

Palos Verdes High School



The Wave



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A Message From The Principal

PVHS Parents;

I would like to discuss the topic of substance abuse because it is on the mind of parents throughout the high school years. This is something that has to be regularly revisited at all high schools. I have worked at four different high schools on "The Hill" over the last 30 years. The only way to approach this is with a heavy dose of education, parent awareness, publication of what the rules are, and then consistent enforcement of the rules when there are violations. Students need to know how to deal with drugs and alcohol in high school because the problem can get much worse in college when students are on their own.

Drugs and alcohol infractions are currently handled at both high schools with a 3 day suspension, police citation for possession of drugs or being under the influence, possible arrest for possession of drugs if beyond a minimal amount, and then an 8 week suspension from all extra curricular activities. A 2nd infraction during the 4 year high school career means a transfer to another high school in the district. Sale of drugs calls for expulsion from the school district. Alcohol is easier to detect as we have a breathalyzer and zero tolerance is the rule.

As of this writing we are waiting for Board of Education approval on March 24 to bring a drug sniffing dog onto our campus. This will not completely solve the problem but we are hoping that the deterrent effect will be powerful. The PVE Police have a trained dog and they are happy to work with us. Students will be clearly warned and educated on this topic before it goes into effect and there will be an evening meeting for parents. We want to get this started before the end of the school year.

Parents, here are a few tips from an administrator who has dealt with this topic in this district for many years. Do not ever think it cannot happen to your children. Knowing your child's friends is very important. Knowing where your kids are and who they are with is very important. Do not ever think your kids do not lie. Young people will lie when scared or in trouble – learning right from wrong and learning to be truthful is part of growing into adulthood. Discussing drugs and alcohol at home is important. Let your kids know your expectations. The greatest error of all is to let young people drink alcohol (or heaven forbid use drugs) at home because you think they are safe and supervised.

Parenting is the hardest job there is. Do not ignore the warning signs. Contact a school counselor or administrator if you have concerns and need help. Professionals are available to assist. Let's work together to get your kids safely and successfully through high school and prepare them for the next step.

~ Chris Bowles, Principal

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From the PTSA President:

Rumors can be true or false. They can be shared in a good faith effort to provide the best information a person has on a topic or with intent to do harm. Is it just me, or does it seem that the false and harmful rumors seem to be told more often? And, as to PVHS, I have been hearing a growing number of rumors that are flat out lies. Without going into the motivations for these rumors, here is one I heard just yesterday: "Very few of the seniors at PVHS were accepted to the college of their choice." This lie was passed in a line at a local coffee house (a classic spawning ground for untruths). Without being asked to participate in the conversation, but with the conviction that certainly people want to know the truth, I joined the conversation. Well, actually, I began by suggesting to the two rumor mongers that they were glaringly wrong and that they should be ashamed for even speaking such a lie. Next, having warmed them up to me, I provided some of the facts that are repeated in this letter so you too can have the fun of participating in conversations in which you are not welcome. Or, maybe, you will actually have conversations in which everyone truly wants the truth about PVHS.

The facts are that the college acceptances for PVHS seniors are phenomenal this year and there are a good number of students that have been accepted to Ivy League Schools. We have students accepted to each of the Ivy's. Our admission rate for the University's of California, including UCLA and Berkeley, continues to be well above the national average. Students are going all over the United States including popular choices USC, Arizona, Oregon, Washington, New York, Michigan and all of the Cal State Schools. Truth be told, 98% of our graduating class will attend a 4 year University or Community College.

Think of the past few years our teachers, counselors and staff have had. There have been budget cuts, pink slips and layoff notices. Can you imagine having a job where you get laid off at the end of the year-even if you have done an excellent job? Imagine you get that layoff notice, but you are expected to continue working for two and a half months, doing your job to the best of your abilities. I cannot even begin to fathom this type of career. Yet our teachers do this and have been going through this for the past 4 years. Yet, with all of this hanging over their heads, look at the results; look at all of the great things PVHS's teachers have helped our kids to achieve. This is what should be talked about.

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So let me list a few of our student's accomplishments just in the month of March alone:

Our Live from 205 programs won 10 awards, including 3 first place awards at the National High School Video Production Convention which encompasses 1400 students from 120 High Schools representing 32 states. One of our student winners was selected to act as a presenter at the awards ceremony.

At the California Scholarship Federation (CSF) South Central Regional Conference at Loyola Marymount University, two Palos Verdes High School CSF students were named Life Members and were among the ten Seymour Memorial Award regional finalists presented to conference attendees. Each finalist was presented with an award in recognition of their leadership, academic achievement and community service, and one PVHS student life member was announced as the overall winner of the prestigious Seymour Award, one of the five in the state.

PVHS's Drama Students attended Fullerton's College High School Theater Festival, the largest High School theater festival in the Western United States. Over 70 schools participated in the festival. Seven of our student's pieces made it into the finals-more than any other school.

