

SPECIAL POINTS  
OF INTEREST:

- **FOPHS Board Meeting Oct 3, 630pm**
- **Grad Night Meeting Oct 9, 630pm**

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## Message from the Principal

Greetings Hillmen,

Well, the school year is in full swing, and like always, the Placer campus is full of activity. We are nearly at the halfway mark of the first term and students have received their first progress report of the year. Please contact your child's teacher and/or counselor if you have any questions or concerns. Teachers and staff continue their work with PLC's, with every Monday designated again as a PLC (professional learning community) day. Students are excused at 1:35 pm.

Teachers continue to ask the three questions: What do we want students to learn, how will they learn it, and what do we do if they have not learned it. To answer these questions, they will look over many aspects of data collected through CST/STAR test scores and grades from formative assessments given in class. If you find that your child is struggling in class, please encourage your child to meet with their teacher for assistance.

Newly developed this year for freshmen is the PASS (Pursuing Academic School Success) program. At the end of the 9 week grading period, any freshmen student with 2 or more NC's, will have to attend mandatory tutoring sessions during lunch Tuesday through Thursday until the next grading cycle. These select students will be excused from 3<sup>rd</sup> period class 10 minutes early so as to get lunch and report to assigned classroom. This program is being run strictly by the administrative team, Principal Mr. Efstathiou, and Assistant Principals Kim Barry and Steve Caminiti. Please note that the library is open for tutoring after school 3 to 4 pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The time is staffed with a teacher and student tutor. This is an opportunity for students to come and get help, have quiet place to study, and use the computers.

Also included this year is Placer High's WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation. Staff will be working in Focus Groups, along with students and parents to complete our official document that will be presented in April to the Accreditation committee.

In Athletics, Placer Fall sports teams are enjoying successful seasons. The girls golf team, currently undefeated in league, is looking to repeat as League champs. Senior Hannah Gregg is leading the league in points. The cross country team is heading in to league play with an outstanding showing at the Stanford Invitational, with the team finishing second place overall. That is the highest finish of any past Placer boys cross country team. The girls volleyball team started league play with a victory over Foothill and is currently ranked in the top 10 in the Sacramento Bee with a record of 13-2. The boys soccer team is 2-0 in league place and is also looking to repeat as league champs. Finally, football, with a 5-0 record, is off to one of its best starts ever, currently ranked No. 6 in the Sacramento Bee and ranked No. 1 in the State in their division.

Lastly, we would like to congratulate senior Kyla Truman. She has been recognized as a Commended Student in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program. Commended students are recognized for their exceptional academic promise demonstrated by their performance on the PSAT.

Peter Efstathiou  
Placer High Principal

Go Hillmen!

## Message from the FOPHS Board..

We had a great start for our membership drive this year. We have over 45 new members and raised over \$ 3,000. Thank you to everyone that has already signed up. If you have not signed up yet, it is not too late. You can logon to our website [www.fophs.org](http://www.fophs.org) to find out more information. We need the support and encouragement of your membership to help us continue our efforts.

Fundraising by a school's parent organization is a critical component of every school budget. Friends of Placer High School (FOPHS) raises monies from the membership drive, SCRIP programs and fundraising events (i.e. casino night). These fundraisers help to support the teacher/staff wish lists, parent monthly newsletter, grad night and other school programs like art, welding, sports etc. We are already busy planning the "Hillmen Classic" golf tournament on October 20<sup>th</sup> at Black Oak Golf Course. This will be our big fundraiser for the school year so we need you to come out and play some golf. For more details, log onto to our website or contact me at [kimberly\\_lightfoot@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kimberly_lightfoot@sbcglobal.net).

We also have the following positions open for the school year:

**Grad Night Chair** - Responsibility for coordinating grad night and creating committee to implement the event. This takes time and great leadership skills to direct and organize all the details for the end of the year event, There are already some committee members in place but lacking a person to take over leadership.

**Vice President** - Responsibility to support Presidential responsibilities. Coordinate any fundraising events FOPHS plans to host/sponsor. Work with other board members to provide support when needed.

**Shadow positions** - Secretary and Treasurer. We are looking to have a person for each position shadow the current board member this year to learn and take over in 2013-2014.

If you are interested in helping out or staying connected to what is going on at the school come to our next meeting, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in the staff lounge upstairs above the school office. Thank you in advance for your support!

