

**Friends of Lowell High School  
September 2011 Newsletter**

**September 2011 Directors Meeting**

On Sept 12, 2011 the Friends of LHS Board of Directors met. Topics discussed included an alternative start time for the general meetings, concession equipment upgrades, and Finance Committee reviews. The Directors agreed to a change in time for starting the General meetings to 7:00 PM. This will hopefully bring more members to the meetings, get them to conclude earlier, and still leave time for completion of normal business. On the months when the Directors meet, the start time for the Directors meetings will stay the same at 6:00 PM.

Concession equipment upgrades are necessary at Cawley Stadium and it was agreed to purchase a larger pizza warmer. Additional purchases for this year will be reviewed by the Finance Committee to determine what monies might be available for such needs.

The next Directors meeting will be November 14, 2011 at 6:00 PM.

**September 2011 General Meeting**

Following the FLHS Directors meeting the September General meeting was held. Featured speakers were Ed Rozmiarek, Tom Thornton, and Jim DeProfio all of whom gave their overview of the upcoming school year. The Headmaster was happy to announce that scheduling was proceeding quite smoothly and he attributed that to the schedules getting out to the students earlier this passed summer than in previous years. He also announced his new staff appointments which included two new Housemasters, several new guidance councilors, and a full complement of security staff. The Aspen X2 portal will be available for parents to check on their child's progress again this year. Finally the Headmaster announced that he and his staff will be concentrating on reducing the incidences of truancy, tardiness, and class cutting this year.

Tom Thornton announced that there will be voting for class officers for all grades this year as a way to foster more student involvement and organization. The Harvest Ball will take place either November 18 or 19.

Jim Deprofio provided a presentation on the importance of physical education as part of the overall daily curriculum in the high school program.

At the conclusion of the meeting Parent Reps for the various team committees were orientated by members of the FLHS Board of Directors. If you are a Parent Rep for a team or club regardless of which season and could not make the meeting please get in touch with Mike Sullivan or Heather Gregory via the FLHS email, [flhs@lowell.k12.ma.us](mailto:flhs@lowell.k12.ma.us) to obtain your Parent Rep folder.

## **Additional Announcements and Upcoming Dates**

### **From the LHS Calendar**

**Oct. 4 @ 7:00 PM Freshman Parents Night**

FLHS will be speaking at the meeting

FLHS Membership Comm will be hosting a table at the Cafeteria

**Oct. 6 @ 6:00 PM Senior Parent Financial Aid Meeting**

**Oct. 11 @ 7:00 PM FLHS General Meeting for October**

Note the meeting is on Tuesday due to the Columbus Day holiday

**Oct. 20 @ 6:30 PM Merrimack Valley College Fair**

Located in the LHS Gymnasium

**Nov. 3 @ 6:00 PM LHS Distinguished Alumni**

**Nov. 17 @ 7:00 PM LHS Athletic Hall of Fame Induction**

### **From the FLHS Calendar**

**Oct. 15 @ 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM LHS Rowing Recycle Day**

See attachment for details