



# Community Newsletter

*Rush-Henrietta*  
 Rush-Henrietta Central School District Summer 2006

## Parent University to be Presented November 4

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The Rush-Henrietta Central School District presents Parent University from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2006, at the Senior High School, 1799 Lehigh Station Road. Please join us and learn more about becoming a partner in your child's school and life success! The information provided at Parent University applies to students from preschool through high school. Parents, grandparents, students, teachers, administrators, child care providers, business partners, residents, town leaders, and visitors are invited.

Parent University's keynote speaker is Hanoch McCarty, Ed.D., co-author of the book, "A 4th Course of Chicken Soup for the Soul." He will speak about "Becoming a Partner in Your Child's School and Life Success." After the keynote address, attendees are invited to choose two workshop sessions; many options will be offered, and each is designed to shed light on your child's school and life experiences.

Parent and family education is important on a number of levels. It builds parent or guardian confidence and competency, empowers families to make educational decisions, and improves understanding regarding a child's academic, emotional, personal, and social development and needs. Parent and family education also enhances a parent's relationship with a child, keeps families updated on contemporary issues affecting children, and strengthens the partnership between the school and the home.

To help foster enhanced involvement throughout all levels of a child's education, the district offers a Parent Education initiative designed to bolster each student's success.

In an effort to enhance student achievement and help provide parents with a better understanding of their child's school experience, Rush-Henrietta offers a variety of informative topics through its Parent Education Program. These program offerings help parents and families support and guide their child's education, and share ways to further support students as they do school work at home. These programs are listed during the school year on the district Web site, [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org), and in monthly school newsletters. In addition, the district Web site provides access to Parent Education Special Topics, a new series of short articles designed to help ensure your child's success.

Parent University promises to be popular, so please watch for more information – including additional details on program offerings and registration – in the near future! Traditional registration will be offered, and online registration will be available for Parent University starting September 15, 2006, at [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org).

For more information regarding Parent University, please contact Beverly Burrell-Moore, director of special projects, at 359-5534, or e-mail [bburrell@rhnet.org](mailto:bburrell@rhnet.org).



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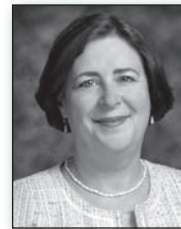
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## 2006-2007 Board of Education Meetings

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., NGA\*

\* Unless otherwise noted

July 11, 2006	60th Annual Reorganization/ Regular Meeting
July 25, 2006	Workshop Meeting, 5:45 p.m.
August 8, 2006	Regular Meeting
September 12, 2006	Regular Meeting
September 26, 2006	Regular Meeting
October 10, 2006	Regular Meeting
October 24, 2006	Regular Meeting
November 14, 2006	Regular Meeting
November 28, 2006	Regular Meeting
December 12, 2006	Regular Meeting
January 9, 2007	Regular Meeting
January 23, 2007	Regular Meeting
February 13, 2007	Regular Meeting
February 27, 2007	Regular Meeting
March 13, 2007	Regular Meeting
March 27, 2007	First Public Hearing on the Proposed 2007-2008 Budget
April 3, 2007	Board Adoption of the Proposed 2007-2008 Budget

April 24, 2007	Regular Meeting [preceded by the Volunteer Recognition Dinner]
May 8, 2007	Final Public Hearing on the Proposed 2007-2008 Budget
May 15, 2007	Board of Education Election Results, 9 p.m., TOC [Meeting preceded by the Annual Retirement Dinner]
May 22, 2007	Regular Meeting
June 12, 2007	Regular Meeting [preceded by the Board Tenure Recognition Reception]
June 26, 2007	Regular Meeting
<b>Special Dates</b>	
December 5, 2006	Program and Services Review, 7 p.m., NGA
February 14, 2007	Community Forum on the Preliminary Proposed 2007-2008 Budget, 7-9 p.m., TOC
April 30, 2007	DPAC Candidates' Night, 7-9 p.m., TOC
May 15, 2007	Budget Vote & Board of Education Election, 6 a.m.-9 p.m., TOC



## Businesses Lauded at Appreciation Awards

When student Rebecca Giannetti spoke during the Employer Appreciation Breakfast in June, she cited her internship with physician assistants at Rochester General Hospital as “one of the greatest decisions I’ve ever made.”



