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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **FOPHS Board Meeting Nov 7, 630pm**
- **Grad Night Meeting Nov 13, 630pm**

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Message from the Principal

Greetings Hillmen,

Welcome to the second half of the Fall Term. Wow, the time is definitely going by fast. The nine week progress report has been distributed to all students as of Friday, October 19, 2012. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher and/or counselor.

I want to take this time to thank all the students and parents for their hard work and dedication to Placer High School last year. As has been reported in the news, Placer High School students performed well on the STAR tests keeping Placer High above the 800 mark with an 805 API score. Last year we recorded 803. It may not seem like much, but our staff and students continue to exceed expectations and work hard even with the state providing less funding to schools. I am very proud to consider myself a Hillman. Congratulations to Science teacher Thomas Schroeder and the completion of another successful Blood Drive. There were 199 registered donors and 156 pints of blood collected. The Golden Hillmen Band competed Saturday October 20th at the Del Oro Fall Spectacular Marching Band competition. The GHB took third place in their AAAA category (by band size) for the Parade Competition. They played George Washington Bicentennial March which is the last march that John Phillip Sousa composed. The Band was fully supported by a crack team of professionals from the Placer Music Boosters. In a recent Auburn Journal article you may have read that Placer High's Earl Crabbe Gym is finally getting an official snack bar. Work has begun and should be completed for the basketball season. The snack bar is the first of a three phase project to update the lower section of the Earl Crabbe Gym. What is now called the "dance floor" in the future will be known at the Placer High School Alumni Center. If you are interested in donating to this project, please contact the Principal's office.

Following the nine week progress reports, counselors will begin meeting with students who are struggling in classes. Currently at Placer we have after school tutoring in the library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3 pm to 4 pm. Students are welcome to come and receive help in English and math, use the computer lab, or have a quiet place to get homework done. Please note that many of our teachers offer their time before school, during lunch, and after school, for students requesting help. Please encourage your child to seek out their teacher and establish a time they could meet for extra help. The PASS (Pursuing Academic School Success) program is currently up and running. This is a lunchtime tutoring program targeting freshmen who received two or more NC's at the nine week progress report.

In Athletics, Placer Fall sports teams continue their success in the PVL (Pioneer Valley League). The girls golf team not only repeated as PVL champs, they have remained undefeated in league play the last three years. They finished in second place at the Masters Division III Section Tournament and completed at the Masters Tournament on Monday the 29th. The cross country repeated as league champions for the third straight year at all 4 levels and will compete at subsections November 3. The girls volleyball team suffered a tough lost to Bear River but still have a shot at sharing the PVL title. Boys Soccer iced their season with a must win over Lincoln for their second straight PVL title. Playoffs for them begin Thursday, November 1. Lastly, football continues their undefeated season with a win against rival Colfax. The last league game of the season is against Center High School for the PVL crown November 2.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
Peter Efstathiou, Placer High Principal

Go Hillmen!

Message from the FOPHS Board..

Each year, teachers are given the opportunity to make a wish list request from FOPHS to ask for items that would enrich a student's education. We have been able to provide many requests over the years thanks to parents that donated to the membership drive. So far, this year we have been able to raise enough money to grant the wishes totaling over \$5,000.

This year we granted the following items to teachers:

- Apple TV for Science
- Airlink 2 for Science
- Geography board games for Social Science
- Literary Posters - English
- Hi Tech Training Plates for Weight Room
- Basketballs for Athletics
- AVER F50 Document Camera for Photography
- Electronic tools for French Classes
- Electronic Balance for Science
- Inkless Foot/Shoe Print Kits for Forensics
- 2 yr subscription to Scholastic magazines for ELD
- Target arrows for Physics
- Microscope slides of 6 types of Epithelial Tissue for Anatomy/Physiology
- White boards for Social Science
- 12 sets of Model Skulls for Science
- 1 teaching model of the Skeletal System for Science



We are always on the hunt for more ways to raise monies to support more programs. We will be launching a new program to raise monies for Placer. The program is similar to a loyalty card. Parents can log on to the website and donate and shop online. If you access your shopping sites through this website we receive 3% of the total you pay to any of the stores. There is no additional cost to you just that you logon before you shop online. There are many sites that can be accessed through this program like Macy's, Amazon etc. Wait for more details to come in early November and help us out when shopping for Christmas this year.

Happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing or hearing from you at our next meeting November 7, 2012 at 6:30pm in the staff lounge. Thank you again for all of you that support FOPHS and the school.

Kim Lightfoot, Friends of Placer High School

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Grad Night News.....

