

September 12, 2022

Dear Rye Neck Families,

Our schools are off to a positive start this year. At the High School Open House last Thursday night many parents commented on what a wonderful event it was. The happy, energetic vibe was the product of staff attitude and preparation and our parents' excitement to once again share their children's school experience from the inside. The other three Open Houses are on the remaining Thursdays in September, with MS this week followed by FEB and DW. I hope to see you there.

Another example was the rousing Title IX celebration hosted by Mr. Ceglia and the Athletic Department this past Saturday. This was the 50th anniversary of the law preventing discrimination based on sex in federally funded education programs. This event unique to Rye Neck featured emcee Joan Spedafino and guest speaker and standout athlete Shelly Dabramo O'Malley. A Panther from the class of '72, Shelly had an outstanding high school and college athletic career. She exemplifies the benefits of equity and the rich history of female athletics at Rye Neck.

You will find photographs of school events on our website under "Our District" and "District Events Photos", as well as on each school-specific page.

## **Test of Emergency Mass Notification**

Our experience with Ida last year demonstrated that we never know when we might need to use our emergency Mass Notification system. In case of emergency, inclement weather, or any event that might require you to have important information immediately, we will inform you via email, text, phone, and website alert. Having the correct contact information for our families is therefore critical. We will be sending a *test message* this Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. with a twofold purpose. First, we want to make sure our system is operating as needed. Second, it will serve as an opportunity to correct or add to any of your contact information. If you get no messages, or an incomplete series (phone but not email, for example), please contact Mrs. Dolores Ayaso at either (914) 777-4882 or [dayaso@ryeneck.org](mailto:dayaso@ryeneck.org) with the correct details.

## **Chromebook Insurance**

Referring to the Chromebook insurance information we sent on August 29th, the window to register is open until September 23rd. To participate in or learn more about this **optional** insurance coverage for student devices, please read [Information about Optional Insurance Coverage Pilot Program for Your](#)

[Child's Rye Neck Chromebook](#) for detailed information about this pilot program. You can find more information and the [link to register](#) in the [Application for Parents](#).

Best regards,

Dr. Eric Lutinski  
Superintendent of Schools