

# The Guardian

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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings all,

I hope you have had an enjoyable summer and are ready to start fresh on September 2nd! There is a lot of information in this newsletter that we believe will be a great resource for you as we begin a new school year. Please keep it for the first few months of school because you will want to refer back to it as the first few weeks of school unfold.

We have also had the opportunity to welcome to the Jonathan Law family a number of new employees. They are: Vanessa Aranda, Paraeducator; Gayle Cianciolo, Paraeducator, Lindsay Ferrera, English Teacher; Lisa Hazelton, Receptionist/Secretary; Gail Hreschak, Foods Teacher; Sharon Kish, Paraeducator, Marla Kosenski, French Teacher; Nancy Murphy, Reading Teacher; Anthony Nigretti, English Teacher, Leslie Pinto, Social Studies Teacher; Kathy Rodriguez, Paraeducator; Kathy Scarinzi, Nurse and Jim Winebrenner, Special Education Teacher. We also will have Stephen Colacchio, Nicole Pirrello and Molly Rosner as Interns. Two teachers will be returning to us: Taryn Cutler, Math Teacher and Mary Raccuia, TV Production Teacher. Each of these individuals brings with them many talents and we are both pleased and excited to welcome them to the Jonathan Law High School team.

Our professional development sessions on August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1<sup>st</sup> will focus on three things: (1) The District's Instructional Plan and JLHS' Academic Improvement Plan; (2) JLHS' introduction to Scientifically Research Based Intervention (SRBI); and (3) our school climate – specifically, Respect and Responsibility. As we begin the process of adapting the new State of Connecticut initiative regarding SRBI, we will attend to our core values of Respect and Responsibility. You will soon receive an invitation via ConnectED to attend one of four informational meetings I am holding for parents. Those dates are: August 17, 19, 25, and 27. Each meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and should last no more than an hour. We will meet in the Media Center, so please stop by and learn about our Academic Improvement Plan, SRBI, and the new addition that was approved earlier this month!

Our ultimate goal at Jonathan Law High School is to provide a superior education for all of our students. In order to achieve this goal we must emphasize:

- Improving the academic achievement of all students.
- High expectations for all students.
- Promoting an excellent school climate.
- Increasing parent involvement.

### **PUT THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR**

- **THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2009 – FRESHMAN ORIENTATION – 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**
- **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009 – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ALL STUDENTS – A FULL DAY**
- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2009 – OPEN HOUSE – 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

I look forward to another productive year at Jonathan Law. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me.

Sincerely,



Janet Garagliano

Jonathan Law High School is a community that exists to maximize the intellectual, the social, and the emotional growth of each student in a safe, stable, supportive environment.