



# Community Newsletter

Rush-Henrietta Central School District Summer 2009

## It's Almost Time for School!

Preparations are underway for the 2009-2010 school year! The following information will help families get ready for the first day of school, which is Wednesday, September 9, 2009. We look forward to welcoming our students back to school for another year full of exciting learning opportunities.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR

The printed version of the *2009-2010 School Calendar*, which will be mailed in early August to the homes of all children enrolled in the district, is also available on the district Web site at [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org). The calendar will help families remain connected to the district throughout the school year. Please refer to it often as it is filled with many opportunities for parental and family involvement. The online version of the calendar will reflect scheduling changes as they may occur throughout the year. For example, dates for state assessments for Grades 3-8 were recently set by New York. Please be aware of these major changes in the state testing schedule for April and May 2010.

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL PREPARATION

The district will maintain a "Back-to-School" section on the Web site, which includes links to a welcome letter from Superintendent Dr. Ken Graham, the student code of conduct, a customizable school calendar, supply lists, lunch menus, summer reading assignments, and more. To access this information, click the "Back-to-School 2009" Quick Link on the home page, or visit [www.rhnet.org/backtoschool](http://www.rhnet.org/backtoschool).

### PARENT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

As part of ongoing efforts to support families, Rush-Henrietta will continue offering online Parent Education Programs on the district Web site, [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org), this school year. With a high regard for input from parents and guardians, the district will continue to produce informative videos based on feedback obtained during a parent survey last fall. These brief videos are available on the district home page and can be accessed at your convenience from home.

### PARENT COMMUNICATION

Rush-Henrietta uses E-News sign-up, allowing parents, guardians, and community members to receive e-mail announcements and news from the district. The district also uses the Connect-ED system, which allows administrators to record, schedule, and send personalized voice messages to thousands of families within minutes. To sign up for E-News, visit [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org) and subscribe to the district and/or E-News listservs of your choice. To make the Connect-ED system as efficient as possible, please enter the contact information you'd like used with this system on your student's blue card at the beginning of the school year. Then, update home, work, and cell phone numbers with your child's school as soon as any changes occur. The district also makes broad use of its Web site to provide up-to-date information. Please visit [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org) regularly for valuable school information any time of day or night. Emergency messages also are recorded on the district's Parent Alert Line at 359-5003. Thank you for your continued support of the district's efforts to enhance communication between home and school.

Our community has a long track record of supporting its schools, and we look forward to building stronger connections with parents, guardians, and families this school year. Thank you for your continued support.

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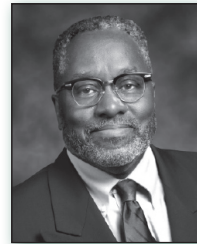
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## 2009-2010 Board of Education Meetings

Tuesdays, 7 p.m., NGA\*

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July 14, 2009	63 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Reorganization/ Regular Meeting	April 27, 2010	Regular Meeting
August 11, 2009	Regular Meeting	May 11, 2010	Final Public Hearing on the Proposed 2010-2011 Budget
September 8, 2009	Regular Meeting	May 18, 2010	Board of Education Election Results, 9 p.m., TOC (Meeting preceded by the Annual Retirement Dinner)
September 22, 2009	Regular Meeting	May 25, 2010	Regular Meeting
October 13, 2009	Regular Meeting	June 8, 2010	Regular Meeting (preceded by the Board Tenure Recognition Ceremony from 5:30-7 p.m.), TOC
October 27, 2009	Regular Meeting	June 22, 2010	Regular Meeting
November 10, 2009	Regular Meeting		
November 24, 2009	Regular Meeting		
December 1, 2009	Program & Service Review		
December 8, 2009	Regular Meeting		
January 12, 2010	Regular Meeting		
January 26, 2010	Regular Meeting		
February 9, 2010	Regular Meeting		
February 23, 2010	Regular Meeting	February 10, 2010	<b>Special Dates</b> Community Forum on the Preliminary Proposed 2010-2011 Budget, 7-9 p.m., TOC
March 9, 2010	Regular Meeting	May 3, 2010	DPAC Candidates' Night, 7 p.m., TOC
March 23, 2010	First Public Hearing on the Proposed 2010-2011 Budget	May 18, 2010	Budget Vote & Board of Education Election, 6 a.m.-9 p.m., TOC
April 6, 2010	Board Adoption of the Proposed 2010-2011 Budget		





## Summer School Offers Additional Learning

The Rush-Henrietta Central School District offered summer school programs in July and August designed to provide children at all grade levels with unique learning experiences that extend beyond the traditional school year. When children experience success during a summer session, it can put them on the path to success in the next school year. Nearly 1,000 students took part.



