

Welcome all Garfield Families!

September is here and we're excited to start the 2009-2010 school year. Workmen have been putting "finishing touches" throughout our building this summer and the staff is gearing up for our students. The bulldog spirit is alive and well!

Enclosed in this packet you'll find lots of information and forms, plus tips on many ways you can support Garfield students and teachers. The Garfield community thrives by all of us pitching in where and when we can – we encourage all families to find a way to get involved that works for you.

Upcoming dates to put on your calendar:

- * September 9th @ 8:00 am: NEW school start and end time (2:30 pm)
- * September 10th @ 6 pm: 9th Grade BBQ -- and stay for the not-to-be-missed Girl's Volleyball Game!
- * Sept 19th @ 7 pm Fall Sports Information Meeting: coaches, parents, athletes
- * September 21st PTSA General meeting - everybody invited
7:00 pm Navigating Garfield: Student, Parent and Teacher Panel
7:30 – 8:30 pm PTSA General Meeting
- * October 1st @ 7 pm: Open House-Curriculum Night (attend the Sports Booster's Spaghetti Dinner at 6pm)
- * October 8th @ 7 pm Evening with the Counselors
- * Oct 13th @ 6:15 pm Tom Newell of NCAA for ALL athletes, coaches, staff
- * March 19th All School Auction at The Armory

We know keeping track of what's happening at Garfield is a challenge for parents, students and teachers. Here are a few different ways to stay informed:

GHS Website (<http://ghs.seattleschools.org>) An outstanding source of information about everything going on at GHS.

GHS Tracks (<http://ghstracks.blogspot.com/>) New this fall, the PTSA is launching Tracks, a blog intended to give parents additional help finding essential information about Garfield.

Garfield Notes A non-PTSA Yahoo group e-mail list providing information for and from parents, teachers and staff at GHS. To subscribe send your name to garfieldnotes-subscribe@yahoo.com.

The Bark A monthly PTSA newsletter that covers school and PTSA news. Find current and back issues under PTSA on the Garfield website.

The Messenger The student-written and produced newspaper available on-line on the Garfield website as well as by subscription.

Here's to a fabulous year in the doghouse!

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