Each year, students take advantage of partnerships between the Rush-Henrietta Central School District and local businesses. The Employer Appreciation Breakfast highlights partnerships between the district and local businesses, especially in terms of co-ops, internships, and the Teenage Employment Partnership.

The event also provides a formal way for Rush-Henrietta to

thank each participating business. Kevin Whitmore, a Senior High School business teacher, praised local employers for their efforts. “Without you, we wouldn’t be able to provide kids with the ability to investigate these career opportunities,” he says.

During the event, Broccolo Tree and Lawn Care Inc. was named the Teenage Employment Partnership’s 2006 Employer of the Year. Founded in Henrietta in 1990, the company was among seven student-nominated businesses considered for the Employer of the Year Award. The Rush-Henrietta Central School District thanks all of its partners in the business community for their continuing support!

### Senior High School Internship Partners

About Time Magazine, Inc.  
Fyle Elementary School  
Highland Hospital  
MKS Instruments Inc.  
Monroe Community Hospital  
Monroe County Office of the District Attorney  
Monroe County Sheriff’s Office  
Pictometry International Corp.  
Rochester General Hospital  
Rochester Police Department  
University of Rochester Medical Center;  
Strong Memorial Hospital  
University Sports Medicine

### Senior High School Co-Op Partners

Aramark  
Champs  
China Gate  
Color Centric Corp.  
Dollar Tree  
Golf Galaxy  
Hollywood Videos  
Jewish Community Center  
Lehigh Restaurant  
Martial Arts America  
Mercury Print  
Ortho Clinical Diagnostics  
Rochester Aviation  
Rush Creekside Bar & Grill  
Sail-On Carpets  
Scottsville Veterinary Hospital  
Taco Bell  
Telecomp Inc.  
Tops

### Teenage Employment Partners

1st Priority Federal Credit Union  
Alphagraphics  
Altier’s  
AnC Enterprises  
Arby’s, Marketplace Mall  
BalloonHQ.com  
Bi-rite Market  
Bill Gray’s Restaurant  
Boston Market  
Brad’s Cookie Nook  
Brentland Woods Assisted Living  
Brighton Campus Chiropractors  
Broccolo Tree and Lawn Care, Inc.  
Burger King  
Centre Ice Restaurant at ESL Sports Center  
Chuck E. Cheese  
Companion Animal Hospital  
Computer Renaissance  
CVS Pharmacy  
David’s Bridal Services, Inc.  
Diamonds Limousines  
Domenico’s Ristorante  
Don’s Original  
Dorschel Automotive Group  
Eckerd Drugs, East Henrietta Road  
Fairfield Farms  
Fast Signs  
FDR’s  
First Rochester Community Credit Union  
Fox Landscaping Service  
Friendly’s  
Gardners Greenhouse  
Henrietta Public Library  
Iculti  
Klee’s Mobil  
Michellina’s Italian Eatery

Monroe County Fair & Recreation Association  
Monroe Tractor & Implement Co.  
Nu-Look Collision Service  
Old Navy  
Outback Steak House  
Panera Bread Company  
Papa John’s Pizza  
Peppermint’s Family Restaurant  
Petco  
Pitstop Convenience Store  
Pizza Corner  
Pizza Hut [3 locations]  
Regal Henrietta Cinema 18  
RIT Inn and Conference Center  
Rochester Brooks Gun Club  
Romano’s Macaroni Grill  
Rush-Henrietta Central School District  
Sharel Ventures: McDonald’s [3 locations]  
St. Clair Photo-Imaging  
Suburban Animal Hospital  
Subway: Jefferson Plaza, Marketplace, Wal-Mart  
Sunoco-Gladstone Service  
Tanning Bed, East Henrietta Road  
The Nichols Team  
Tim Horton’s: Jefferson Road and West Henrietta Road  
Tony Pepperoni’s  
Tooley’s Oak & Amish Furniture  
Town of Henrietta  
Vallence Septic Service  
VP Supply Inc.  
Wal-Mart  
Wegmans: East Henrietta Road and Hylan Drive  
Wendy’s  
Woodcrest Commons  
Xpress Marketing





## *Summer Programs Give Students a Boost*

The Rush-Henrietta Central School District again this summer is offering educational programs designed to help children at all grade levels.