The High School Summer School Program also serves as an extension of the school year. Students use this time for remediation or acceleration in their coursework. Here, students learn the basics of CPR during a health class.



Summer Math and Reading Time, known as SMART, is an extended school-year learning opportunity that aims to accelerate learning and close achievement gaps for students in grades K-4. The program focuses on developing English language arts and mathematics skills necessary to close student achievement gaps, and standards-based instruction is targeted and tailored to meet individual student needs. The SMART program is designed to work in the confines of smaller class sizes and center-based activities, while offering an active and engaging environment.

The Middle School Summer Program is an extension of Rush-Henrietta's academic intervention services and a continuation of the regular school year's curriculum. The program provides targeted instruction to students who attended grades 5-8 and received academic intervention services during this past school year. The program also provides acceleration opportunities for students in both science and math. Students who are on an accelerated track also received extra support this summer. An Accelerated Science Program is for students who attended grade 7, and the Accelerated Math Program is for students who attended grades 6-7 during the previous school year.

The High School Summer School Program also serves as an extension of the school year. Students used this time for remediation or acceleration in their coursework. Many students are earning credits or pass Regents exams, allowing them to catch up with classmates and graduate from high school in four years. The district also offers a small number of half-credit courses – participation in government, health, driver's education, and economics – that allow for students to remain on track for graduation with their class.

All of Rush-Henrietta's summer programs provide students with the opportunity to benefit from targeted and tailored instruction that will help them develop the skills they need to be successful. We appreciate the community's continued support of programs and services that support student learning all year long. Thank you for partnering with us to guide student success ... one child at a time.



## School District Thanks Business Partners

Dozens of local businesses were recognized in June 2009 during the Rush-Henrietta Central School District's annual Employer Appreciation Reception at the Senior High School. The event provides the perfect forum in which to thank business leaders publicly for their efforts to help students gain valuable work experience and lifelong perspective.

Rush-Henrietta works with members of the business community to offer programs that give students realistic work experiences. Each year, our high school students can take advantage of opportunities made possible by the strong partnerships between the school district and local businesses. We showcased these programs, which include co-ops, internships, and the Teenage Employment Partnership, during the Employer Appreciation Reception. It is important for us to thank local

businesses for going above and beyond the call of duty to make a difference for students.

During the event, Rush-Henrietta students shared their experiences and reflected on the importance of these partnerships. Each employer plays a special role in helping to ensure student success. For example, our Teenage Employment Program partners make sure that the Rush-Henrietta students who work for them are keeping school their top priority, while at the same time experiencing the important learning opportunities associated with part-time work. To learn more about our employment partnerships, see the program from the event and a list of business partners, and to view photos from the employer appreciation reception, please visit [www.rhnet.org/appreciationbreakfast](http://www.rhnet.org/appreciationbreakfast).

### Senior High School Internship Partners

Brighton Dental Group  
Crane Elementary School  
Fyle Elementary School  
Henrietta Emergency Medical Services  
Leary Elementary School and Annex  
Monroe County Department of Public Health  
Monroe County Sheriff's Office  
Rush-Henrietta Ninth Grade Academy  
Rush-Henrietta School-Age Child Care Program  
Studios at Linden Oaks  
University of Rochester Medical Center;  
Strong Memorial Hospital  
University of Rochester School of Medicine  
Walgreen's

### Senior High School Co-op Partners

Arby's  
Canal Town Coffee Roasters  
Champps Restaurant  
Gro-Moore Farms  
Klee's Car Wash  
Old Navy  
Pizza Corner  
Red Lobster  
Regal Cinema  
Rochester Sports and Physical Therapy  
Rush-Henrietta Continuing Education  
Tim Horton's  
Wal-Mart  
Wegmans (both locations)  
Wendy's

### Teenage Employment Partners

1st Priority Federal Credit Union  
Alphagraphics  
Altier's  
Arby's, Marketplace Mall  
BalloonHQ.com  
Barbeque & Pizza Too

Bi-rite Market  
Bill Gray's Restaurant  
Boston Market  
Brad's Cookie Nook  
Brentland Woods ESCL  
Brighton Campus Chiropractors  
Broccolo Tree and Lawn Care Inc.  
Bruster's  
Burger King  
Canal Town Coffee Roasters  
Centre Ice Restaurant at ESL Sports  
Centre  
Champps Restaurant  
Chuck E. Cheese  
Companion Animal Hospital  
Countrymax  
CVS Pharmacy  
David's Bridal Services Inc.  
Delaware North  
Delta Sonic Car Wash  
Diamonds Limousines  
DiBella's Old-Fashioned Subs  
Domenico's Ristorante  
Don's Original  
Don's Navy  
Dorschel Automotive Group  
Dry Clean Express  
Dunkin' Donuts  
Fast Signs  
FDR's  
First Rochester Community Credit Union  
Fox Landscaping Service  
Friendly's  
Gro-Moore Farms  
Henrietta Public Library  
Klee's Mobil  
Limited Too  
Marshalls  
Michelina's Italian Eatery  
Monroe County Fair & Recreation  
Association  
Mykonos Café  
Nu-Look Collision Service  
Old Navy

