

Hyde Park Central School District Connections

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Welcome Back to School



Dear Hyde Park Central School Community,

I am thrilled that we are off to a fantastic start to the 2023-2024 school year! I would like to thank our families for entrusting our educators and school-related professionals with their most prized possession: our students. Together, we are reaffirming our commitment to putting our students first. This core principle guides us as we embark on this academic journey, whereby our educators will challenge our students with learning experiences that will encourage and foster critical thinking, effective communication, innovation, citizenship, and confidence as learners.

Our collective goal is clear: we will unite and collaborate to ensure that every student has access to the support they require to achieve success and thrive in Hyde Park. We are dedicated to creating an environment where all students feel included, valued, and empowered.

As we progress, I encourage everyone in our school community to engage actively in this mission. Together, we can make a profound difference in the lives of our students. Stay tuned for more updates and exciting developments as we continue this journey of excellence.

With Hyde Park Pride,



Hyde Park Central School District
Dr. Pedro Roman
Superintendent Of Schools

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2023-2024 School Year Off to a Great Start

The 2023-2024 school year at HPCSD is off to a great start so far and teachers and staff worked hard to make an exciting first week for students, as they hopped off the bus and headed to their classes.

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Message from the President of the Board of Education

As the new President of the Hyde Park Central School District Board of Education, I want to welcome everyone back to a new school year!

I'm excited that we'll be starting this school year with a new Superintendent, Dr. Pedro Roman. In his short time as the leader of HPCSD, Dr. Roman has brought with him new ideas and a tremendous amount of energy to help keep our district moving in the right direction.

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Red Carpet Rolled Out for Convocation

The red carpet was rolled out, literally, for teachers and staff during a rousing Convocation on September 6 where educational goals were discussed, long-term employees were honored and some of the district's youngest learners shared what they need to succeed this year.

North Park fourth grader Ella Burns, requested guidance and patience from her teachers. "Slow down and make sure I understand the lesson," Burns said. "I need you to be patient."



them access and opportunities to school resources. He firmly believes that race, ability, gender, socio-economic status, and/or circumstances should not predict student success.

"By embracing diversity and fostering an environment of respect and empathy we empower our students to flourish as individuals," Roman said. "We must keep their interest at the forefront of all of our choices."



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Roman emphasized the importance of providing students with a safe and inclusive environment and giving

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On September 7, the first day of school, Superintendent Dr. Pedro Roman greeted RRS students and their families as they were picked up on a morning bus route. Some families even cheered along with Roman celebrating the new year and bus driver Jeff Cady, who has built a great rapport with the students over the years.

At Netherwood, students from all grades participated in fun activities such as reciting positive affirmations to a cool beat, making "First Day of School" crowns

and coloring in pictures of apples with their names on them.

Meanwhile, FDR students got their creative skills on during an Studio Art course.



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I strongly encourage you to attend one of his community events to get to know him and share your thoughts.

I'm pleased to announce that the board will continue to hold "Community Chats". This is a great opportunity for you to meet and have discussions with board members in a very informal setting. The "Chats" allow the community to have a dialogue with board members, which isn't possible in a regular BOE meeting. This year's schedule will be posted soon.

After having my 3 children graduate from the HPCSD, 2 granddaughters starting in a few years and serving

several years on the Board, I truly believe there is one action that we can all do that helps contribute to the success of all students. That action is "be involved".

The HPCSD has so many opportunities for our students to "be involved"; whether it's through sports, music, student government or joining one of the many clubs we have to offer, please encourage, and support your students to "be involved".

This mantra carries over to family as well, there are many opportunities for you to "be involved". Whether it's joining the PTA, volunteering in the classroom, joining booster clubs, attending school events, or helping your student with homework or

"The best way to move forward and improve the quality of our students' experience is to get everybody involved."

Mike Zagorski
President, HPCSD BOE

projects, these simple actions go a long way in helping every student have a positive experience in Hyde Park.

I'm really looking forward to this upcoming school year and all the great things the students will be doing. To the students, families and staff, the Board of Education is here for you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions, concerns, or comments. Hoping everyone has the best 2023-24 school year!

Sincerely,
Mike Zagorski
President, HPCSD Board of Education

Hyde Park Happenings

October 3

Eleanor's Bookcase
Sponsored by the Hyde Park
Education Foundation
at Valkill 6-8 p.m.

October 4

Community Chats
An opportunity to discuss school-
related topics with the board trustees.
at FDR Library 6-7 p.m.

October 6

Go Home Early Drill - All Schools

October 9

Columbus Day - No School

October 12

Board of Education Meeting
District Office 7 p.m.

October 18

Harvest Pops Concert
FDR Auditorium 6:30 p.m.

October 20

Homecoming Game vs. Red Hook
FDR Oval Office Field 7:00 p.m.

Football Team Has Two Impressive Wins

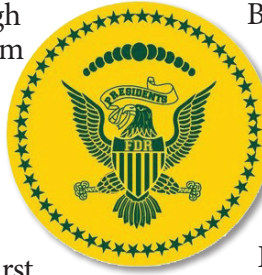
Franklin D. Roosevelt High School varsity football team is coming off two impressive wins as it enters its home opener against Monticello on Sept. 30.

"We are looking forward this week to hosting our first home game this Saturday against Monticello," said Roosevelt football head coach Ken Barger. "We are hoping to continue playing up to our potential and see growth from our freshmen through our seniors."

After losing their season opener to John Jay, the Presidents defeated James I. O'Neill, 27-7, and Highland, 28-0.

Roosevelt, a Class A school playing an independent schedule, defeated the defending state Class C champions in O'Neill. The Presidents opened a 20-7 halftime lead and added a third-quarter touchdown to pull away.

In defeating Highland, Roosevelt scored touchdowns in the second and third quarters before adding two touchdowns in the final quarter.



Barger highlighted the defensive play of Andrew Plant, Tray Bilyou, Lawrence Joyner, and Jahkym Hargrove. Offensively, he credited the running game led by Presley Kafeero, Peter Williams, Malachi Moore, David Troue, and Mason Cuccia.

"We have been sparked in two areas of play," said Barger. "Our defense has rallied from opening night to hold two highly productive teams down to only seven points total. Anytime your defense plays that well you have a chance to win."

"Our running game has also exploded as well. We have five players that can hurt teams in the ground game. The offensive line has really started to gel together and has helped turn us into a very strong running team."

Following Monticello, the Presidents will have road games at Saugerties on Oct. 7 and at Spackenkill on Oct. 13. Roosevelt will host Red Hook on Oct. 20 before playing at John S. Burke on Oct. 28.

OCTOBER Sports Schedule

- 10/2: JV Soccer vs. Spackenkill 4:15 p.m.
V Golf vs. Saugerties 4:15 p.m.
- 10/3: JV Soccer vs. Wallkill 4:15 p.m.
V Soccer vs. Wallkill 4:15 p.m.
- 10/4: JV Soccer vs. Wallkill 4:15 p.m.
V Soccer vs. Wallkill 4:15 p.m.
- 10/5: JV Volleyball vs. Wallkill 4:15 p.m.
V Tennis vs. John Jay 4:45 p.m.
V Volleyball vs. Wallkill 5:45 p.m.
- 10/6: V Tennis vs. Saugerties 4:15 p.m.
- 10/7: V Football vs. Saugerties 6 p.m.



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