OCTOBER MINUTES

President Report:

CLASS OF 2020: Gita Movva is the parent liason, they already had a bake sale and the Yankee Candle fundraiser is going on.  Paper orders due by 10/12 but online orders can be made thru December.  Juniors are looking forward to their turn in the Powderpuff game this year. Planning a talent show in the winter.  Looking for parent volunteers for the concession stand at the Homecoming game and will also send out an email.

ARISE: Goal: promote inclusion and respect for ALL students with a focus on students with disabilities and different abilities.  This year's potential theme: SPREAD THE WORD TO END THE WORD.  This is a focus on how hurtful and disrespectful words can be.  School participation can include bulletin boards, banners, respect based pledges.  Teach your children to be mindful when they are choosing their words.

HCAA: Oct 12th Paint & Sip cancelled because of Homecoming; Fall Play: DON'T TRY TO WAKE HIM, HAND ME THE SHOVEL. Show dates Nov 16 and 17.  The title is intriguing - get there to see what it's all about!  Most recent HCAA donation: bus transportation for Photography field trip.  VOLUNTEERS needed: for mapping the auditorium seats with the names of the sponsors from the chair name plates (Barbara Olinsky is overseeing this project.)  Also, volunteers needed to take pics at the play dress rehearsals in the fall and spring.  FUNDRAISER: Calendars ongoing.  Join HCAA online at their website.

BAKE SALES: PTSO is looking for volunteers for the monthly bake sale which is held at the end of the school day.  The baked items are donate, you do not need to bake.  A sign up form is available during PTSO meetings and PTSO can also be emailed at ptsocopresidents@gmail.com

This year we have several Board of Ed members who have children in the HS.  They attend the PTSO meetings so please feel free to speak with them at our meetings especially if you can't make the Board of Ed meetings.

DEMYSTIFYING COLLEGE PRESENTATION: This will be held as part of the next PTSO meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7Pm in the HS Auditorium.  If you have a JUNIOR you really should attend this as you will be walked through the process - which is quite different then when we applied to colleges.  If you have a FRESHMAN or SOPHMORE, you should attend this and get an idea of what you should be thinking about.  If you have a SENIOR: it's not too late!

\*\*\*\*\*Parents who have been through the college application process - please email ptsocopresidents@gmail.com if you can join us on this night.  Your input on various aspects of the process is greatly appreciated.  You do not need to make a presentation.  We would just like you in the audience in order to offer up your real world advice!

FUTURE PTSO MEETINGS: If you have a topic you would like us to discuss or have a presentation on, please email PTSO.  We are planning our meetings for January, 2019 forward!

1. Fall Fling –

a. Thanks to Sue Gordon. She will report.

1. Officer Martin
	1. Question of vaping: If caught in/during school events will be punished.
	2. Question of lockdown procedure: What do kids do during lunch? Procedure during studying is the same as lunch
2. Bus Issue:
	1. Bus Drop start is next Tuesday. Issue with the people who drop off at Satz.
3. Building Goals:
	1. Communication/expectation
	2. Data about student achievement
	3. Social and emotional education
	4. District Goals
4. 20/20 Update:
	1. Met w/architects
	2. Design discussion no specific timelines (Engineering)
	3. Announcements
	4. Check through weekend email, Holmdel website “weekly announcement” link, Projected in commons
	5. Parent offered idea about giving students option to help w/announcements
5. College visits on weekly announcements
6. School Spirit:
	1. Spoke w/kids & band
	2. Spirit very high
	3. Culinary arts made food and presented @games
	4. Homecoming game expectation high (Pink Out)

Vice Principals

1. Amy Jablonski (9/11 grades)
2. Gail DeMarco (10/12 grades)

Both spoke:

* 2 standardized tests:
	+ PSAT – 10th & 11th grade, merit
	+ MAP – 9th & some 10th, Alg 1, gives feedback to teachers
* Safe driving Initiative – pre-drivers, Juniors, parent/student mtg at night (First one is Thursday and next one in spring)
* Peer leaders – 7th/10th, 8th/11, 9th/12th – Social emotional issues – opportunity for them to talk. Peer leader stays with the same students. Ration is 1 peer leader to 10 or 12 students.
* Spirit is very high. They feel staff and students are very connected due to the spirit.

Teacher Rep Report

On Friday, October 12, nine students will be attending a 'Women in Biology' workshop at the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School at Rutgers University.  There the students will learn about career and study opportunities in biomedical STEM, observe science demonstrations and network.

**Amanda Shayna Ahteck** has been selected to serve as a Student Ambassador for Back To Space (BTS), a very exclusive STEM program, open to US citizens in grades 8 through 12. Only twenty-five kids were selected from a nationwide search that took into account not only the student’s passion for STEM, but the diversity of their bio, creativity, leadership and communication skills. Shayna will have the opportunity to work and interact with Apollo astronauts, including Walt Cunningham, Al Worden, Charlie Duke, and Buzz Aldrin.  BTS is holding a Gala to commemorate the winners on Friday, October 19 at the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas, current home of the Apollo 7 command module.

Project Graduation

* The SaveAround book sale is over at Village and Indian Hill and we are working to retrieve all the unreturned books.  Sales are lower than expected and we will have better numbers next month.

\* To date we have received about 50 senior family sponsorships (just the number of families not the amount) from the 255 senior families.  We expect to deliver all family sponsorship signs within the next two weeks.

\* We have met with Ms. Semenza and will be meeting with the senior class officers to discuss possible entertainment for the evening of Project Graduation.

\* Next week we expect to have a Facebook auction of 4 Disney Hopper Passes - more details will be given shortly.

\* Our next big fundraising will be in January when we solicit businesses for donations.

\* Always selling Shoprite gift cards - see Linda Jackman or email us at holmdelprojectgrad@gmail.com for delivery.

* 1. Monthly parking spot
	2. Save around books low purchasing, please send back
	3. 57 families at Senior level sponsorship
	4. Facebook Hopper passes
	5. January next fundraiser
	6. Shoprtite gift cards
1. HFEE
	1. Shane Fallon – Satz – Cardio room – Highschool will be closing it soon

Treasurers Report