



# PAW PRINTS

December 2009

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the mid year of the 2009-10 school year, I want to keep you conversant of important information regarding J.P. Case events and happenings. Please make sure to register at our new website <http://www.frsc.k12.nj.us/jpc/site/default.asp>. Here you will find all pertinent information regarding 8<sup>th</sup> grade matriculation to Hunterdon Central Regional High School, athletic competitions and events, clubs and much more.

I think it is important to share a few highlights from classes that I have visited this past month:

- Our students in Technology Synergistics are working with solar powered car kits and testing wind generated power for usable energy. Truly a sight to see!
- Our students in general music and music excel classes are becoming well acquainted with music and technology. Students are using software instruments to write and create music productions.
- All students in DEAR have become active readers. I have been stopped in the hallway on numerous occasions for students to share what book they are reading.
- In 7<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, students have become living members of the feudal system. Being a part of this real life experience has impacted their appreciation for today's society.

As the school year continues, please know that we value your feedback and are always looking for more parent partnerships within our PTO. For more information about our PTO please see our web site. On behalf of my administrative team we wish you a restful, safe and happy holiday!

Sincerely,  
Bob

## FROM THE COUNSELOR'S CORNER:

### SAVE THESE DATES!!

#### **INTERNET SAFETY EDUCATION for Parents:**

**January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** The Internet continually increases its impact on our lives, and adolescents can be particularly vulnerable to its negative effects. Help keep your children safe and attend our important and informative evening provided in with Hunterdon Prevention Resources!

#### **HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULING:**

**Week of January 4, 2010:** HCRHS Counseling Services will mail Parent Program of Studies Orientation invitation to all 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents/guardians.

**January 20, 2010:** Students will bring home their course recommendation sheets with their teacher course recommendations.

**January 21, 2010:** Student High School Scheduling Orientation at JP Case.

**January 25, 27 & 29, 2010:** Students will participate in a Question & Answer session with the JP Case counselors during their DEAR time to address questions related to high school scheduling.

**January 27, 2010 at HCRHS:** 8<sup>th</sup> grade Parent Program of Study Orientation- HCRHS Auditorium at 6:30pm.

**February 3, 2010 at JP Case:** Math & Science supervisors and JP Case counselors at JP Case for Parent Question & Answer at 7:00pm in the auditorium.

**February 5<sup>th</sup> – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010:** "Home Logic" web based course selection. Students enter course selections electronically, based upon Recommendation/Selection sheet.

**February 17, 2010:** Students must turn in their pink and yellow course recommendation forms to their homeroom teacher by this date. Forms should be turned in completed reflecting their choices from Home-Logic.

### **Please check out our website for more details!**

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## CONSIDER THIS...

Your middle school child is asked to become team captain or enter a poetry contest. Does he hesitate, or jump at the chance? Confidence can make the difference between a youngster who tries new things and one who sits on the sidelines. Try these tips for raising a confident child:

**Highlight the positive.** Suggest that your middle child start a binder to track his achievements. He can include swim meet ribbons, a list of Scout badges, and nice comments from teachers. Leafing through them will remind him of past successes.

**Encourage pep talks.** Teach your child to notice negative thoughts ("I'm not ready for this quiz!") and turn his thinking around ("I'll do my best"). You can help by not labeling him. Instead of "You're so picky," say, "You might like zucchini if you tried it."

**Give sincere praise.** Congratulate your middle grader for his efforts. Try to be specific ("You spent a lot of time on your poem. I love the adjectives"), and avoid exaggerating ("You're the best writer in school!").

## SCHOOL HELPERS

Getting involved in your child's school shows that you care and will encourage him to do his best.

Join the PTO and become involved with the many activities and fund-raising efforts available. Helping with the school store or organizing discount programs with local merchants benefit all students.



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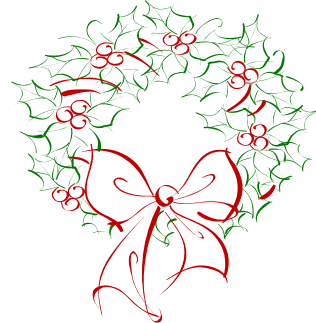


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