At the Palos Verdes Science Fair, Palos Verdes High School students took home 1st and 2nd place awards in Behavioral and Social Science, 1st place in Environmental Science and top honors in Math, Sustainable Development and Psychological Association.

Our Palos Verdes Institute of Technology (PVIT) program is preparing for regional competition in Long Beach in May. This year, the top 2 teams will compete at international competition in June. It will take place at Neutral Buoyancy Lab (NBL) at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston. In 2010, we won 2nd place in regionals. In 2008, our team won 1st in regional's and competed in international competition in San Diego-where they competed against teams from all over US and half dozen from other countries.

And one last thing I think is really cool, a photo of our PVIT robot from the National DARPA program, an Acura MDX, which students named the "Doom Buggy", is hanging in the Smithsonian. We were the only High School in the Nation to have a car in the DARPA Competition!

Getting back to the recent rumor, I left the coffee house and the two women scratching their heads (I think that is what they were doing), no doubt wondering what had just happened during their morning gab fest. In contrast, I knew what was going on-the tide is beginning to change for PVHS and the news is good. Please share the truth of all of the good things our teachers, counselors and support staff do to provide our kids with the best education possible. Those are the things worth talking about. So next time you are out and about town, start a true rumor with one of these recent facts about PVHS. Help spread the "Good News" and forget about being humble-go ahead and brag!

~Julie Robinson, PTSA President

Agenda
PVHS PTSA General Association Meeting
April 26, 2011

“A Beacon for Success”

Welcome and Call to Order

Executive Vice President-Sue St.Denis

Pledge of Allegiance

President – Julie Robinson

Welcome Chris Bowles/Nick Stephany

Introduction of New Principal for PVHS

Kristen Huber-ASB

Trista Ramirez-Counseling Center

Teri Kuwahara- College and Career Center

Announcements

Kristin Curren- PEF Representative

Treasurer – Sarah Stromme

Treasurers Report

Financial Secretary– Vicky Mar

Financial Secretaries Report

Recording Secretary-Kathy Hopkins

Approval of Minutes

Corresponding Secretary – Eunjoo Pacifici

Notes to read

1st VPs – Mary Ingram and Heidi Kashyap

Honorary Service Awards and PTA Installation

Friday, May 20th 12pm in the MPR

Spring Gifting-waiting on needs from administration

2nd VPs – Julianne Sasso and Ann Thurman

End of the Year Teacher Appreciation luncheon

3rd VPs –Sue Hargrave and Sue Wilkinson

Challenge Day-dates set October 19-22, 2011

The Admission Game Assembly-result

4th VPs – Chrysa Brothers and Allyson Decker

Spring Disaster Drill: Results

Educating the Students on what to do during a Lock Down Drill

MADD Car- Yellow Ribbon Week (May 16-17)

5th VP s – Helle Catallo, Liz Duvall and Helaine Lopes

The Newsletter-online

New articles due by the end of the month

6th VP – Kathy Compton, Sheila Kafka and Pam Secor

Sea King Merchandise Sales-Sell to incoming 9th graders

Parliamentarians - Jill Shoemaker Edwards

Historians – Dolly Reid and Daniéle Boodee

Auditors – Stephanie Galletti and Michelle Mueller

Legislation Reps – Sherry Cicchetti and Karen Bird

Capitol Convoy- Students to speak on the experience

**MINUTES OF THE PVHS PTSA GENERAL MEETING
MARCH 22, 2011
MEETING LOCATION – PVHS MPR
PRESIDING OFFICER – JULIE ROBINSON, PRESIDENT**

Welcome and Call to Order: 9:25am

Attendance: 30 present

Principal's Report - Chris Bowles

Catch the Wave – Expect to clear as much as \$150,000 in proceeds

Budget Update – The result of upcoming June statewide election, to extend certain taxes that affect funding for schools, will dictate the severity of our district's fiscal situation.

Band Dept improvements are planned such as larger seating area, instrument storage area, and the following year hope to work on MPR improvements. Booster club will be driving this but some help may be asked of the PTSA.

Anticipate having a 'drug sniffer dog' on campus which is up for approval at the next Board of Education meeting.

Recruitment for new PVHS principal is underway

PVHS is approaching its 50th anniversary. A commemoration is to be planned.

Incoming class is about 380 students (about 100 less than last year). API test scores and departure of current principal may partly be the cause.

Counseling Department

Scheduling paperwork has been mailed home. Students should return scheduling form and register for next year classes on Naviance.

Discussed 'safe school' counseling that is available at PVHS

"What Every Freshman Parent Should Know" presentation is to be scheduled

"Kind Campaign" – focuses on girl bullying. Currently planning a 'Kind Week'. PTSA provided funds for bracelets in support of this program.

Activities Director

Diversity/Equality Week – Promote awareness of religious, gender, cultural and ethnic diversity. April 15.