For example, some students are taking voluntary classes designed to help them prepare for an accelerated math path leading to Advanced Placement calculus and statistics courses. This is the first year that the program has been part of our summer school, but it's the third year Rush-Henrietta has provided some form of support for students so they can join their accelerated peers. Data shows that students taking part in this summer math program are just as successful as their peers. Students taking part in the summer sessions are willing to put forth extra effort, choosing to take higher-level math courses because they understand the need for competency in math in today's world.

The 2006 Senior High School Summer School program is for students in grades 9-12. Most course offerings provide students with the opportunity to improve grades and strengthen learning from the regular school year. Many students are taking advantage, earning credits or passing Regents exams, allowing them to catch up with classmates and graduate in four years. The district also offers half-credit courses – such as economics and participation in government – that allow students to accelerate their program.

In addition, the 2006 Middle School Summer Academy provides an opportunity for students to make up courses failed during the regular school year in English Language Arts, science, social studies, and math. A reading clinic also is being provided for students who need to strengthen reading skills. Participation in Middle School Summer Academy provides students with an excellent chance to strengthen school skills in preparation for the upcoming school year.

Likewise, the 2006 Summer Math and Reading Time [SMART]



Realizing the importance of math skills, some Rush-Henrietta students voluntarily took accelerated classes this summer.

program is an opportunity for children in grades K-5 to improve reading, writing and math skills, and to learn new skills, attitudes, and behaviors that contribute to school success. The program provides children with excellent instruction and individualized attention in small classes. The curriculum focuses on strengthening basic English Language Arts and math skills.

Studies show that many students actually lose math and reading skills during the summer. SMART aims to minimize the "summer learning slump." Children enrolled in this program are experiencing a focused, intensive learning experience with much reading and writing, and an opportunity to better understand math and strengthen basic math skills.

The Rush-Henrietta Central School District thanks the community for its continued support of these learning programs and its support of year-round learning initiatives.

## *Community Notifications and Announcements*

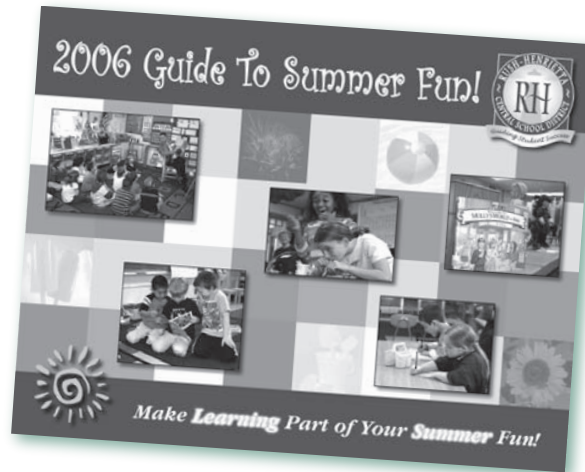
Those who have access to the Internet are encouraged to check the district Web site at [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org) for notifications and announcements, rather than call the schools or the main switchboard. As part of the district's ongoing efforts to enhance communication, several information alerts have been added to the site. These alerts will be activated at [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org) to draw attention to announcements and/or emergency notifications on an as-needed basis. Depending on the situation, specific headings will be used to inform the community, in a timely manner, of circumstances such as a parent alert; event cancellation; snow day; school closing; and other special announcements. When activated, these special messages can be viewed by clicking on the headings that will appear above News Room on the right-hand side of the page.

## Summer Learning Guide Proves Popular with Families

The 2006 Summer Learning Guide, a publication created by the Rush-Henrietta Central School District, was mailed in June to homes of students completing grades K-5. Many families have been using the learning guide during the summer, ensuring that children continue to learn during the long school break.

