

# Hyde Park Central School District Connections

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## Welcome Back to School



### 2023-2024 School Year Off to a Great Start

The 2023-2024 school year at HPCSD is off to a great start so far and teachers and staff worked hard to make an exciting first week for students, as they hopped off the bus and headed to their classes.

On September 7, the first day of school, Superintendent Dr. Pedro Roman greeted RRS students and their families as they were picked up on a morning bus route. Some families even cheered along with Roman celebrating the new year and bus driver Jeff Cady, who has built a great rapport with the students over the years.

At Netherwood, students from all grades participated in fun activities such as reciting positive affirmations to a cool beat, making "First Day of School" crowns and coloring in pictures of apples with their names on them.

*Dear Hyde Park Central School Community,*

I am thrilled that we are off to a fantastic start to the 2023-2024 school year! I would like to thank our families for entrusting our educators and school-related professionals with their most prized possession: our students. Together, we are reaffirming our commitment to putting our students first. This core principle guides us as we embark on this academic journey, whereby our educators will challenge our students with learning experiences that will encourage and foster critical thinking, effective communication, innovation, citizenship, and confidence as learners.

Our collective goal is clear: we will unite and collaborate to ensure that every student has access to the support they require to achieve success and thrive in Hyde Park. We are dedicated to creating an environment where all students feel included, valued, and empowered.

As we progress, I encourage everyone in our school community to engage actively in this mission. Together, we can make a profound difference in the lives of our students. Stay tuned for more updates and exciting developments as we continue this journey of excellence.

With Hyde Park Pride,



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# Red Carpet Rolled Out for Convocation

The red carpet was rolled out, literally, for teachers and staff during a rousing Convocation on September 6 where educational goals were discussed, long-term employees were honored and some of the district's youngest learners shared what they need to succeed this year.



North Park fourth grader Ella Burns, requested guidance and patience from her teachers.

“Slow down and make sure I understand the lesson,” Burns said. “I need you to be patient.”

Roman emphasized the importance of providing students with a safe and inclusive environment and giving them

access and opportunities to school resources. He firmly believes that race, ability, gender, socio-economic status, and/or circumstances should not predict student success.

“By embracing diversity and fostering an environment of respect and empathy we empower our students to flourish as individuals,” Roman said. “We must keep their interest at the forefront of all of our choices.”



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## Hyde Park Happenings

### October 3

Eleanor’s Bookcase sponsored by the Hyde Park Education Foundation at *Valkill 6-8 p.m.*

### October 4

Community Chats at *FDR Library 8 -9 p.m.*  
An opportunity to discuss school-related topics with the board trustees.

### October 6

Go Home Early Drill - All Schools

### October 9

Columbus Day - No School

### October 12

Board of Education Meeting  
*District Office 7 p.m.*

### October 18

Harvest Pops Concert  
*FDR Auditorium 6:30 p.m.*

### October 20

Homecoming Game vs. Red Hook  
*FDR Oval Office Field 7:00 p.m.*



## Football Team Has Two Impressive Wins

FDR’s varsity football team is coming off two impressive wins as it enters its home opener against Monticello on Sept. 30.

“We are looking forward this week to hosting our first home game this Saturday against Monticello,” said Roosevelt football head coach Ken Barger. “We are hoping to continue playing up to our potential and see growth from our freshmen through our seniors.”

After losing their season opener to John Jay, the Presidents defeated James I. O’Neill, 27-7, and Highland, 28-0. Roosevelt, a Class A school playing an independent schedule, defeated the defending state Class C champions in O’Neill.

Barger highlighted the defensive play of Andrew Plant, Tray Bilyou, Lawrence Joyner, and Jahkym Hargrove.

Offensively, he credited the running game led by Presley Kafeero, Peter Williams, Malachi Moore, David Troue, and Mason Cuccia.

“We have been sparked in two areas of play,” said Barger. “Our defense has rallied from opening night to hold two highly productive teams down to only seven points total. Anytime your defense plays that well you have a chance to win. Our running game has exploded as well. We have five players that can hurt teams in the ground game. The offensive line has really started to gel together and has helped turn us into a very strong running team.”

Following Monticello, the Presidents will have road games at Saugerties on Oct. 7 and at Spackenkill on Oct. 13. FDR will host Red Hook on Oct. 20 before playing at John S. Burke on Oct. 28.

### OCTOBER Sports Schedule

- 10/2: JV Soccer vs. Spackenkill 4:15 p.m.  
V Golf vs. Saugerties 4:15 p.m.\*
- 10/3: JV Soccer vs. Wallkill 4:15 p.m.  
V Soccer vs. Wallkill 4:15 p.m.
- 10/4: JV Soccer vs. Wallkill 4:15 p.m.  
V Soccer vs. Wallkill 4:15 p.m.
- 10/5: JV Volleyball vs. Wallkill 4:15 p.m.  
V Tennis vs. John Jay 4:45 p.m.  
V Volleyball vs. Wallkill 5:45 p.m.



- 10/6: V Tennis vs. Saugerties 4:15 p.m.
- 10/7: V Football vs. Saugerties 6 p.m.