



HHS PTSA / SEPTA PARENT MEETING MINUTES
10/11/2022 6:30PM VIA ZOOM

Introductions

- **Cynthia Brent and Joanna Steinglass are the HHS PTSA representatives** (called “VPs”). They work with the grade-level liaisons to gather comments, questions, concerns from the community. The agenda for the PTSA Parent meetings is set collaboratively with the HHS Admin (Mr. Adipietro and Ms. Hardesty) to cover items that affect the broad community.
- **Contact info and general announcements** can be found on the [PTSA website](#). Communication for meetings can be found in the Weekly PTSA Blast, the District’s Daily Blast, and on the [HHS Website](#) and Calendar of events (located on the Home page).

New HHS Staff

- **Maryse Santini**: French 4 and 5. Part time (non-tenure track).
- **Cindy Greenberg**: English. Tenure track.
- **Ellen Driscoll**: Latin. Part time (non-tenure track).
- **Joseph Callagy**: English. Tenure track. Was a leave replacement at FMS. Is also coaching Varsity Girls Soccer to much success.
- **Sarah Stern**: English. Leave Replacement for Mr. Abrams who should return in January.
- **Nate Morgan**: Art. Moved up from HES.

COVID

- Changes in the school protocols around illness and COVID have changed to reflect the changes in the prevalence and treatment of COVID, and are consistent with current public health recommendations.
- If a child (or staff member) has a positive COVID test, the protocol remains the same, the student needs to contact the school nurse and isolate for 5 days. After that, if symptom free, the individual may return to school. The individual then wears a mask for the next 5 days while in school.
- Livestream of classrooms is no longer available. If you or your child has concerns about classwork, please email the teachers. They will most likely provide only the essential work and will offer extensions.

Study Hall

- There is one study hall each period (fewer than previously, more kids per study hall).
- There is a new library monitor, Ms. Mace who previously worked at Hillside. Up to 10 students per period can go to the library.
- Electronics are allowed in the study hall.
- Upperclassmen (11th and 12th) can opt out at any time there is no deadline. The forms to opt out are available in the main office. If you opt out, you can still attend some days.

Grade 12 English

- 4 years of English is a NY State requirement for graduation.
- At HHS, students who are not taking AP English Lit or SUPA English are required to take English 12.
- The English 12 curriculum was designed 5 years ago to include writing, with the intent to prepare students for writing in college. The curriculum has not changed (i.e., this year's curriculum is not new). The course was based on SUPA (*Syracuse University Project Advance*) Writing 105. The goal is to create an academic writer and reader, and the course was designed to have some rigor.
 - This year, there has been an iterative process around assignments to strive for a workload that navigates a balance between stress and rigor. Mr. Adipietro is working with the teachers to address concerns about the workload. If concerns continue, students and parents should first discuss with the teacher, and then inform Ms. Hardesty or Mr. Adipietro.
- The course description and curriculum are here: [English 12 Summary](#).
- This year there are 2 sections taught by 2 teachers – Mr. Blum and Ms. Stern. Ms. Stern is a leave replacement for Mr. Abrams, who usually teaches this class).
- Enrollment in SUPA English usually ranges between 20-25 students; enrollment in AP Lit ranges from 25 to 40; half the grade takes English 12.

Student Union Activities

- New adviser for the Student Union: Mr. Lopez.
- Homecoming was unusually early this year, and Mr. Lopez successfully supervised the event planning with only 2.5 weeks to prepare. The Student Union and Mr. Lopez are working hard to provide activities on the weekend. This includes working with the Village, the School District and other organizations. There is a talent show coming up (date TBD).
- They are working with the PTSA to create an active list of clubs and contact info.

Junior Formal

- Junior Formal will be held Monday, Nov. 7 (before election day) in the Gym.
- Volunteers are needed – both 10th grade parents to work the event and 11th grade parents to provide supplies, set up and clean up. Here's the link: [Junior Formal Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- Tickets are \$30 per student. Additional donations are accepted. Reach out to Ms. Rudolph (11th Grade Advisor) with questions.

Senior Activities

- Senior Class Advisors: Nancy Gagliardi and Greg Smith.
- A Senior Information packet will be sent home (in the mail) from Ms. Gagliardi providing information about Senior year events. This includes prom, awards night, internships, cap/gown, etc.
- **CHANGE IN PROM DATE:** The Senior Prom will be held May 30th, 2023 at Glen Island. (this is a change from the June 6th date listed on the PTSA calendar).

School Counseling

- [PSAT/NMSQT for Grade 11](#) will be administered Tuesday 10/25 at 7:30AM.
- **Counselor's Corner Newsletter:** Ms. Kocur provides quarterly updates of information affecting all grades by email, and in the daily blasts. Please take a look at the Counselor's Corner Newsletter, which is also posted on the Website here: [Counselor's Corner](#).
- [Parent Teacher Conferences on 11/8](#) will be in person. [Sign up Here electronically this Friday 10/14/22 starting at 9 am.](#)

PTSA Announcements

- [The Superintendent Forum](#) is being held on 10/20. [Form to submit questions:](#) The deadline to submit questions is 10/14.
- [Used Book Fair](#) - Books can be donated on 10/28 and 10/28. Shopping for the public will be 11/5. You can sign up to volunteer here: [Used Book Fair Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- [Fun Run](#) - 10/30 the PTSA is hosting at Hillside Elementary.
- [Join the PTSA](#) - You can still join the PTSA and receive a calendar!

SEPTA Announcements

- **Become a SEPTA MEMBER:** [Please join SEPTA here.](#)

- **Carnival** - Thank you for all the support with the Carnival. It was a huge success and the HHS volunteers were fabulous.
- **SEPTA Community Conversation 10/26/2022:** The first of our two events will be held on 10/26 at 8.30 am and will be virtual, the link will be distributed along with the meeting agenda once it is finalized next week. Please reach out to Rhiannon (rhiannon.platt@gmail.com) or via Hastings.SEPTA@gmail.com with any questions, comments or concerns which you would like us to raise.
- **SEPTA Community Conversation 04/17/2023:** The second community conversation will take place on 4/17/23.
- **Trivia Night:** Our next fundraiser will be the return of our Trivia night, which has been on hiatus the past couple of years due to Covid. This will take place in March, date TBC, at the Southside club, more information will be announced closer to the date. *Please keep an eye out!*

Thank you to all the parents for attending our first meeting of the year!