Sincerely,  
Kim Lightfoot



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## Sierra College News

The application for the spring Fire Academy will be available beginning at 8:00 am on Monday October 8<sup>th</sup>, and must be completed and returned no later than Friday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm. The applications will be distributed from our office at Roseville Gateway, 333 Sunrise Ave. room #205. Applicants typically begin lining up outside of the office at about 7:30 am on the first day the applications are available. Pre-requisites for the Academy are completion of Fire 1, Fire Protection Organization and to be a certified EMT with a California EMS agency. We do provisionally admit students into the academy if they have any of the prerequisite courses in progress, but they must provide us with proof of satisfactory completion of the course(s) prior to the beginning of the Academy.

Students are accepted into the academy on a "first come first served" basis, the first completed application returned and completely and properly filled out is the first one accepted into the Academy, so it is beneficial to complete the application and return it as quickly as possible. Applicants must complete a physical that includes a spirometry test and have a copy of their EMT card and an unofficial copy of their transcript showing completion of Fire Protection Organization with a minimum grade of "C". If anyone has further questions they can contact Lori Sinclair at [\(916\) 781-6251](tel:9167816251) or [lsinclair@sierracollege.edu](mailto:lsinclair@sierracollege.edu).

California Community Colleges now offer associate degrees for transfer to the California State University system. These degrees are designed to provide a clear pathway to a CSU major and baccalaureate degree. Those California Community College students awarded an AA-T or AS-T degree are guaranteed admission with junior standing within the CSU system and given priority admission consideration to their local CSU campus or to a program that is deemed similar to the community college major.

Students awarded an AA-T or AS-T are able to complete their remaining requirements for the 120-unit baccalaureate degree within 60 semester or 90 quarter units.

Sierra College offers the largest number of Associate Degrees for Transfer than any other community college. The following AA-T degrees are available at Sierra College:

- Art History for Transfer
- Communications Studies for Transfer
- Early Childhood Education for Transfer
- English for Transfer
- Geology for Transfer
- History for Transfer
- Mathematics for Transfer
- Political Science for Transfer
- Psychology for Transfer
- Sociology for Transfer



## Counseling News...

**College Information Night: Open to all grade levels!** On Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> the Placer Foothill High Schools will host their annual college night at Rocklin High. Placer High is involved in the sponsoring and planning for this event. Representatives from over 100 colleges and universities will be there to hand out information and answer questions. In addition there will be break-out sessions for the UC, CSU, Sierra College, Private College Overview and NCAA Overview. The event begins at 6:30 pm in the Rocklin High gym.

**College Application Deadlines:** Seniors applying to either CSU or UC campuses must submit their completed applications online by November 30<sup>th</sup>! Online applications are available beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> for both the CSU and UC systems. CSU applications can be submitted online October 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>. ([csumentor.edu](http://csumentor.edu)) Even though the UC application window opens on October 1<sup>st</sup> completed applications can only be submitted November 1<sup>st</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>. ([universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/](http://universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/how-to-apply/)) 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 applications. Students should make sure they have filled out the application correctly before pressing 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.

**Placer High Scholarship and Financial Aid Night:** Parents and students are invited to come and learn the basics about student financial aid for post-secondary education (college, trade/tech/vocational programs). The presentation will be Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:00 pm in the Placer High auditorium. Reminder: Always check our District Scholarship Bulletin (found on the Placer High counseling webpage) for new scholarship opportunities.

**Star Test Results can "Bump-up" Grades:** Outstanding performance on last year's STAR Test can improve a grade in a corresponding course by 5%. Any student who earns "Advanced" in a subject area is eligible for the "bump". Students not earning "Advanced" but showing significant improvement in a subject area (for example moving from basic to proficient) can also get the grade bump. This only applies to courses last year that had corresponding STAR tests. Your student must see their counselor to complete the necessary paperwork. The deadline for completing this process is November 9.

**Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** This free test will be administered at Placer High School on Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:45 pm (PLC Minimum Day) Though this test is designed by the military to gauge the aptitude of prospective recruits, its results provide a wealth of career information even if the military is not the ultimate goal. Students can now sign up in the counseling office, the deadline is October 19<sup>th</sup>.



## Counseling News continued....

**EAP Scores for our Seniors:** STAR Test results that were mailed home for our seniors had a section on the lower left of the back side entitled Early Assessment Program (EAP). Listed there is an English Status and a Mathematics Status. This information is used by the California State University System and California Community Colleges to determine college readiness. Explanation of the statuses can be found at [www.collegeEAP.org](http://www.collegeEAP.org) If you need more information contact our counselors.

**Senior Transcript Review:** During September, counselors met with all the seniors to go over their graduation status. In addition to your student receiving a transcript, these meetings included a transcript review, credit verification, establishing a plan for class or credit deficiencies, career exploration and college issues such as applications, scholarships and financial aid.

