

# The Garnet Review

RHS Principal's Monthly Newsletter  
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## From the Principal's Desk

Dear Rye High School Community,

Thank you for taking the time to read the first edition of *The Garnet Review*, a monthly newsletter I'll be sending out that will include important information for the month ahead along with a recap of the previous month's happenings.

This September 2024 edition is a special one for me, as it includes some of the events that will be etched into my memory from my first month as Principal of Rye High School. I have felt incredibly supported and embraced as I've transitioned into this new role, and I cannot thank the countless members of the community enough for their warmth and kindness in welcoming me to Rye.

This Thursday, September 26th, is our RHS Back to School Night. I've already met a lot of parents and guardians at "meet and greets", sporting events, and Parent Organization activities, and I look forward to seeing those parents along with some new faces Thursday evening.

Sincerely,

*Andrew Hara*

## Reminders and Important Information

- ◆ **Final Course Drop Date:** The final student drop date for courses is this Tuesday, September 24th. Click [HERE](#) for more info in the Q1 Counseling Office Newsletter.
- ◆ **Back to School Night:** Click [HERE](#) for the Back to School Night schedule. More Back to School Night info forthcoming in a separate email.
- ◆ **National Honor Society:** NHS members MUST complete ONE of the fall NHS service events, either Dashing for Dylan on October 6th or the Polar Plunge on November 9th. NHS parents should acknowledge the email sent out on Friday, September 20, by completing [this form](#).
- ◆ **11th Grade PSAT Day:** 11th graders who registered to take the PSAT on October 16th should arrive to school at 7:45am. All other students will arrive on a 3-hour delay and arrive at 11am.

## Upcoming Dates

**September 26:** Back to School Night - 6pm

**September 27:** One Hour Delay Start - 9am

**October 3 and 4:** No School - Rosh Hashanah

**October 10:** Counselor Meeting with 9th Grade Parents - 6pm (RMS MPR)

Senior College Application Workshop - 6pm (Media Center)

**October 14:** No School - Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day

**October 16:** PSAT - 11th grade - 7:45am

3 Hour Delay Start - 9th, 10th & 12th grades - 11am

**October 18 and 19:** High School Fall Play - Fri 7pm, Sat 2pm & 7pm

**October 17:** Counselor Meeting with 10th Grade Parents - 6pm (RMS MPR)



## Welcome Back RHS Students!

The RHS Parent Organization Spirit Committee flooded Parsons Street with welcome signs and provided a beautiful balloon arch at the front entrance as high schoolers arrived back to school on September 3rd. Upperclassman Student Ambassadors led orientation for the 9th graders as they participated in icebreakers, toured the high school, and convened in the PAC for their first 9th grade assembly.



## Principal Meet and Greets

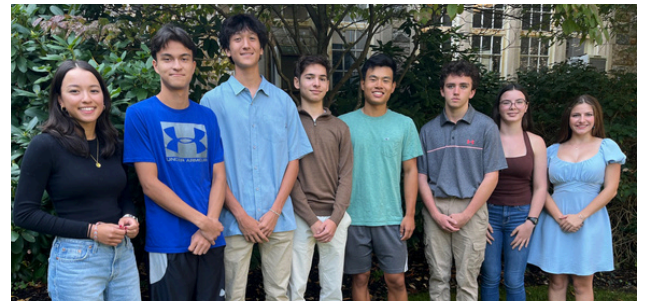
Nearly 150 parents attended a series of four principal “meet and greets” both in-person and virtually. Mr. Hara shared his story as an educator and his vision for the RHS principalship. Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who attended!



## 2024 Activities Fair

Over 30 student clubs reflecting an array of interests, passions, and service opportunities tabled in the front of the school on September 19th. These clubs are fantastic ways for students to try something new and make new friends. It's not too late to join!

You can access more information about our club offerings by clicking [HERE](#).



## RHS National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists

This month it was announced that eight RHS seniors are National Merit Scholarship Program Semifinalists! These students earned the recognition by scoring well on the PSAT/NMSQT test taken during their junior year.

Congratulations to our RHS National Merit Semifinalists as pictured above from left to right: Juliet Rotondo, Alex Gordon, Andrew Chun, Kiran Gounden-Kobes, Bill Chen, Timothy O'Donnell, Andrea Kamander, and Haley Kloepfer.

## Friday Night Lights with a Theme!

The student section at the first two varsity home football games showed up in full force with themed outfits! Students were decked in American-themed red, white, and blue on September 6th vs. Monsignor Farrell and bright neon colors for Neon Night vs. Clarkstown North on September 20th. Rye was victorious both games, so it seems the spirited student section is giving the Garnets a boost!



## Community Lunch with DJ Rob

DJ Rob was on the turntables in the gym during Community Lunch courtesy of the Parent Organization Spirit Committee! The energy was electric, and the new principal (pictured behind the microphone) even got to jump in for a few games with students.



*Thank you for reading!*

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