

Rocky Hill High School  
**Principal's Newsletter**

September, 2009

**WELCOME**

An important factor in a student's success relies on the "cooperative effort" between the school and home. As part of our efforts, one of the ways we will communicate is through the Principal's Newsletter. The newsletter's primary intent is to keep our community informed of current and future events at RHHS. On that note, it has been an exciting start of the school year for Rocky Hill High School! We have welcomed 179 Freshman students to the RHHS family, bringing our total enrollment to 780.

**OPEN HOUSE**

Please join us for our annual **Open House on Thursday, September 24 at 6:30 pm**. Parking has been an issue in the past, I urge that you arrive earlier and park over at Griswold Middle School if needed. Teachers will make brief presentations each period on the content of the course, major course requirements, expectations for student performance, and other pertinent information. Curriculum guides, the homework policy and grading policy will be distributed.

**NEASC**

In continuing our preparation for our NEASC visit, which is to occur on *October 3, 2010 through October 6, 2010*, RHHS will commit regular faculty meeting time and curriculum days for the self-study process. In addition, we have once again asked and received board approval for four, half-days to be dedicated to the NEASC self-study. The days are **October 30, 2009, December 11, 2009, March 26 and May 7, 2009**. On these days, students will be dismissed at 11:25 am.

**STUDENT SAFETY**

A reminder as we kick-off a new school year, the driveway rotunda in the front of the building is reserved for buses from 6:45 - 7:15 am and from 2:00 - 2:30 pm. Additionally, I would ask you to not drop off a student in the rear of the building. Delivery trucks use this area, as well as Special Education buses to drop off and pick up

**ATTENDANCE**

The high school attendance policy requires that the student lose credit for a course if he/she exceeds eight absences for a semester course or sixteen absences for a full-year course. For seniors, loss of credit in a course may result in failure to meet graduation requirements. We will make attempts to communicate attendance updates to parents through progress reports, report cards, attendance letters, etc. But it is the responsibility of parents/guardians to communicate to the school the reason for all absences and monitor the attendance of their children. I urge students and parents to familiarize themselves with the provisions and procedures of the policy.

**PAC**

All parents are encouraged to become members of our Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) which meets monthly from September through May. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will establish the remaining meeting dates at that time. All meetings are at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

**LEND A PAW**

Our tenth annual Lend-A-Paw community service day is scheduled for **Friday, October 2nd** (rain date will be **Thursday, October 8th**). In past years, students, staff, parent volunteers, and community members have all had a very positive response to this day of service and giving to the greater Rocky Hill Community. Permission Slips and site descriptions will be available on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> in the main office. Permission slips and two non-perishable food items will be collected starting at **6:45AM on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> in the gymnasium**. If you are interested in chaperoning, please contact the Main Office at 258-7721.

*Mario J. Almeida*