

# ROCHESTER SCHOOL

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Hello Parents and Guardians of Rochester Middle and High Students,

We have one quarter of the 2011-2012 school year completed! That is hard to believe –time does fly. As we start our 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking period, there are few things we would like to share with Rochester School families.

First, as we mentioned in our last mailing, parents and students are able to **access both their grades and school work** that has been saved in their school “folders”. Please take advantage of these helpful computer opportunities that provide up-to-date information about your son/daughter’s academic endeavors. Another opportunity we offer our middle/high school students is **Homework Club** on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3:00-4:00. Students may choose to stay or teachers may assign a student to Homework Club to help the student keep up to date with their class work.

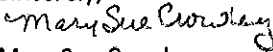
Second, our school has been given a number of **donations** from other schools, business, and individuals. We have been given a lot of school supplies for students and teachers and a fair amount of money. If your child needs a winter coat, gloves, hats, or boots please let Mrs. Crowley, Mrs. Mishkit, or Mr. Henrich know. In addition, we would like to have a parent be a member of our “donation committee”. If you are interested please contact Mrs. Crowley or Mrs. Mishkit.

Third, we will be having **Parent/Teacher Conferences** during the weeks of November 7-10 and November 14-18th. Enclosed in this mailing is a parent/teacher conference form for you to fill out and have your child return to school as soon as possible.

Fourth, as we did around this time last year, we are hearing about a game that students are “playing” called **Bag Tag**. I say “hearing about”, because students are savvy enough to not “play this game” in front of adults. It appears that students, mostly boys, are finding it humorous to hit boys in their private area. Not only is this inappropriate and against school rules, it is very dangerous to the health of the students. Mrs. Gorton, our school nurse, will be meeting with the high school and middle school boys separately to discuss the health repercussions of this “game”. If a student is found to be involved in this behavior they will be given a detention and asked to call their parents to tell them what they have done. Please speak to your child about this unacceptable behavior.

Fifth, as you may have read in The Herald, the Rochester School Board of Directors and our administrative team have decided to postpone the open house, community dinner, and information meeting originally scheduled for November 10<sup>th</sup>. This exciting event will now take place in February, at a date yet to be determined. It was the hope of the board and the administration to showcase the recovery of the facility in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Irene during the open hours. Much progress has been made, but there is still work to do in the high school and auditorium. We look forward to showing our renovated building and meeting with the community for important discussions regarding the future of Rochester school in February.

Note: There is no school on November 11<sup>th</sup>, which is Veteran’s Day.

Sincerely,  
  
Mary Sue Crowley  
Principal

**Special Note:** As stated in our Parent/Student Handbook, Rochester School is a closed campus. Students are not permitted to leave the school building during school hours unless the parent or legal guardian provides a signed and dated note explaining why the student needs to leave and the note is approved by the administration. Please **DO NOT** send notes for your child to walk or drive off campus for lunch or snacks. Thank you.