ASB elections – April 26-27

Class Competition – "Star War" theme – April 25th – Big focus on Star Testing

Japan Disaster – \$22 for t-shirt and dance ticket

College Career Center – Terri Kuwahara

FAFSA information is available from CCC. Harbor College is presenting 'Cash for College'

April 11 – Speaker – 'Admission Game' by Mr. Van Buskirk, author of 'Winning the College Admission Game'

President's Report-Julie Robinson

"The Admission Game" presentation will be Monday April 11, 2011, 6:30pm at PVIS School Auditorium

Costume Closet – PVHS received \$2,100 for efforts of our volunteers

1st VPs – Mary Ingram and Heidi Kashyap

Giftng – Have gifted over \$75,000 and all has been spent to date. Will be doing a giftng session later this spring.

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Treasurer – Sarah Stromme

Treasurer's Report dated February 1-February 28, 2011 was submitted for audit.

MOTION MADE by Sarah Stromme to ratify checks #1165-#1184 and \$20,000 transfer to checking totaling \$19,534.40. Seconded and carried.

MOTION made by Sarah Stromme to increase the 3rd VP – SAT/ACT Workshop budget by \$2,300 to \$15,300. Seconded and carried.

MOTION made by Sarah Stromme to release the following: 3rd VP – SAT/ACT Workshop Prep for \$2,300 and Organization – State Convention for \$1,500 totaling release of \$3,800. Seconded and carried.

Parliamentarian – Jill Shoemaker Edwards

MOTION was made by Jill Shoemaker to adopt the new bylaws including adding the EVP as a check-signer, changing the Board review of the audit report to September from August, and allowing early adoption of audits if the auditor has them ready early. Seconded and carried.

MOTION was made by Pam Secor that we adopt the slate of Officers for 2011/2012 as presented below. Seconded and carried.

Slate of Officers for 2011/2012	
President	Sue St. Denis
EVP	Lisa Tellenbach
1 st VPs	Sherry Cicchetti and Helen Hitzel
2 nd VPs	Song Cho Klein, Allison Mayer
3 rd VPs	Irene Alvarado, Kelly Ely, TinTin Delphin Overbeek
4 th VPs	Chrysa Brothers, Alyson Decker
5 th VPs	Daniele Boodee
6 th VPs	Kathy Compton, Vicky Mar, Pam Secor
Recording Secretary	Kim Rutledge
Financial Secretary	Sue Hargrave, Kathy Hopkins
Treasurer	Sarah Stromme
Auditor	Stephanie Galletti, Michelle Mueller
Historian	Jane Mehra, Dolly Reed
Legislation Representative	Helaine Lopes

Historian – Dolly Reid and Daniele Boodee

Collective hours for PVHS PTSA volunteers for period March 2, 2010 to February 28, 2011 totaled 7,195.

Auditors – Michelle Mueller and Stephanie Galletti

MOTION MADE by Michelle Mueller that we adopt the audit report for the periods Nov. 1, 2011 to February 28, 2011 for the Opus checking account and Savings account. Seconded and carried.

Legislation Representative – Karen Bird and Pam Secor

Capitol Convoy went well. Eight from PVHS attended. Talked on four lobbying points focusing mainly on funding.

Recording Secretary – Kathy Hopkins

MOTION MADE by Kathy Hopkins to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2011 General Meeting. Seconded and carried.

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Corresponding Secretary – Eunjoo Pacifici

Thank you note was received from the Costume Closet for all the volunteer help

2nd VPs – Julianne Sasso

Teacher Appreciation Lunch was held Friday, March 18. Lisa's Bon Appétit was served with a St. Patrick's Day theme.

3rd VPs – Sue Hargrave and Sue Wilkinson

Challenge Day will be held next school year on Oct. 19-22, 2011

'The Admission Game' will be Monday, April 11, 2011 at 6:30pm at the PVIS auditorium

4th VPs – Allyson Decker and Chrysa Brothers

Spring Disaster Drill was held March 18th. It was a lockdown drill. Results were discussed and it was mentioned that many students did not know what to do.

Adjourned at 11:00am

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Hopkins
Recording Secretary



Thank You!

for chairing events honoring our teachers & staff!

Mary Ingram & Judy Matsuda

(Teacher's Welcome Back Luncheon)

Heidi Sampson & Hilary Waxler

(Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon)

We appreciate everything you do for our school!

Julianne Sasso & Anne Thurman

2nd V.P.'s

CAPITAL CONVOY

by

Karen Bird, Sherry Cicchetti & Pam Secor

Each Spring, the PVP Council of PTAs and most PTA units send a group of school administrators, school board members, teachers, parents and students to Sacramento. The purpose of this Capitol Convoy is to lobby our State legislators and inform them about issues vitally important to us.

Samira Damavandi, Christine Chen, Joshua Chiang, Jennifer Lopes and Christina Schoellokopf were the amazing students chosen from the more than 25 applications received from PVHS students. Rounding out the PVHS contingency were Terrence Cormier (teacher), Karen Bird (leg rep), Pam Secor (leg rep), Daniele Boodee (parent) and Helaine Lopes (parent).

