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## In This Month's Newsletter:

- School-specific Updates & News
- Back to School Night & Photo Day Reminders
- Membership Information for the 2023-24 School Year
- Current Volunteer Opportunities
- Fall Sportswear Sale Details
- Reflections Contest Details

Welcome back to Garden City! On behalf of our PTA, we hope you're off to a great start in the 2023-24 school year. I am deeply honored and genuinely thrilled to serve as your PTA president, alongside an exceptional group of parent volunteers on our [PTA Executive Board](#). The Garden City PTA is committed to building strong connections between home and school, where parents and teachers collaborate to nurture the educational, social, and emotional well-being of all our children.

September has kicked off with a flurry of activity, and PTA volunteers are everywhere you look! We welcomed back our dedicated faculty and staff with a bagel breakfast and adorned all seven schools with banners and balloons to celebrate the first day of school. PTA volunteers can be spotted assisting with [school picture days](#), managing our [fall sportswear sale](#), and gearing up for Back to School Nights. I'd like to extend special thanks to this year's building directors, grade representatives, and class parents, who ensure a seamless start to the school year.

Our PTA thrives on the generosity and dedication of parent involvement. If your schedule doesn't allow for volunteering, your gift of membership enables us to provide exceptional support and programs districtwide. [Be a member](#) first and foremost, and contribute your time when you can. If you're interested in [volunteering](#) for one of our many committees, please reach out to your [school director](#).

Looking ahead to October, the PTA is buzzing with plans for Spirit Week (October 16th-21st) and is eagerly collecting submissions for the [National PTA Reflections contest](#), themed "I am Hopeful Because...". We're also thrilled to announce that Laura Campbell will be at the All-Schools PTA Meeting on Wed., Oct. 18, to discuss Anxiety & Wellness. Keep an eye on your inbox for more information – this is an event you won't want to miss! Visit our social media channels and website regularly to stay updated on events and programs within and around our schools.

I sincerely thank you for your unwavering support of the Garden City PTA. If there's ever a way we can be of assistance to you or your child, please do not hesitate to contact me at [president@gardencitypta.org](mailto:president@gardencitypta.org).

**Donna Kraus**  
PTA President

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## STAY INVOLVED

# Check Out the News in Your Schools!

Click the links below to read all the latest updates for each school in the District, updated monthly by each school's PTA Directors. There is a place for everyone in the PTA!

- [Hemlock](#)
- [Homestead](#)
- [Locust](#)
- [Stewart](#)
- [Stratford](#)
- [Middle School](#)



- [High School](#)



It's more than just good *Karma* to join the Garden City PTA. We have a *Reputation* for doing things *All Too Well*, in all seven GC schools, all year long!

As one of the only districtwide PTAs in New York, your annual membership covers all of your children, allowing us to limit our fundraisers and provide valuable programs for all. From school grants and program support to student recognition and parent education events, we cover it all.

So...are you *Ready For It*? [Join or renew your annual PTA membership today](#) and get this *Love Story* started!

**Join or Renew the Garden City PTA Today!**

## **VOLUNTEER**

### Love to Host Dinner Parties?

Are you known for your incredible dinner parties and hosting abilities? Show those skills off to the entire town by volunteering with our PTA Dinner Committee! This annual event is our largest fundraiser and critical to our success each year! If you're interested in getting involved, email PTA President-Elect Elizabeth Cendan at [presidentelect@gardencitypta.org](mailto:presidentelect@gardencitypta.org).



We are very lucky to be in a school district that values parent collaboration and works closely with PTA committees to make a difference for our children. We invite you to [join one of the many PTA committees that help shape our children's academic experiences!](#)

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## **READY TO SMILE** School Picture Days Underway

School photo days began last week and will continue throughout the month of September. Mark your calendars with the dates below, including make-up dates!

- **Primary Schools:** September 14
- **Elementary Schools:** September 15
- **Middle School:** September 14-15 (during gym)
- **High School:** Complete

Make-up photos will be captured on November 3.

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- **Stewart** - September 13th starting @ 6:30pm
- **Middle School** - September 14th starting @ 6:15 pm
- **Hemlock** - September 18th starting @ 6:30pm
- **Homestead** - September 20th starting @ 6:30pm
- **Locust** - September 21st starting @ 6:30pm
- **Stratford** - September 28th starting @ 6:30pm

*Note: GCHS Back to School Night was conducted on Sept. 7*

# GC PTA SPORTSWEAR 2023

# FALL ONLINE SHOP!

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THROUGH **SEPT. 25**



Exciting New Styles:  
Sweats, Pants, Hats,  
Totes, & more.



Ship to Home Option



Pick Up: **Sat., Nov. 4,**  
**9am - 12pm**

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## REFLECTIONS Annual Contest Set to Begin!

For over 50 years, students have been creating original works of art that Reflect their hopes, their feelings, and worlds. This year's *Reflections* theme is "**I am Hopeful Because...**" The **National PTA Reflections Program** welcomes students of all grades and abilities to explore and be involved in the arts. Students reflect on a theme and create original works of art in the areas of Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts. Students earn positive recognition for their achievements. [Click for details](#) to get your own student started on this year's entry!

If you are interested in volunteering for this year's Reflections Program, please contact **Wa Phung** and **Hana Noble** at [reflections@gardencitypta.org](mailto:reflections@gardencitypta.org).

## EVENT & MEETING SCHEDULE Mark Your Calendars!

The Fall PTA meeting schedule has been published on our [website](#) and is included below. Mark your calendars now and join us to get the school year off to a great start!



- **September 19 | 9:15 am** - High School
- **September 20 | 9:15 am** - Middle School
- **October 3 | 9:30 am** - Hemlock
- **October 6 | 9:30 am** - Stewart
- **October 12 | 9:30 am** - Stratford
- **October 13 | 9:30 am** - Locust
- **October 17 | 9:30 am** - Homestead

- **October 18 | 7:00 pm - All Schools**
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**GARDEN CITY  
SEPTA** **GENERAL  
MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING**

**Thursday, September 21st  
10:00 AM  
Stratford Elementary School**

**TOPIC: IS MY CHILD MAKING  
ENOUGH PROGRESS?**

*Join us for our first general membership meeting of the year with guest speaker Jen Schwartz from Long Island Advocacy Center.*

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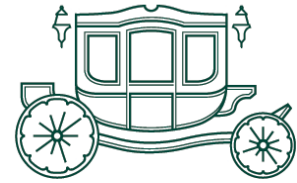
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The Garden City PTA is thrilled to be supported by wonderful sponsors from across our community and Nassau County year after year. We've begun a new year of sponsor activity, and welcome all Garden City businesses who want to support the PTA year-round. More information on the sponsor program can be found [on our website](#) or by emailing [sponsorships@gardencitypta.org](mailto:sponsorships@gardencitypta.org).



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