

NOVEMBER PREZ LETTER

Thanksgiving Day comes, by statute, once a year; to the honest man it comes as frequently as the heart of gratitude will allow. ~Edward Sandford Martin

On August 25th, Registration Day, you had the presence of mind to thoughtfully complete your registration packet and include donations to the PTSA. By doing that, you said that you believed in the mission of our individual PTSA and what it does for your child at PVHS. This month, within these pages, we thank everyone who donated to the specially designated Library line item, and those who gave to the general PTSA programs for the enrichment of all the students at PVHS.

Because of your faith in the PTSA and your generosity, we are able to gift an enormous list of needs directly to benefit all students at the school. We invite each of you to attend **THE PTSA MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH, 9:00am** in the Faculty Dining Room to review this list and move forward with getting these items into the classroom before the year end. We look forward to your participation in completing this process for our teachers and staff. (Due to the normal "4th Tuesday of the month" meeting date falling so close to the Thanksgiving Holiday, we are meeting on Thursday. This will also enable families with kids at both high schools to attend both PTSA meetings.) Head of Counseling Department, Trista Ramirez, and new counselor Adam Genovese will join us to speak about navigating high school life.

I also want to take this time to say thank you to each parent and student who joined the PTSA. We have been challenged by the PV Council of PTA's to increase our membership by 5%. At 1,982 members, we are a very strong and vital unit! If you didn't get a chance to join, the membership drive continues until February, so you can drop \$10 in the office and help us reach our goal of +5%.

Special thanks to the staff and teachers of PVHS. We invited them to join the PTSA, and nearly 100% of them did! We enjoy a true partnership with our teachers and staff, making it the epitome of Parent Teacher Student Association.

The Scott Greenberg talk to parents at the October night PTSA meeting was enlightening, energizing, refreshing, and motivational, as promised. It was so great to see so many dads in the audience, too! Thanks to all the parents that came out for this bit of enrichment.

We will follow this concept with another enlightening speaker at the February 23rd PTSA meeting. **Catherine Davis, policy director at Yahoo**, is our guest speaker, visiting from Northern California to bring her words of wisdom on Internet safety. She gives an overview of the current media space, the risks, and how schools and parents can mitigate these risks. Once again, we will extend an invitation to middle schools to attend, since this topic is so timely to 'tweens as well.

Enjoy this most precious time with your families on Thanksgiving Day.

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The hardest arithmetic to master is that which enables us to count our blessings. ~Eric Hoffer