**Four-Year Planning:** During October, the counselors will meet with sophomores and juniors to review graduation requirements, explain college requirements and update their 4-year high school plan. In addition, career research activities will be included in these meetings.

**California High School Exit Examination:** Counselors will provide 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who have not passed the CAHSEE with online study resources for the individual English and/or math tests and encourage them to attend after-school tutoring. The tutoring is available Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the library 3:00 - 4:00 pm. All seniors and juniors who have not yet passed this exam will be tested in November. (English Language Arts on Nov. 6 and Mathematics on Nov. 7)

**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. Meeting dates are October 17<sup>th</sup>, November 7<sup>th</sup>, November 28<sup>th</sup> and December 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sierra College Outreach office at [outreach@sierracollege.edu](mailto:outreach@sierracollege.edu) to make reservations. Please include your name, number of people and the date of meeting in your e-mail reservation.

**Parent Portal:** We strongly encourage you to use the Parent Portal to access your student's grades, assignments and attendance. If you have any questions on how to access this valuable tool, please contact the counseling secretary Lisa Smith at 885-4591 ext 5705.

**Work Permits:** All work permits expired on September 1, 2012. If you need to renew your work permit, please see Mrs. Smith in the Counseling office.

**College Reps Visiting Placer High** (Students wishing to attend should sign up in the counseling office)

Portland State University	October 10 1:30 - 2:30
University of Idaho	October 18 12:00 - 1:00
William Jessup University	October 31 11:20 - 12:00
Willamette University	November 6 11:30 - 12:30

All presentations are in  
the PHS Career Center

## MORE COUNSELING....

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

Katy Chamberlin, Counselor "A-G"  
 Carol Koons, Counselor "H-M"  
 Neil Polaske, Counselor "N-Z"

## 2012-2012 SAT Test Dates

Date	Test	Registration Dead- line	Late Registration Dead- line
November-3	SAT & Subject Tests	October-4	October-19
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](http://www.collegeboard.com)



## 2012-2013 ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
October 27, 2012	September 21, 2012	September 22 – October 5, 2012
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](http://www.act.org)

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## Placer School for Adults

Placer School for Adults has proudly served the greater Placer County for over 50 years. Last year we served approximately 8,500 students in program areas including: workplace skills, an extensive list of courses in computers and technology, high school completion, GED preparation, English as a Second Language, and a huge list of community interest courses (ie, art, music, fitness, dance, languages, outdoor topics, self-defense, financial planning, and the list goes on-and-on), at very competitive prices. We also have a large menu of online courses. Our catalog is available on our web page at [www.placeronline.org](http://www.placeronline.org).

We encourage you to "Like" us on Facebook at 'Placer School for Adults' as another source of information and reminders of upcoming classes. We have a series of classes that are launching throughout the semester, *so it is not too late to enroll for upcoming classes*. We are a GED testing center; you can call for information regarding the testing schedule. We are continuously looking for fresh and current topics for classes that would be of interest to the adults in our region, so send us your thoughts, or **give us a call at 530.885.8585**. We are accredited with the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) and are ready to support your educational and academic goals.

## "Something Extra" - Scrip Info

Raley's Quality of Life Cards are being discontinued, but they now have "Something Extra" cards. These cards will still be able to be applied to FOPHS. In order to get a new card, you can go to any Raley's or Bel Air store. They have little kiosks set up and will sign you up right there.

You can also order them online by going to [www.raleys.com](http://www.raleys.com) and clicking on the Something Extra button and dropping down to "request a card."

You will need to create an account on Raleys.com. After you have created an account, go to the "manage account" page. On the right, you will see the "extra credit" button. This is where you can see all the organizations that are available to donate to. FOPHS or Friends of Placer High School is ours.

Any questions call Lisa Voss at (530) 368-6015 or email at [voss.lisa@ymail.com](mailto:voss.lisa@ymail.com)

## Grad Night News.....

### The Grad Night Committee Needs You!

**Future Grad Night events are in jeopardy of going away. Unless Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior parents become involved this event will not take place....**

Do you want Grad Night to be available for your future seniors? In order for there to be a Grad Night for the classes of 2013, 2014 and beyond, we **urgently** need new committee members! Our committee is heavy with Senior parents, most of which have been on the committee for over 3 years. This is an amazing event put on to keep the graduates' safe and off the streets the night of graduation. Please keep this event going! If several volunteers assisted or took the lead on the different needs, the efforts would be distributed among many volunteers and there would be much less work for any one volunteer. Events held in past years include a checklist of information to make the event successful and the current committee members are available to assist as well.

