

# J. M. S. News. . . by Donald F. Gately

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## Quote of the Week:

"The life I touch for good or ill will touch another life and that in turn another, until who knows where the trembling stops or in what far place my touch will be felt."

*Frederick Buechner*

The opening of school went as smoothly as was humanly possible. Our monthly theme for September is "**Building Community**" and it was gratifying to see the seventh and eighth graders assisting the new sixth grade students with their lockers or just showing them how to get to their next class. I was impressed to see students embrace the effort to **Build Community** in our school. Middle school parents should be proud of their children.

Our thanks to the Board of Education and to the PTSA who each sent opening day "treats" to make coming back to school that much more "sweet."

At our first **PTSA meeting** next week on **September 14<sup>th</sup>**, at **9:00 a.m.**, we will have a preview of the **Rachel's Challenge Program** that will come to Jericho Middle School on October 17<sup>th</sup> and to the High School on October 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be an evening program on October 19<sup>th</sup>. This program will be quite moving and exciting for our students. I encourage you to come to the PTSA meeting to learn more about it.

At the PTSA meeting on September 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be brief presentation by key staff members about their roles in the school. This will be a great opportunity for you to learn more about the many fine programs at our school.

We're off to a great start...Thanks!



## DATES TO REMEMBER

**September 14** PTSA Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Middle School Library.  
**September 19** Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade Guidance Evening Hours,  
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Recognizing that other commitments often make it impossible for parents to find time to meet with counselors during the regular school day, we will continue a program of evening meetings this year. If you would like to meet with your youngster's counselor but are unable to do so during the school day, please call the counselor in order to schedule an evening appointment.

<b>September 20</b>	<b>Learning Center Back-to-School Night - Sixth Grade - 6:00-9:00 p.m.</b>
<b>September 20</b>	<b>Back-to-School Night - Sixth Grade - 7:30 p.m. - Additional information will be emailed to parents.</b>
<b>September 21</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting - Middle School Library - 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>September 22</b>	<b>State Required Emergency Evacuation Drill - Dismissal at 1:45 p.m. All after school activities will be canceled for the day. No student will be permitted to remain in the building.</b>
<b>September 26</b>	<b>SEPTA Meeting - Seaman Elementary School - 7:30 p.m. Speaker: Elaine Lerner, MSW CSW, "Back to School with ADHD"</b>
<b>September 27 &amp; September 28</b>	<b>Middle School Yearbook Portraits - A reminder to all students that you must bring in your picture envelope on the day you are scheduled for pictures. Picture envelopes should be given directly to the photographers. Your team teachers will tell you whether your scheduled day will be September 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>.</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>Learning Center Back-to-School Night - Seventh &amp; Eighth Grade - 6:00-9:00 p.m.</b>
<b>September 28</b>	<b>Back-to-School Night - Seventh &amp; Eighth Grade - 7:30 p.m. - Additional information will be emailed to parents.</b>
<b>September 30</b>	<b>"Homecoming Weekend" 10 a.m.-6:00 p.m.-Homecoming Parade:10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>October 2</b>	<b>Schools Closed</b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>Schools Closed</b>
<b>October 12</b>	<b>Board of Education Meeting - Middle School Library - 7:30 p.m.</b>
<b>October 16</b>	<b>Middle School Progress Reports E-mailed</b>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>Principal's Coffee Hour/PTSA Meetings - <i>Rachel's Challenge</i> - 7:30 p.m. - Auditorium</b>