Outback Steak House  
Panera Bread Company  
Papa John's Pizza  
Peppermint's Family Restaurant  
Petco  
Pizza Corner  
Read's Ice Cream  
Pizza Hut (3 locations)  
Red Lobster  
Regal Henrietta Cinema 18  
RIT Inn and Conference Center  
Rite Aid Pharmacy  
Rochester Brooks Gun Club  
Rochester Sports & Physical Therapy  
Romano's Macaroni Grill  
Rush-Henrietta Central School District  
Schaller's  
Sharel Ventures (McDonald's, 3 locations)  
St. Clair Photo-Imaging  
Suburban Animal Hospital  
Subway  
Jefferson Plaza  
Marketplace  
Sunoco-Gladstone Service  
Tanning Bed, East Henrietta Road  
The Nichols Team  
Tim Horton's  
Jefferson Road  
West Henrietta Road  
Tony Pepperoni's  
Town of Henrietta  
Vallence Septic Service  
VP Supply Inc.  
Vuzix  
Walgreen's  
Wal-Mart  
Wegmans  
Calkins Road  
Hylan Drive  
Wendy's  
Wildwood Country Club  
Woodcrest Commons



## News From Around the District

### Rush-Henrietta Honors Retirees

On May 19, 2009, the Rush-Henrietta Board of Education hosted its annual retirement dinner at the RIT Inn and Conference Center. Representatives from the district and its schools gathered to celebrate the impressive legacy that will be left behind by our dedicated employees who retired this school year. Each of these 15 employees worked for Rush-Henrietta for a minimum of 10 years. Some started their careers in education elsewhere long ago, while others have been serving our community's children right here throughout their entire career. The members of this talented group of retirees have devoted more than 330 combined years of service to our district and its students. The retirees are:

**Susan Alouisa, 21 years**  
**Victor Beauseigneur, 15 years**  
**Linda Dewhirst, 16 years**  
**Margaret Finn, 23 years**  
**Marilyn Frappolli, 16 years**  
**Louise Fredette, 13 years**  
**Christine Gill, 17 years**  
**Joanne Grape, 28 years**  
**Vinita Joshi, 10 years**  
**RoseAnn Lang, 28 years**  
**Rosemary Parsons, 18 years**  
**Thomas Reichert, 38 years**  
**Kathleen Schlede, 31 years**  
**Diane Schwab, 34 years**  
**Sharon Scott, 23 years**

As a reminder of their service to our children and community, each retiree received a crystal apple during the retirement dinner. The crystal apple is given in recognition of each retiree's contributions to support student learning in many different ways. With heartfelt gratitude, we wish each of these retirees much success in the next chapter of their lives!

The district Web site at [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org) continues to strengthen the bond between our schools and families. Because of its easy navigation and frequently updated content, our award-winning site is a model for many school districts. According to results from the 2009 Parent Partnership Survey, the Web site remains a favorite source for those seeking school and district information. The site can be accessed at any time because of its around-the-clock availability, offering maximum convenience to users. In addition to offering popular features such as a customizable online calendar, parent education videos, classroom Web pages, school alerts and closing information, and a searchable staff directory, the district Web site is slated for numerous enhancements this year. Please check the site regularly for these updates, and to stay connected to the district and each of its schools.

### Budget Proposition Overwhelmingly Approved

The Rush-Henrietta community approved the school district's budget proposition June 16, 2009, by a margin of 912 to 355. The proposition was approved by 72 percent of voters. "We're very grateful for our community's continuing support of our school district, its programs, and its services," says Superintendent Dr. Ken Graham. "Thank you, Rush-Henrietta." During the May 2009 budget vote, the community re-elected Susan E. Banker, Pamela Reinhardt, and Sue A. Smith to the Board of Education.

### Graduates Urged to Register Online, Attend Career Day

As part of the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council's continuing outreach efforts, district graduates are urged to visit the district's Web site at [www.rhnet.org/alumni](http://www.rhnet.org/alumni) and register with their respective class. Graduates can search online for friends and classmates by name or by graduation year and review updated reunion information. Information about reunions for numerous classes is posted right now on the district Web site. Alumni are encouraged to participate in a Career Day event this fall. Learn how you can help at [www.rhnet.org/careerday](http://www.rhnet.org/careerday). If you have questions or would like more information, please e-mail Council President Joe Bellanca at [cjbellanca@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cjbellanca@rochester.rr.com), or leave a message for the Alumni Council at 359-5004.