The Convoy divided into 9 lobbying teams - each team of 5 members included a student, a teacher or principal and a parent - the teams met with members of the Education and Budget committees of both the Senate and Assembly over March 15 and 16th, presenting lobbying points as approved by the PV School Board. Having our students speak to the legislators was very powerful as they discussed how the budget decisions they make directly impact their lives and education.

Various speakers were also part of the program - from the Sacramento Bee columnist Dan Walters to California State Controller John Chiang to State Senator Rod Wright - and the group was treated to a private tour of the Assembly floor.

Thank you to the PTSA for supporting this important program. Please contact the PTSA if you know any students, teachers, parents or administrators who might be interested in participating in Capitol Convoy 2012.

CAPITAL CONVOY



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

from 4th VP's
Chrysa Brothers &
Allison Decker

Attention all Sea King Students and Parents!!

Testing 1,2,3...

In the event of an emergency...

This is a test of the disaster lock-down plan...

In case you were not aware, PVHS recently held a practice Lock Down Drill. It was held during passing period @ 10am. Many students either did not hear the alarm and instructions or simply thought they did not have to participate. During this type of drill, students are to enter the closest room and take cover. We are hoping that with help from the "Live from 205" team that we can further educate the students before the end of the year with an important focus on the various types of drills and alarms that all of our students should be aware of and comply to. In the meantime, we would appreciate if you would discuss the importance of these types of drills with your student(s). Our main goal is to keep PVHS kids safe in any emergency event!



 **We can ALL be kind!** 

Yellow Ribbon week @ PVHS focused on being kind and also making amends to friends and loved ones as needed.

Apology cards proved to be cathartic and very moving for some students. Many students attended the assembly and some young women from PVHS want to take this message to the middle schools for the younger girls. SEA KING students stepping to the plate and serving our community!

Many thanks to our fabulous Activities Directors **Kristen Huber and Jama Maxfield** who made this week possible.

MESSAGE FROM OUR 6TH VP'S:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

PLEASE HELP PVHS EARN \$\$\$ BY VOLUNTEERING AT THE COSTUME CLOSET ... WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE !!!

KIND REGARDS, KATHY COMPTON, SHEILA KAFKA & PAM SECOR



- The Costume Closet volunteers raised \$18,000 which were distributed to Council and the units at the Palos Verdes Peninsula Council of PTAs annual meeting March 18, 2011. Please check your newsletter for the list of the volunteers who helped raise funds for your PTA/PTSA.
- Volunteers are needed for Inventory the weeks April 11-23, 2011. This is another fun way to earn funds for the student programs in your school!
- **Cash and checks only, no credit cards.**
- **Hours:** Monday, Thursday and Friday- 1-5 p.m.
Wednesday- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Closed Tuesday and Sunday
- Location- 300 "D" Paseo Del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274
- Distributed funds benefit the PVPUSD schools via PTA/PTSA Units.
- Contact Judy or Peggy at 310-378-5005 for questions regarding the Costume Closet.

THANK YOU THANK YOU

WHAT AN EVENT! THE ANNUAL CATCH THE WAVE FUNDRAISER WAS QUITE A SUCCESS. OUR PV HIGH FAMILIES, STAFF AND FRIENDS HAVE DONE IT AGAIN! WITH OVER \$70,000 IN SPONSORSHIPS, THIS ANNUAL FUNDRAISER IS EXPECTED TO CLEAR \$125,000! IT WAS A SELL OUT CROWD AGAIN THIS YEAR, AS WE PARTIED LIKE THE RAT PACK AT TRUMP NATIONAL GOLF CLUB. THIS IS ALL DUE TO THE COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT OF OUR PVHS FAMILIES, TEACHERS, THE COMMUNITY AND OUR CTW COMMITTEE. THE PVHS BOOSTER CLUB SUPPORTS **ACADEMICS, ARTS AND ATHLETICS** WHICH MEANS ALL OF OUR STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM THE SUCCESS OF THIS WONDERFUL EVENT.

THE EVENING STARTED WITH A COCKTAIL PARTY/SILENT AUCTION IN THE FOYER. MANY TEACHERS ATTENDED, AND IT WAS GREAT TO SEE THEIR SUPPORT AND ENTHUSIASM FOR OUR SCHOOL. THERE WERE A LOT OF WONDERFUL AUCTION ITEMS TO CHOOSE FROM; THE 2011 GRADUATION SEATS AND THE 2011-2012 PARKING SPOTS WERE A FAVORITE. DINNER WAS DELICIOUS AND THE CASINO PORTION WAS A BIG HIT AS GAMBLING ALWAYS PROVIDES FOR GREAT ENTERTAINMENT. GUESTS BOOGIED, CHATTED AND GAMBLED THE NIGHT AWAY KNOWING OUR PVHS STUDENTS, YET AGAIN, WILL BE WELL PROVIDED FOR BECAUSE OF THE GENEROSITY OF PARENTS, PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY AND OUR TEACHERS.