THE PLACER GRAD NIGHT COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We have two upcoming events scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2012, the Holiday Boutique and the Festival of Lights Parade. These two events are major fundraisers and all proceeds go directly to the Grad Night event which is a fun, safe, memorable night for graduating seniors. In order to keep costs down, we are asking for supplies and baked good donations for each event.

The Holiday Boutique and Bake Sale is scheduled between 10:00am - 3:00pm in the PHS cafeteria. Stop by and shop for the upcoming holidays. Everyone enjoys receiving a handcrafted gift made by local crafters. Also, you can purchase homemade baked goods for yourself, a party or gift.

Vendors are still needed for this worthwhile event. A 10'x10' booth inside the cafeteria or in the court yard is only \$25. Please spread the word! We need volunteers to work the event, donate supplies and baked goods. Contact Kristan Henry for more information at 530-823-1967 or by email at redhead1216@yahoo.com or Janeen Steinheimer at 530-823-1679 or by email at stanleysjs@msn.com.

The Festival of Lights Parade begins at 5:30pm. Once again this year, we will host a booth selling yummy hot cocoa, wonderful coffee, bottled water, fresh popcorn and tasty baked goods. If you are willing to volunteer to work the booth (and still watch the parade) or donate supplies, contact Pat McElvain at 530-308-2041 or by email at boyoboyx3@gmail.com.

Join us at the November Grad Night meeting on Tuesday, November 13th at 6:30 upstairs at Tango Yogurt.



Counseling News...

Planning and Career Activities: During November, the counselors will be meeting with sophomores and juniors to plan future classes at PHS and to complete a career research activity. During this meeting, students will receive a transcript and counselors will review high school graduation requirements, college admission standards and help students explore future goals after high school.

College Application Deadlines: Seniors applying to either the California State University system (CSU) or the University of California system (UC) must submit their completed applications online by November 30th! CSU applications can be submitted online at csu-mentor.edu UC application applications can be submitted at universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/ Again, the deadline for both of these applications is November 30. Seniors applying to private universities and colleges should verify the specific registration deadlines by contacting the individual college or university. See counselors for help with filling out any of the college applications, make sure everything is correct before you press the "submit" button. Students who plan on attending Sierra College should apply beginning in January, 2013. Seniors should keep their transcript they received during their grad status meeting so they can accurately report their classes and grades on their college applications and also for class level placement at Sierra College.

Letters of Recommendation: Students who need a letter of recommendation for private schools or for scholarships must fill out a Request for Letter of Recommendation Form. These forms can be picked up in the counseling office or online at the PHS Counseling Homepage (look under Navigation).

Sierra College Student & Parent Information Meetings: Learn more about the many academic and career opportunities offered through Sierra College. Meetings are held on the Rocklin campus at 6:00 p.m. in the Learning Center, room 212. The remaining dates are Nov. 7th, Nov. 28th and December 12th. Contact Sierra College Outreach office at outreach@sierracollege.edu to make reservations.

Placer High College Financial Aid Information Night: Come to the Placer High auditorium on Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 pm to learn about the FAFSA, Cal Grants, scholarships, etc. It is highly recommended that college-bound seniors and parents attend. Please note that financial aid is available for community college and trade/technical schools as well as 4-year colleges. Remember to check the district scholarship bulletin for new scholarship opportunities.

11th and 12th Grade California High School Exit Examination: All seniors and juniors who have not yet passed this exam will be tested on November 6th (English) and November 7th (Math). The counselors have provided these students with online resources and information about after-school tutoring. If you have any questions contact the counseling office.



Counseling News continued....

Cal Grants: The State of California funds financial aid through the Cal Grant program which can be used at colleges (2-year and 4-year) in the state. This is "free money" that does not need to be paid back. In order to apply for a Cal Grant, a FAFSA must be filled out and a GPA verification must be sent by the high school. This year we plan on submitting student information including the GPA verification to the Cal Grant program for all of our seniors. If you do not want your student's information sent and wish to opt-out of the Cal Grant program go to the Placer High website, then to the counseling page and select the CalGrant Opt-out on the left side. It will be active until November 30. Keep in mind that if the information is not sent, the student will not be eligible to receive a Cal Grant.

Program Change Days: Spring schedules will be distributed early in December so students can review their classes. Students requesting changes in their spring term classes should drop by the counseling office before school, at lunch or after school on **Dec. 17, 18 and 19**. As always, changes will be made on a space available basis. Please note that all elective changes must be completed before we leave for winter break. After we return in January the only requests we will be able to accommodate will be for students wanting to add a TA, drop a class for an unscheduled or fix a scheduling error. We thank you for working with us with schedule changes. Taking care of changes beforehand will reduce class disruptions during the first days of the new term.