### Make Use of [www.rhnet.org](http://www.rhnet.org)

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



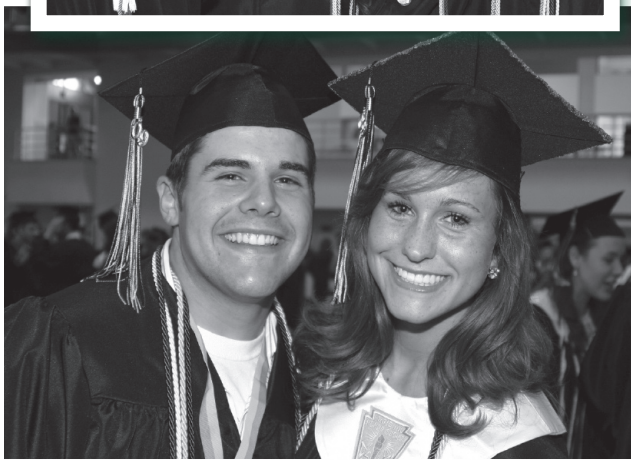
Visit the district's redesigned Web site for comprehensive information about Rush-Henrietta schools. Also, consider subscribing to one of the district's latest services, E-News, which provides brief e-mail notifications, announcements, and reminders about important meetings, activities, and issues. Visit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





# *Congratulations, Class of 2009!*

On June 26, 2009, members of the Rush-Henrietta Class of 2009 took part in commencement exercises at the Rochester Institute of Technology's Gordon Field House and Activities Center. These new graduates met and exceeded some of the most rigorous New York state academic standards in recent memory, and are well prepared for future success. The school district encourages its graduates to keep in contact with the teachers and staff members who have helped guide their success during their years at Rush-Henrietta. One way to keep in touch is by joining the Rush-Henrietta Alumni Council's growing online community at [www.rhnet.org/alumni](http://www.rhnet.org/alumni). We wish each graduate much success, and look forward to hearing from them often.





## Register New R-H Students Now

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

Students wishing to enter kindergarten in September 2009 must be 5 years old on or before Dec. 1, 2009. More information about kindergarten preparation is found at [www.rhnet.org/kindergarten](http://www.rhnet.org/kindergarten). 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, must also register.

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

Please register as early as possible. If the grade at your child's home school is at capacity at the time of registration, your child will be assigned to 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 don't 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 begin the registration process, please contact Mrs. Pat Cahill, district registrar, for an appointment at 359-7957 or [pcahill@rhnet.org](mailto:pcahill@rhnet.org).

## 2009-2010 Calendar-at-a-Glance

The district looks forward to welcoming students back to school on Wednesday, September 9! 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

- 8 Superintendent's Conference Day (Teachers & paras report)
- 9 Schools Open - First Day of Classes

### October

- 12 Columbus Day (Schools closed)

### November

- 11 Veterans Day (Schools closed)
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Recess (Schools closed)
- 30 Superintendent's Conference Day (No school K-12)

### December

- 1 Superintendent's Conference Day (No school K-12)
- 24-31 Christmas Recess (Schools closed through Jan. 1)

### January

- 1 Christmas Recess (Schools closed)
- 4 Schools Reopen
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observance (Schools closed)
- 26-29 Regents & Midterm Exams (High School students attend school by exam schedule only)
- 29 Grading Day (No school K-8)

### February

- 15-19 Winter Recess (Schools closed)

### March

- 19 Superintendent's Conference Day (No school K-12)

### April

- 2 Good Friday (Schools closed)
- 19-23 Spring Recess (Schools closed)

### May

- 31 Memorial Day (Schools closed)

### June

- 14 Last Day of Classes (Gr. 9-12)
- 15-24 Regents & Final Exams (High School students attend school by exam schedule only)
- 24 Regents Examination Rating Day
- 25 Last Day of Classes (Gr. K-8)
- 25 Graduation
- 29 Last Teacher Work Day

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For more information, visit [www.rhnet.org/backtoschool](http://www.rhnet.org/backtoschool)

**Homecoming Weekend and  
Hall of Fame Inductions**

**Friday & Saturday • October 16-17, 2009**

For more information about Homecoming 2009,  
please visit the Rush-Henrietta Central School District Web site.

It will be updated in early September with news about  
homecoming week activities and events.

We'll see you there!