THE PALOS VERDES HIGH SCHOOL BOOSTER CLUB WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND WARM THANKS TO ALL WHO SPONSORED THE EVENT, DONATED AUCTION ITEMS, BID ON AND PURCHASED AUCTION ITEMS FROM EITHER THE ON-LINE PORTION OR SILENT AUCTION, ATTENDED THE EVENT, OR HELPED WITH THE PLANNING OF THIS WORTHY FUNDRAISER. SPECIAL THANKS TO THE "CATCH THE WAVE" CO-CHAIRS, SANDY FISLER AND SUZANNE DYER. IT HAS YET AGAIN BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL CATCH THE WAVE DUE TO CONTRIBUTIONS AND SUPPORT OF OUR PV HIGH "FAMILY"!

TRITONS UP!!!





The Broadway hit, *Urinetown: The Musical*, will be presented by the Drama Department for seven performances, April 15 - 23. Winner of three Tony awards, including best book and score, the musical is a hilarious, satirical tale of greed, corruption, love and revolution in a time when water is worth its weight in gold.

Urinetown is set in a futuristic city where a 20-year drought has forced corrupt city officials to come up with a unique way to conserve water: all private bathrooms are banned and the citizens must use public pay toilets regulated by a monopolistic company. Those caught breaking the law are arrested and sent to the mysterious "Urinetown," never to be seen or heard from again. Amid the townspeople, a heroic custodian decides he's had enough, and plans a revolution to lead everyone to freedom.

The imaginative and gleefully irreverent show satirizes capitalism, bureaucracy and politics, as well as every conceivable musical and theatrical convention with biting humor. Fifteen catchy songs add to the infectious zaniness of the play.

"*Urinetown* is a brilliant spoof of the great American musical," says drama teacher Nicole Thompson, who directs the production. "The show is also rich with social commentary about the American economy, the division between rich and poor, and the way we abuse the environment we depend upon. The themes are thought-provoking and extremely timely since the politics concerning water conservation are becoming increasingly important in the world today."

Thompson is pleased that the show will also serve a charitable purpose again this year by collecting toiletries for the homeless such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste and deodorant, at every *Urinetown* show. The toiletries will be delivered to People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) for distribution. The non-profit community organization serves 14,000 homeless people from throughout Los Angeles County.

Urinetown plays April 15-16 and 20-23 at 7 p.m. as well as a matinee on April 17 at 2 p.m. in the MPR. Tickets can be purchased online at www.pvhsdrama.com or at the door. Prices are \$12 for students and \$15 for adults. For more information call 310-378-8471, ext. 237.

URINETOWN CAST LIST

Lockstock
Matt Fiedler

Hope Cladwell
Monet Sabel

Bobby Strong
Spencer Tanner

Little Sally
Taylor Bracken

Cladwell
Jeff Pielago

Pennywise
Annie Pfohl

Officer Barrel
Andrew Miller

Josephine Strong
Natalie Aldrete

Old Man Strong/Billy Boy Bill
Nick Harrington

Senator Fipp
Chris Chenoweth

Mr. McQueen
Andy Inadomi

Hot Blades Harry
Cameron Bird

Little Becky Two Shoes
Allie Reidy

Tiny Tom/Dr. Billeaux
Zach DiLello

Soupy Sue
Chelsea Parker

Robby the Stockfish
Austin Young

Mrs. Millenium
Zoe Huber Lewis

Poor/UGC Staff
Vasi Best
Gillian Bozajian
Cole Graham
Grace Haring
Axie Hulse
Danielle Lindgren
Monica Siouty
Chris Snur



**Please Join Us for...
The One. The Only. The Main Event 2011!**

It's one of the year's most eagerly anticipated events.

The Main Event 2011 ~ PEF's largest fundraising event of the year will be held on Saturday, May 7th.

Your support of the Main Event & the Peninsula Education Foundation helps PVP schools retain great teachers and keep important programs in our schools! Please join us to raise much needed funds for our Palos Verdes public schools!

Enjoy dining, dancing, and cocktails with friends. To say nothing of the Silent Auction, the Live Auction and the justly famous Trustee's Wine Auction. All held at the stunning Terranea Resort.

What a fun way to make sure our kids get the education they deserve!

In addition, PEF will be raffling off a Lexus RX450H! Winners need not be present to win. For your chance to win, download a raffle ticket at www.pvpef.org

For Main Event ticket information, please visit www.pvpef.org or call (310) 378-2278.

Thank you for your support of PEF, and our schools!

Please join us for...



The 2011 Main Event
at Terranea Resort

Saturday, May 7

Don't miss this dinner, dance, and auction
fundraiser for our PVP public schools -
and THE social event of the year!