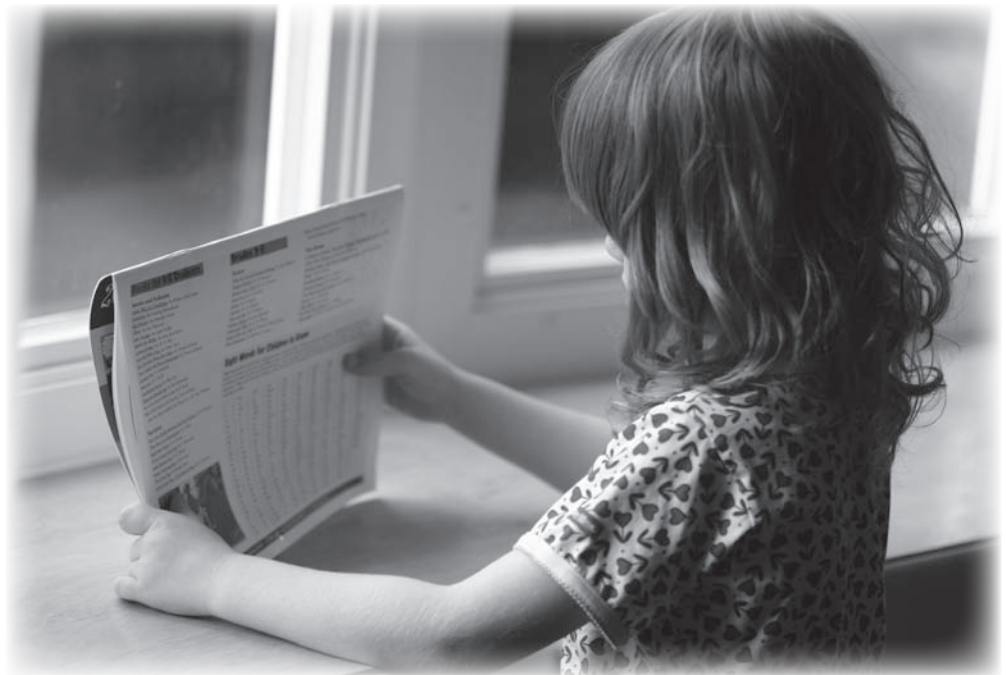
It is the district's hope that families use this guide and its grade-appropriate activities to encourage and support student this summer. In addition to hundreds of suggested activities, the Summer Learning Guide provides additional information, such as a comprehensive list of sight words, child-friendly Web sites, age-appropriate reading suggestions, and educational community resources. Students are encouraged to use the Summer Learning Journal - a part of the guide - to document their favorite summer learning activities, books read, and places visited. While not mandatory, students are encouraged to show these journals to their teacher when they return to school in September.

Realizing that it's not possible for everyone to complete all of the activities suggested in the 2006 Summer Learning Guide, the publication provides additional information to remind parents and



students that our community and the surrounding region are rich in resources. We hope that you will take advantage of the many local and regional opportunities that extend learning beyond the classroom. By doing so, you will help us stress the importance of year-round learning.

To view the 2006 Summer Learning Guide go to the district's Web site, [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org). Hold your cursor over the "Instruction" tab on the top of the page, and choose "Summer Learning Guide." You will be able to download a PDF version of the guide.



Students are using Rush-Henrietta's Summer Learning Guide in an effort to foster learning year-round.

### *R-H Information is Only a Click Away!*



Visit the district's redesigned Web site for comprehensive information about Rush-Henrietta schools. Also, consider subscribing to one of the district's latest services, E-News, which provides brief e-mail notifications, announcements, and reminders about important meetings, activities, and issues. Visit [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org) today!



# Ensuring Safe and Caring Learning Environments for All



From the first day of school to the last, Rush-Henrietta teachers and staff take advantage of opportunities to guide student success. Here, a teacher greets students as they get off the bus and walks the children to their classroom.



In addition to providing a safe and caring learning environment for its own students, Rush-Henrietta embraced John Klingenberg, of Mississippi, and three other students, all of whom were forced to leave their homes because of damage from Hurricane Katrina.



