Laurie Fontana – No Report

**Website** – Jennifer Yan and Kim Jeanos – No report

**Provisional Business** – We have approximately \$7500 to gift this year. Mr. Loughran presented us with his wish list for potential gifts for 2014 that can also be found in the enclosed Principal's Report. Donna Disko made a motion to gift the following for the 2014 school year:

Sound System - \$2,500

Podium - \$1, 200

Conversion of lower commons into a student lounge - \$3,500



Character Education Programs - \$500  
For a total of \$7,700.  
Teri Perez 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved.

**New Business** – None

Teri Perez made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vicky Mazzei 2<sup>nd</sup>. All approved and the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. The next PTSO meeting will take place on Monday, September 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the High School Auditorium.