For ticket information visit www.pvpef.org

Or email us at help@pvpef.org



Your support of the Main Event & the Peninsula Education Foundation
helps PVP schools retain great teachers and keep important programs!

The painting above was graciously donated by local artist, Don Crocker,
and will be available for auction at the Main Event.

HONORARY SERVICE AWARDS

Please Join Us for the PTSA
Honorary Service Awards Luncheon

Friday May 20th @ 12:00 pm

The installation of the ptsa board for 2011-2012 will precede the luncheon and award ceremony in the mpr @ 10:45am.

Luncheon tickets are \$30.00

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ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE



COLLEGE COUNSELING
GUIDEBOOK

Sophomore through Senior Year

Head Counselor Trista Ramirez and CCC Director Teri Kuwahara have compiled a guidebook for Palos Verdes High School students and parents on the college admission process. This guidebook was made possible with funding from the PVHS Academic Committee of the Booster Club.

Included in the guidebook are monthly checklists by grade level and 15 detailed sections that include Testing (PLAN, PSAT, SAT, ACT and Subject Tests), Course Selection, Searching for Colleges, Visiting Colleges, How to Apply to College, Writing Your Essay and much more.

To access the College Counseling Guidebook, go to the school website: www.pvhigh.com
The guidebook is found under Counseling and CCC.

The PVHS Booster Club is looking in to printing the guidebook alleviating users the task of printing out over 100 pages. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please email: pvhsccc@pvpusd.k12.ca.us or call Robin Millar at x 239. Your name will be added to an email list and information will be sent out as soon as details are finalized.

Arizona State University – Not A “Safety School” Anymore

By Teri Kuwahara, Director of the College & Career Center

I have to admit, Arizona State University always seemed to fit in the category of “safety” school for many PVHS students. Like their rival, The University of Arizona, students from our school did not seem to have much difficulty with admissions, nor has this campus been given much serious thought.

A recent trip to the ASU campus changed my perspective.

ASU is a large state university. The main campus is in Tempe, just outside of Phoenix, located within 15 minutes of the Phoenix airport. ASU has three additional campuses: Downtown, West Campus and Polytechnic Campus. Shuttles run between the campuses and students are allowed to take courses on each, but the objective of the satellite campuses is to create an atmosphere of a small college, and it is working. Housing is also available on each campus to create residential neighborhoods of students with similar educational goals and interests.

With over 250 majors crossing over different disciplines offered on four campuses, it might seem difficult to navigate their offerings and find where a student may best fit. However, their cross-disciplinary approach and access to advisement is designed to help students find their pathway.

If you have any questions, please see me in the College & Career Center or contact me at x618 or kuwahara@pvpusd.k12.ca.us

Here are some highlights from my notebook:

BUSINESS SCHOOL: W.P. Carey School of Business is rated in the top 30 in the nation. The Wall Street Journal ranks it in the top 5 as a destination for corporate recruiters. It is a top undergraduate business school program compared with University of Washington, UC Berkeley, USC and the University of Arizona. A Bachelor of Science degree is offered in Accountancy, Agribusiness (including Professional Golf Management, Pre-Veterinary, Food Industry Management), Computer Information Systems, Economics, Finance, Management (including Entrepreneurship), Marketing and Supply Chain Management (Logistics). Courses are offered on Tempe, West and Polytechnic campuses only. A Bachelor of Arts degree is offered in Communications, Global Politics, Law, Sustainability, Tourism Management, Urban Policy and Public Policy (Public Service). Student take basic business courses before declaring their area of concentration/major in the School of Business. Students may also earn a certificate in the areas of: Honors Modeling & Analysis, International Business, Small Business and Entrepreneurship and Automotive Enterprises. There is also an Academy in the W.P. Carey School of Business that accepts the top 10% of high school students in the Honors College. Admission requirements for the B.S. programs are slightly higher than the B.A. programs. Students are encouraged to apply early (JULY) as they have rolling admission. Students can move from B.A. program to B.S. program with grade improvement in college. Transfer students from the Community College are required to submit SAT or ACT scores.

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS: located in the heart of downtown Phoenix, it is an urban environment of new buildings and new apartment-style dorms. Freshmen in downtown campus programs are required to live on campus. It is no downtown LA. It is new, fresh and safe. Here is a sampling of their offerings:

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The College of Public Programs is downtown. Described as programs for “public good” or impacting the community it offers majors in: Public Affairs (Urban and Metropolitan Studies), Criminology and Criminal Justice, Community Resources and Development (Non-Profit Leadership/Management, Parks & Recreation Management, Tourism Development and Management) and Social Work. Internships are available with several downtown partners.

The College of Nursing and Health Innovation offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. (There is also an RN/BSN program offered online). Areas of concentration include: Kinesiology, Exercise & Wellness (Spa Management, Pre-Physical Therapy and Pre-Physician Assistant), Health Promotion (Public Health), Health Sciences (pre-professional, Healthy Lifestyle coaching and Health Policy) and Nutrition (Dietetics, Human Nutrition, Food & Nutrition Management, and Nutrition Communication). A Bachelor of Applied Science degree is offered in a 2+2 program= 2 year degree in a community college + 2 years at ASU’s online program.

The Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication can be summed up with one word: impressive. It is home of Cronkite News Service and is also an ABC television affiliate. Any student in our 205 program, journalism or interested in media communication should visit their website to see and hear more: <http://cronkite.asu.edu/>

POLYTECHNIC CAMPUS is located about 25 miles from the Tempe Campus. It is a hands-on campus. The talk among the college counselors on tour with me was “a great alternative to ‘Cal Poly San Luis Obispo”.

The College of Innovation and Technology is for students who like computers and are creative. Check out: <http://photo.asu.edu> . It is all about graphics and information technology with state of the art equipment. Students should have background in CS5: Adobe, Photoshop and Illustrator

The College of Technology and Innovation is engineering, entrepreneur & managers, mechanical engineers, electrical engineers, robotics and civil engineering in a polytechnic environment. The programs combine engineering, science and business. A capstone (senior) project is funded by the local industry (great connections) and internships are encouraged. The program strengths include: engineering, technology, applied psychology, applied biology (including pre-veterinary), computing (including web development and video game design), aviation (including flight and air traffic control) and environment science & technology (including sustainability, fish & game, forestry).

Aviation (part of College of Technology and Innovation) offers specialization in Air Traffic Management, Professional Flight and Air Transportation Management. They partner with Mesa Airlines for regional and commercial jet training so students can interact with airline professionals and have access to commercial jets. Program include aviation management for those who “don’t fly” airplanes, too.

Professional Golf Management is part of the Agribusiness degree program in the Business School located on the Polytechnic campus. It is a PGA approved degree program that has 100% job placement for those interested in golf, working in resorts, food industry, manufacturing (Ping is located in Phoenix) and retail. A 12 golf handicap is required as part of admission. ASU also has a golf course.

College of Engineering Technology (Electronics, Mechanical, Manufacturing) offers a B.S. degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology (Aeronautical, Automation and Automotive) and Electronic Engineering Technology (Alternative Energy). Engineering students interesting in “improving people’s lives” who also like physics and mathematics.

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TEMPE CAMPUS is also home to the **Ira Fulton School of Engineering** that is cross disciplinary and global in design. Average 1140 SAT and 24 SAT, 3 years lab science and 4 years math required for admission. They offer a 4+1 program that allows students to earn a Bachelor and Master's degree.

Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College offers educational leadership and increased focus on content knowledge for teachers. Students can earn a B.A. and credential in 4 years. California students are assisted with CA requirements and reciprocity with AZ. Not recommended for students who want to teach special education in California (requirements are too different than in Arizona). See: www.ctc.ca.gov/credentials/out-of-state.html

The Barrett Honors College was not only impressive but a great pathway for higher achieving students to succeed at ASU. Barrett students have the unique advantage of experiencing a small, intellectually and socially vibrant environment while having access to the vast resources of the major research university at ASU. Check it out at: <http://barrethonors.asu.edu/>

WEST CAMPUS While I was not able to visit this campus was told it has the feel of a small liberal arts college. Much, much smaller than Tempe. Many students from surrounding areas commute but like the Polytechnic campus has a more intimate feel and many of the programs are recognized by the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) so there are scholarships/financial aid available.

We have a local southern California Admission Representative for Arizona State University who visits every Fall. ASU is definitely worth checking out: <http://www.asu.edu/>

One of the most favorite features among high school counselors (and parents) are the "MAJOR MAPS" found on the website that plot each major and pathway. It is an easy way to follow the course pathway to graduation!

University of Miami - The "Right Fit" for a PVHS student?

by Teri Kuwahara

I was invited to visit the University of Miami in February with a group of college counselors from around the United States. In February, it was a balmy 75 degrees and sunny. Students were subbathing in the green belts and a lake was located in the middle of campus. The main eatery had a large open patio with tables on swings. Looking at the tropical atmosphere combined with stellar academic programs, it might be a good fit for a student from California who likes proximity to the beach and lots of sunshine. It is a beautiful campus as you can see from the photo that I took myself - it's not a postcard!

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Located in Coral Gables, Florida, the University of Miami is a medium size private school with approximately 10,000 students. It is located within 15 minutes of the Miami airport. It overlaps academically with USC, NYU, Boston University, Boston College, Syracuse and Emory. Merit Scholarships are available and they offer a high school summer program. They receive over 28,000 applications each year and the entering class is 2,000. Applications are accepted Early Decision, Early Action and Regular Decision. Located close to Miami, it is a diverse, multicultural campus with global programs strongly tied to South America, Asia, Europe and Africa. Average SAT (CR + M only) is 1320 and Average ACT is 30.

I also had the opportunity to meet the President of the University, Donna Shelala, former Secretary of Health and Human Services in the Clinton Administration. She is a small but mighty woman who brings a great deal of energy and personalization to the campus. She is very student oriented.