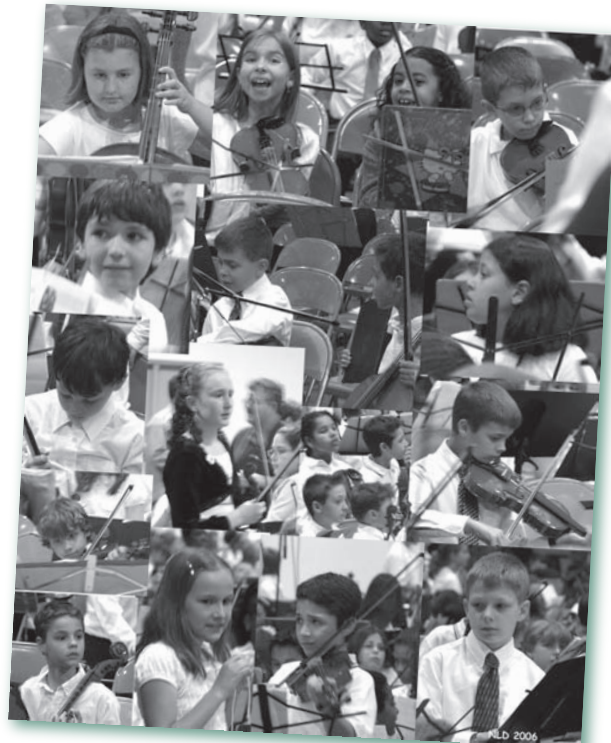
Hundreds of people participated in Make a Difference Day activities. At the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal at Veterans Memorial Park in Henrietta, students helped unload and sort food and personal items collected at local schools.



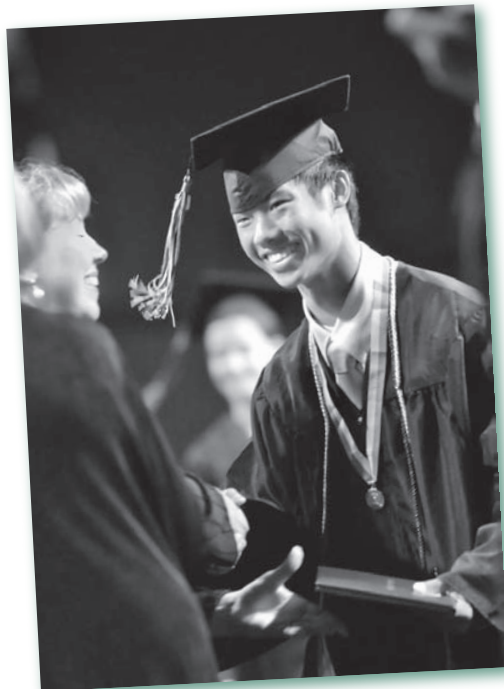
The American Music Conference named Rush-Henrietta one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Music Education. In addition, the Henrietta Chamber of Commerce honored the Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association, and the R-H Singers [pictured] traveled to Italy.



Even Start, the district's special literacy program for preschoolers and their parents, celebrated its 14th birthday. Children performed songs and dance routines, while adult literacy students took part in skits and spoke about why the program is important.



Nearly 700 orchestra musicians in grades 4-12 performed at the Dome Arena as part of the Rush-Henrietta District String Festival. Elementary, middle, and high school students performed as separate groups and as one large orchestra for the final selection.



Hundreds of Rush-Henrietta Senior High School students took part in commencement exercises at Rochester Institute of Technology's Gordon Field House. The event capped a successful year for the Rush-Henrietta Central School District, which celebrated the academic achievements of more than 400 students.



As part of the United Way's Day of Caring, about 100 Ninth Grade Academy students and staff members demonstrated great personal character, taking pride in our community by helping to beautify the Rush-Henrietta Central School District grounds.



Thanks to Rush-Henrietta's commitment to technology integration, students in each school building took part in distance-learning activities during the past year. Here, students raise hands to answer a question asked by an Ohio-based health teacher.



Students were treated to numerous hands-on lessons in the classroom. Here, students participate in a science lesson titled "Bubbleology." The district is promoting science that is inquiry-based and focuses on skill development rather than memorizing content.

## Celebrating Success

During the 2005-2006 school year, Rush-Henrietta students enjoyed unsurpassed opportunities for academic and personal growth.





## Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council Holds First Meeting

The Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council held its inaugural meeting Wednesday, June 7, at the Senior High School. Representatives from each decade since the 1940s were on hand to discuss this new initiative, which is dedicated to reaching out to Rush-Henrietta alumni.

The Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council serves five primary purposes. These purposes are:

- assisting the district in establishing and maintaining an up-to-date alumni directory
- assisting the district in communicating with R-H alumni
- guiding and supporting class reunions
- coordinating the Alumni Hall of Fame recognition program, and
- informing and advising the superintendent and Board of Education of matters of interest to Rush-Henrietta alumni

During the inaugural meeting, the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council's by-laws were approved. In addition, a board of directors was elected, and a president, vice president, and secretary were named.

Please share this project with family members, former classmates, and friends. Encourage them to register their information at [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org) and become part of this important initiative. Working with the district, the Alumni Council will play an important role in guiding student success.



The Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council held its inaugural meeting in June. Pictured: Back row, l-r: Sharon Zink, Todd Morgan, Pat Page, Jody Day, Carol Coombe, Dr. Ken Graham, Kevin Yost, Norm Miller, Lou Viola, Helen Viola, and Terry Mathews-DeSant. Front row, l-r: Varun Mehta, Karen Quackenbush, Ann Grabowski, Joe Bellanca, Bob Thompson, Mike Petromalo, Carolyn Gaffney, and Jack Gaffney.

### Alumni Council Contacts

The Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council Board of Directors consists of:

Pre-1950:

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Mike Petramalo [vice president]  
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Graduates of the district are encouraged to visit the Alumni Center on the district's Web site at [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org) and enter their current contact information in the online database. If you don't have access to the Internet, please contact the appropriate representative from the above list.



## News From Around the District

### Survey Results Show District Improvement

The District Parent Advisory Council administers the annual Parent Partnership Survey to parents of all Rush-Henrietta students. The results, shared during the Partnership Forum in May, are used to improve the school-family partnership, which is important to student success. Results show significant increases in parent satisfaction with parent and family outreach efforts; 1,998 families completed surveys, an increase of 139 compared to the 1,859 who completed surveys in 2005. Some 88 percent of respondents' answers to the 40 questions on the survey rated the district as "good or satisfactory." This is an increase from 84 percent in 2005 and 81 percent in 2004. Only five of the 40 questions had fewer than 80 percent of respondents answering "good or satisfactory," and none were rated below 70 percent. The 2005 survey had 13 questions where respondents answered below the 80 percent "good plus satisfactory" baseline. Respondents' rankings of items in each of the five partnership categories were higher this year than in 2005. These categories are parenting education, home-school communications, parent involvement, learning at home, and school-family-community. Thanks to parents and guardians for completing these important surveys. Complete results are available by contacting Dr. Ken Hilton at 359-5018 or by e-mailing khilton@rhnet.org.

### Students Can Take Free College Courses

An exciting benefit of attending Rush-Henrietta Senior High School is that qualified students can take college courses at Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Rochester - for free! Please talk with your child about the benefits of taking college classes while in high school, including a head start on a four-year degree and saving thousands of dollars on college tuition. For more information about the program, call Katie Mason, director of counseling, at 359-7954.

### School Meal Accounts Enhanced

Managing school meals is easier in Rush-Henrietta! Starting August 15, parents can make payments to a child's meal account quickly and securely using a new automated prepayment system. The system is available at any time, day or night. It allows you to prepay with your credit or debit card [\$2 convenience fee], review your child's purchases, and provides a low account balance e-mail notification. The \$2 convenience fee is charged by [www.mealpay.com](http://www.mealpay.com), not the school district. The fee is waived if more than \$100 is charged with a credit card. For example, parents can put \$50 on one child's account and \$50 on another child's account, and the fee would be waived. To get started, simply visit [www.mealpay.com](http://www.mealpay.com) and register your child into the K-12 school lunch prepayment system. Make a prepayment to your child's meal account using the secure Web site or by calling 866-735-2783. To use the system, you

will need your child's identification number, which is the same number they receive when they register for school and have been using for lunch already. Rush-Henrietta Food Services is no longer taking credit card calls. Call Joan Weicht, food services director, at 359-5388 with any questions.