After School Tutoring: Students can receive homework help and tutoring on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after school in the library 3:00 - 4:00. A credentialed teacher, an instructional aide and a math/science tutor will be available to assist students with CAHSEE prep or any other school work. No appointment necessary, just drop in!

Upcoming Events

Nov. 6 - 7	CAHSEE Test for Juniors and Seniors (who have not passed)
Nov. 9	End of 3 rd Grading Period
During Nov.	Students with <u>incomplete</u> Spring schedules will be called in
Dec. 4	Financial Aid Night 6:30 pm in the PHS auditorium
Dec. 17 - 19	Students <u>wishing to change</u> Spring schedules see counselors

MORE COUNSELING....

2012-2012 SAT Test Dates

Date	Test	Registration Dead-line	Late Registration Dead-line
December-1	SAT & Subject Tests	November-1	November-16
January-26	SAT & Subject Tests	December-28	January-11
March-9	SAT only	February-8	February-22
May-4	SAT & Subject Tests	April-5	April-19
June-1	SAT & Subject Tests	May-2	May-17

Register online at www.collegeboard.com

2012-2013 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
December 8, 2012	November 2, 2012	November 3 – 16, 2012
February 9, 2013*	January 11, 2013	January 12 – 18, 2013
April 13, 2013	March 8, 2013	March 9 – 22, 2013
June 8, 2013	May 3, 2013	May 4 – 17, 2013

Register online at www.act.org

Note: Please visit the Counseling page on the Placer High School website for updates and information on a variety of topics.



November 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
			Frosh FB vs Vista Del Lago 5:30 PASS Rm 616 Lunchtime	FB vs Center 5:15/7:30 Rally/Extended Lunch Sch Staff Luncheon	SAT-Library 7:30am CC @ Frogtown 11:00am Sub Sections
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PLC WASC Focus Group PLC - Min. Day	SAM Meeting 7:30am Detention 3:00-5:00 CAHSEE -English Gr. 11-12 Department Mtg 3:00 PASS Rm 616 Lunchtime	CHASEE-Math Gr. 11-12 Site Council Mtg. 3:10 FOPHS Mtg. 6:30pm PASS Rm 616 Lunchtime	PASS Rm 616 Lunchtime	FB Playoffs TBA 7:30pm End of Grading Period	CC @ Folsom 11:00am Section Finals
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5	6	7	8	9	11
Veterans Day-No School	Detention 3:00-5:00 PASS Rm 616 Lunchtime	Grades Due by 3:00pm PASS Rm 616 Lunchtime	Fall Play 7:30pm Aud. Stage Door Leadership Team 3:10 PASS Rm 616 Lunchtime	FB Play-offs TBA 7:30pm Fall Play 7:30pm Aud. Stage Door	Fall Play 7:30pm Aud. Stage Door Wrestling Placer Challenge 9am
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12	13	14	15	16	18
PLC - Min. Day Faculty Mtg. 2:45 Library	PUHSD-Library 6:00 PASS Rm 616 Lunchtime	No School	Thanksgiving Holiday No School	Thanksgiving Holiday No School FB Play-offs TBA 7:30pm	
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					FOPHS New sletter Deadline
19	20	21	22	23	25
PLC - Min. Day BBB vs Roseville 8:00pm GGB vs Roseville 6:00pm	Detention 3:00-5:00 GGB @ Golden Sierra 4/5:30/7 PASS Rm 616 Lunchtime	PASS Rm 616 Lunchtime	BBB Harlan Carter Tourney BBB Del Campo Tourney(Fros GGB Live Oak Tourn Var. GGB Natomas Tourn JV GGB Bear River Tourn F PASS Rm 616 Lunctime	FB Section Chamionship TBA BBB Harian Carter Tourney BBB Del Campo Tourney(Fros GGB Live Oak Tourn Var. GGB Natomas Tourn JV GGB Bear River Tourn F	BBB Harian Carter Tourney BBB Del Campo Tourney(Fros GGB Live Oak Tourn Var. GGB Natomas Tourn JV GGB Bear River Tourn F Wrest @ Yuba City JV 9am
26	27	28	29	30	Dec. 1
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Friends of Placer High School is a non profit organization whose primary objective is to promote student welfare in the home, school, and community through the cooperative effort of parents, students, teachers and members of the community. We do this by supporting programs that strengthen communication, provide volunteer support, and through financial assistance that enhances, enriches and supplements district approved activities.

Some of our more significant programs include the Teacher Wish List, Monthly Newsletter, Grad Night, Library Volunteers and Staff Appreciation Day. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month. **Everyone is welcome to attend!** Come see what we are all about and support PHS students on **Wednesday, November 7, 6:30pm. In the Staff Lounge.**

Hope to see you there!

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