Two important fundraisers, Holiday Boutique and the Festival of Lights Parade booth, are scheduled for Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. We need volunteers to help with baked goods, posting flyers around town, advertising, working the boutique and the parade. Please consider helping with these events to ensure Grad Night continues for your future grads. If you can't attend an upcoming meeting but are willing to help, contact Janeen Steinheimer and we will forward your contact information to the appropriate fundraising chairperson.

For more information contact Janeen Steinheimer [stanleysjs@msn.com](mailto:stanleysjs@msn.com) or attend our next meeting - Tuesday October 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at Tango Frozen Yogurt.



## FFA Drive Thru Barbecue

No time to fix dinner before the big game? Not to worry, Placer FFA will come to your rescue. Our annual Homecoming Barbecue is just what you need on such a busy night.

When: Friday October 5, 2012

Time: 3:30-6:30 pm with advanced tickets. Any food that is left will be sold after.

Cost: \$10- includes slow cooked barbecue beef, slow-baked potato with all the fixing's, slow cooked green beans, and roll.

Contact: Shannon Spears at 530-745-5769- leave message with number of tickets needed.





# THE "HILLMEN" GOLF CLASSIC



SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF PLACER HIGH SCHOOL  
PARENT ORGANIZATION TO BENEFIT PLACER HIGH SCHOOL

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012**  
**3:00<sub>PM</sub> AT BLACK OAK GOLF COURSE**

**\$50.00 PER PLAYER INCLUDES**

**9 HOLES OF GOLF PLUS CART**

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# October 2012

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Homecoming Week	Homecoming Week	Homecoming Week	Homecoming Week	Homecoming Week
America Day	Color Day	Super Hero Day	Decades Day	Green and Gold Day
	Rally		Rally	Rally
	Powder Puff Game 7:00			Extended Lunch Schedule
PLC-Min Day	S.A.M. Meeting 7:30am	Site Council Mtg. 3:10		FB vs Foothill 5:15/7:30
Soccer @ Colfax 3:30V	Detention 3:00-5:00	FOPHS Mtg. 6:30pm	Frosh FB vs Mesa Verde 5:30	FFA Drive Thru BBQ 330-630
	Department Mtg 3:00	Soccer @ Bear River 3:30V	VB @ Colfax 4/5/6:00	
	1 VB vs Center	2	3	4
PLC WASC Focus Group	Detention 3:00-5:00	Fall Music Concert 7:30pm	Frosh FB vs Bear River 5:30	FB vs Bear River 5:15/7:30
PLC-Min. Day	VB vs Bear River 4/5/6:00	Soccer @ Foothill 3:30V	VB @ Lincoln 4/5/6:00	End of Grading Period
Faculty Mtg. 2:45 Library		<i>College Night @ Rocklin</i>		<i>Extended Lunch Sched.</i>
Soccer @ Lincoln 5/7:00		6:30pm		<i>Staff Luncheon</i>
		Career GPS @ Cal Expo		
8	9	10	11	12
PLC-Min. Day	Detention 3:00-5:00	Campus Evacuation-2nd per.	<b>Blood Drive</b>	<b>Blood Drive</b>
Soccer @ Center 5/7:00	Grades due by 3:00pm		Frosh FB @ Lincoln 5:30	FB @ Lincoln 5:30/7:30
	VB @ Foothill 4/5/6:00		VB @ Center 4/5/6:00	
			Soccer vs Colfax 5:30/7:30	
			<i>ELAC Mtg. 6:30pm Library</i>	
15	16	17	18	19
PLC-Min. Day	Detention 3:00-5:00		Leadership Team 3:10	FB @ Colfax 5:30/7:30
Soccer @ Bear River 3:30V	VB @ Placer 4/5/6:00		Frosh FB @ Colfax 5:30	
			VB @ Bear River 4/5/6:00	
			Soccer vs Lincoln 5:30/7:00	
			FOPHS New sletter Deadline	
22	23	24	25	26
PLC-Min. Day	Detention 3:00-5:00			
	VB vs Lincoln 4/5/6:00			
29	30	31		

**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, October 3, 6:30pm. In the Staff Lounge.**

Hope to see you there!

**FOPHS Board**

## Friends of Placer High School

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## FOPHS 2012/2013 Officers

Name	Position
Kim Lightfoot	President
Julie Lardner	Secretary
Emilia Lawson	Treasurer
Patty Tomashefsky	Membership
Sylvia Fisk	Website/Web Newsletter
Janeen Steinheimer	Grad Night Liaison
Shelley Wright	Hospitality
Lisa Voss	Ways and Means (Scrip)
Tyann Elkins	Library Volunteer Coordinator
Peter Efstathiou	Principal