### RHMPA Honored with Chamber of Commerce Award

The Henrietta Chamber of Commerce honored the Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association in May during the 2006 Community of Excellence Awards celebration. Each year, the Chamber of Commerce honors individuals and organizations making a significant impact on the economic development and quality of life in Henrietta. The Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association, known as RHMPA, received the Culture and Arts Award. RHMPA is a non-profit organization organized to support music education and music activities for students within the Rush-Henrietta Central School District. The 2006 Community of Excellence Awards was held at the RIT Inn and Conference Center in Henrietta. For more information about the Rush-Henrietta Music Parents Association, contact Debbie Horn (359-2256) or Tracy Joy (359-3197), co-chairs.

### Voters Re-elect Three Board Members

During the Rush-Henrietta Central School District budget vote in May, voters re-elected three members of the Board of Education. Pamela Reinhardt, Sue A. Smith, and Susan E. Banker each began new three-year terms in July. At the annual organizational meeting in July, board members elected officers for the 2006-2007 school year. Mr. Edward A. Lincoln unanimously was named president of the board. Mrs. Susan E. Banker unanimously was named vice president.

### Parent University Set for November

The Rush-Henrietta Central School District presents Parent University from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2006. Parent University applies to all students from preschool to high school. Parents, grandparents, students, teachers, administrators, child care providers, business partners, residents, town leaders, and visitors are invited. The event will be at Rush-Henrietta Senior High School, 1799 Lehigh Station Road, Henrietta. The keynote speaker is Hanoch McCarty, Ed.D., co-author of "A 4th Course of Chicken Soup for the Soul." He will speak about "Becoming a Partner in Your Child's School and Life Success." After the keynote address, attendees are invited to choose two workshop sessions designed to shed light on your child's school and life experiences. Starting September 15, register online for Parent University by visiting the district's Web site at [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org). Further details are available on the front page of this newsletter. For more information, please contact Beverly Burrell-Moore, director of special projects, at 359-5534, or e-mail [bburrell@rhnet.org](mailto:bburrell@rhnet.org).





## Jean Chaudari Named Volunteer of the Year

Jean Chaudari, a quiet, humble, hard-working person who places children first in everything she does, received the Rush-Henrietta Central School District's 2006 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Each year, Rush-Henrietta pays tribute to a volunteer whose contributions to the school district and its students are especially worthy of recognition. Superintendent Dr. Ken Graham presented this year's Volunteer of the Year award to Chaudari. "Her volunteer work includes 20 years of service, and with her youngest daughter in third grade, I predict her tenure will reach close to 30 years of service," Graham says. "You might wonder how someone with six daughters finds the time to volunteer. Jean describes herself as a 'worker bee,' always willing to lend a hand, but she also takes on leadership roles as chairperson of many committees. I imagine she will not feel deserving of this recognition. However, her generous nature and positive contributions on behalf of all Rush-Henrietta children is greatly appreciated and truly warrants this honor." Chaudari also works part-time as a cafeteria monitor at Sherman Elementary School.

The Rush-Henrietta Central School District encourages community residents to become involved with the school system, helping to enhance student learning and the school experience.

With nearly 6,000 students in nine schools, there are numerous opportunities for the civic-minded. "We have wonderful, positive momentum in this school district," says Edward A. Lincoln, president of the Board of Education.



Superintendent Dr. Ken Graham presented Jean Chaudari with the 2006 Volunteer of the Year Award.

## Rush-Henrietta Bus Drivers Recognized



The Rochester Transportation Supervisors' Association recognized Rush-Henrietta's Dana Woolever and Mary Bloss for their professionalism.

Two Rush-Henrietta school bus drivers are among the region's best! Mary Bloss and Dana Woolever each recently received a Professional Pupil Transportation Employee of the Year award.

Bloss, a former 911 dispatcher, is head driver for the Rush-Henrietta Central School District; she is in charge of routing and serves as office manager. A 10-year Rush-Henrietta veteran, she is a key player in creating safe bus routes for the district's nearly 6,000 students. Woolever, a retired vice president of a large architectural firm, has been with the district for three years. He was cited for his good attendance and conscientious approach to the job. Both drivers were nominated by Deborah McGowan, director of transportation.

The Professional Pupil Transportation Employee of the Year awards were given out at an appreciation brunch sponsored by the Rochester Transportation Supervisors' Association.



## Register New R-H Students for School

It's time to ensure that all school-age children living in the Rush-Henrietta Central School District are registered and ready to attend school when classes begin in September.