Highlighted programs:

Nursing (no second application required) BS Health Science

Accelerated Medical School program (7 years - start in Senior year)

Music: Frost School of Music (audition and second app requires) Great programs: Music Business, Music Technology, Music Engineering, Jazz and Music Performance. Students must play a musical instrument or vocal performance. This program is rated one of the best in the nation!

Communications - Video production and broadcast journalism, motion pictures (great programs for 205 kids) Strong experience ties to LA and NY. (first school to go to High Definition, students use AVID and Final Cut Pro, G5 Macs)

Arts & Sciences (Liberal Arts degrees)

Business School: Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degrees offered (cross curricular with several majors: Health Science, Entrepreneurship, Accounting and Finance) + strong ties to International Business (South America, Middle East and China)

Engineering (Biomed, Civil, Architecture, Aerospace, Industrial, Information Science) 5 year BS/MS program (Master's Degrees will soon be mandated in Engineering in the near future Education: Education & Psychology (Counseling), Kinesiology and Sport Science (Exercise and Sport Science, Athletic Training, Exercise Physiology), Elementary and Secondary Education

Marine Science and Research Campus is located in Miami Beach and has undergraduate and graduate programs

If you have any questions about the University of Miami, stop to see me in the College & Career Center.

Are you working on a novel? Writing a lot of poetry?
Is songwriting your thing?

Or do you just like to put words on paper?



Writer's Society

Meetings every other Saturday beginning
February 5th
11 am to 1 pm

Meet on the second floor of the Peninsula Center Library
701 Silver Spur Road, Rolling Hills Estates
310-377-9584 x601



The Society offers young adult writers ages 14-18, whatever their writing style, the opportunity to meet new friends who are interested in a similar hobby. Please bring your latest writing and, if you like, a laptop. We'll share and discuss each other's work and make plans to publish our writing.

Questions? Contact Louise Beebe lbeebe@pvl.org

www.pvl.org



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Palos Verdes High School Calendar of PTSA Events

2011

Subject to Change

Jan 3	Back to School
Jan 13	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 9:15am, FDR
Jan 15	Wave Articles Due (Feb) PTSA Nominations for 2012 Executive Board begin.
Jan 17	Martin Luther King Holiday-No School
Jan 25	PTSA General Meeting, 9:15am, MPR
Jan 28	Minimum Day
Jan 29	Winter Formal
Feb 1	Report cards mailed home
Feb 10	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 9:15am, FDR
Feb 15	Wave Articles Due (March)
Feb 21-25	Presidents Holiday Week
Feb	***No General Meeting in February***
March 10	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 9:15am, FDR
March 15	Wave Articles Due (April)
March 16	Last Day to Level Down (not on transcript)
March 22	PTSA General Meeting, 9:15am, MPR. Slate for New PTSA Executive Board present
April	Capitol Convoy student legislative lobbying trip, dates TDB
April 4-8	Spring Break
April 14	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 9:15am, FDR
April 15	Wave Articles Due (May)
April 19	3 rd Quarter Report Cards given out in 2 nd period classes
April 26	PTSA General Meeting, 9:15am, MPR New board election.
May 12	PTSA In/Out Executive Board Meeting, 9:15am, location TBD
May 15	Wave Articles Due (June)
May 20	PTSA HSA/Installation Luncheon, 10:00am MPR
June 4	Prom
June 7	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 9:15 a.m., FDR (if needed)
June 7-9	Finals
June 9	Last Day of School and Class of 2011 Graduation-Minimum Day
June 15	Report Cards in the Mail



You are invited to the Relay For Life of Palos Verdes Peninsula

Peninsula High School

June 18-19, 2011

www.relayforlife.org/palosverdesca

In May 1985, a colorectal surgeon ran around a track for 24 hours in Tacoma, Washington to raise funds for his local American Cancer Society. The following year, 220 supporters on 19 teams joined him and the American Cancer Society Relay For Life was born.

Relay For Life unites communities in support of a common cause - to accelerate the progress against cancer. Relay empowers people to fight back against cancer by enlisting them in advocacy efforts, recognizes and supports cancer survivors, patients and their caregivers and raises community awareness of



1.800.ACS.2345
www.cancer.org

Please join us:

June 18, 2011

9:00 am - Opening Ceremonies

The event begins with inspirational stories and then a Survivor's Lap.

June 18, 2011

9:00 pm - Luminaria Ceremony

This moving ceremony will honor those that have been touched by cancer, as we continue to walk through the night with our path lit with hope that we will find the cure.

Relay For Life is an opportunity to Celebrate Hope and Join in the Fight Against Cancer. For more information, call Lisa Tellenbach at 310-594-2166 or email at Lisatellenbach@cox.net or Kitty Callahan at 310-951-8245 or email at evolutionfit@cox.net.



The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives from cancer, and diminishing suffering from cancer through research, education, advocacy and service.