

Palos Verdes High School PTSA  
President's Letter  
2009-2010  
"Calm Seas Ahead"

Welcome to Palos Verdes High School! The past two years have been a challenge with all of our schools in the district, and parents have consistently overwhelmingly risen to the occasion to support our schools, whether it was the 'Save Our Teachers Now' campaign of Spring 2008, renewing Measure P in 2007, and this summer passing by 68% Measure V to assist the district budget that has been slashed over and over by the State. This is especially heartening, given the tough economic times our families have been experiencing. The wonderful thing to witness is how administrators, teachers, counselors, and other school employees have helped make sacrifices to close this staggering state shortfall in order to continue the excellent education we all enjoy.

So, Calm Seas Ahead is a nod to our nautical themed mascot, the Sea King, and also a declaration that 2009-2010 will be a tremendous year, a year of beginning to put the economic crisis and State budget problems behind us, and an embracing of a renewed optimism that will fill the halls and guide us as we chart our steady course ahead.

Whether you are a new or returning family, we love that you are a part of our school community. You will find the PTSA to be as vibrant as ever, full of talented individuals going that extra knot (hehe...) to ensure our school remains at the top. As we begin our 8th year, we are proud to have been named one of the best 100 schools in the country by Newsweek and Los Angeles magazines in 2008 as well as a Silver Award winner in U.S. News & World Report.

I'd like to ask that we continue to be good stewards of the community and recommit ourselves to working with our neighbors and being kind and considerate visitors to the PVHS neighborhood, whether driving to and from school and activities, parking in the neighborhood, and partaking in activities that help limit our negative effects on the surrounding environment.

I strongly encourage you and your student to become Palos Verdes High School PTSA members and to participate actively in your school. Read the monthly WAVE newsletter, emailed to you with special links so you can go directly to your items of interest; attend the monthly PTSA meetings (4th Tuesday of the month) to stay informed; sign up for the Principal's Weekly Update via e-mail; donate an hour or two of time to the school. The PTSA provides many important student activities and excellent programs, but we can only do so with your ongoing support.

The PTSA works in conjunction with the PVHS Booster Club and the Peninsula Education Foundation to financially support a wide range of student needs that are not funded by the State.

**Some of the PTSA-supported programs are:**

College Fair	Disaster Preparedness	Library Support
Classroom Supplies	Student volunteer fair	Directory/WAVE monthly newsletter
Teacher Appreciation/ Gifting	Capitol Convoy/Sacramento Safari	Health, Safety, Parent Ed programs
Reflections Contest	Technology Support	Senior Project Support
Parents on Campus	Red Ribbon Week	Back-to-School Registration

The PTSA is asking each PVHS family for a donation of \$150 or more to fund the above programs. Your financial assistance, together with the time commitment of a wonderful team of volunteers, will allow the PTSA to maintain the caliber of programs and opportunities at PVHS that play a vital role in the enrichment of our children.

Please add your \$150 donation to the PTSA Donation Summary Form.

To ensure a successful and stress-free registration experience for your student, please read through all of the PTSA forms as well as all other pertinent information in this online packet. Be sure to print out the required forms, complete them carefully and include checks stapled to the correct form, where applicable.

Please join us at the first PTSA meeting of the school year, September 22 at 9:15 in the MPR, where we will hear from Principal Chris Bowles, Activities Director Kristen Huber, and from Teri Kuwahara of the PVHS College & Career Center.

I invite you to email me with queries or comments, and I look forward to meeting and working with you in 2009-2010 as we enjoy the serenity and peace of...

Calm Seas Ahead

Sincerely,

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