Students wishing to enter kindergarten in September 2006 must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2006. Students new to the district, those who have moved or left the district and wish to return, and those who have attended a private school, including kindergarten, also must register.

It is important for us to know how many students are attending classes on the first day of school so that we are fully prepared, have ordered appropriate supplies and textbooks, and have created equitable classroom assignments and busing schedules.

Per the district's Balanced Enrollment Policy, if the grade at your child's home school is at capacity after August 1, your child will attend another elementary school for the school year.

Students may be registered only if the appropriate documentation is provided. At the time of registration, please bring the following documents:

- Original birth certificate, passport, or immigration papers
- Recent immunization records from a doctor's office or former school. It is the parents' responsibility to have an English translation, if necessary.
- Proof of residency, defined as a rental or mortgage agreement, school or county tax bill, or monthly mortgage statement. These are the only items acceptable. If the parents do not own or lease, they must complete a residency affidavit with Mrs. Pat Cahill, the district registrar.
- Prior school records, if available. If the student is in special education, it would be helpful to provide an Individual Education Plan at registration.
- If the student is being placed in a group home or foster care, a letter from the placement agency is necessary.
- If the person registering a student is not the parent, the adult must complete required district paperwork and have it approved before registration can occur.

To start the registration process, please contact Mrs. Pat Cahill, district registrar, to make an appointment. She can be reached by calling 359-7957 or e-mailing [pcahill@rhnet.org](mailto:pcahill@rhnet.org); summer hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registering your student is a vital task. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure a smooth start to the school year and your child's education. Together, we are guiding student success ... one child at a time.

## 2006-2007 School Calendar

The district looks forward to welcoming students back to school in September! The annual school district calendar will be mailed in August to homes of all parents who have children attending R-H schools. It is a general guide to events. School-specific information also can be obtained from each of the district's nine schools, or from the district's Web site at [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org).

### September

- 5 Superintendent's Conference Day - Teachers & Paras Report to Work
- 6 Schools Open - First Day of Classes

### October

- 9 Columbus Day [Schools closed]

### November

- 6-7 Superintendent's Conference Days [No school K-12]
- 10 Veterans Day [Schools closed]
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Recess [Schools closed]

### December

- 25-29 Winter Recess [Schools closed]

### January

- 1 Winter Recess [Schools closed]
- 2 Schools Reopen
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday [Schools closed]
- 23-26 Regents & Midterm Exams [High School students attend school by exam schedule only]
- 26 Grading Day [No school K-8]
- 26 First Semester Ends
- 29 Second Semester Begins

### February

- 19-23 February Recess [Schools closed]

### March

- 26 Superintendent's Conference Day [No school K-8]

### April

- 6-13 Spring Recess [Schools closed]

### May

- 28 Memorial Day [Schools closed]

### June

- 12 Last Day of Classes [9-12]
- 13-22 Regents & Final Exams [High School students attend school by exam schedule only]
- 15 Last Day of Classes [6-8]
- 18-22 Middle School Exams [Middle School students attend school by exam schedule only]
- 21 Last Day of Classes [K-5]
- 22 Regents Examination Rating Day
- 22 Graduation
- 25 Last Teacher Work Day



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## *Homecoming 2006 ... Let R-H Spirit Soar!*

Alumni and community residents are invited to join students and staff members for the Rush-Henrietta Central School District's 2006 Homecoming festivities.

As part of Homecoming Weekend, the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council will present the 2006 Distinguished Alumni Award to several deserving graduates Saturday, September 16, 2006. The awards will be presented during the Homecoming football game at Rush-Henrietta Senior High School, 1799 Lehigh Station Road. The community is invited to attend and show your R-H spirit and support for these outstanding alumni.

The Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council was formed this year to foster relationships between the school district and its graduates. To learn more about the council, please see the story on page 8 of this newsletter, or visit [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org) and click on Alumni Center. The Alumni Center offers updates on more than 3,000 Rush-Henrietta graduates, as well as the latest class reunion information. The Alumni Center currently has information regarding reunions for the classes of 1956, 1961, 1980, 1986, and 1996.

Please get involved... and let your R-H Spirit soar! There are many sporting events and other activities scheduled during Homecoming and Spirit Week. For more information, call 359-5200 or visit [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org).