

The Hillparent Bulletin

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SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

- FOPHS Meeting,
November 2 6:30 pm
- Grad Night Meeting,
November 8,
6:30 pm

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Message from the Principal

Greetings Hillmen,

Welcome to the second half of the Fall Term. Wow, the time is sure going by fast. By now you should have received your child's nine week progress report. As always, if you have questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher and/or counselor.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank several people who have been a huge source of service to Placer High School these past few weeks. First to Richard Rey, local Auburn resident who has been a generous benefactor to Placer High for several years and who graciously donated \$15,000 for athletic transportation. Second, Chris Walsh, parent and local businessman, who through his business, donated \$6500 dollars to the Placer Football program. Following the articles in the Auburn Journal regarding the crisis we faced with shortage of revenue in athletics, they stepped to the plate early to help out. Next I want to thank parent Judy Sage. She has worked diligently and spent hours over the last month and a half, putting together three fundraisers; the

Courthouse Athletic Club Save our Sports Day brought in over \$1200 for Placer Athletics. I would also like to thank Courthouse Club owner Art Chappell for his generous donation. Next was the golf tournament held at Black Oak Golf Course, which brought in over \$4200. And the Mardi Gras fundraiser which was held October 29th, to help benefit Placer Arts and Athletic programs. Lastly, the Friends of Placer High School - who have been a huge help to the school including this year's Teacher Wish List and their participation in the Mardi Gras fundraiser.

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 stu-

dents requesting help. Please encourage your child to seek out their teacher and establish a time they could meet for extra help. In Athletics, Placer Fall sports teams are enjoying successful seasons. The girls' golf team repeated as PVL champs and continue in their quest of a Section crown. The cross country also looks to repeat as league champs and continue their dominance in the Section. The girls' volleyball team looks to win another PVL title, and the boys' soccer team has finally won their first league title in nearly 20 years. The football team suffered a tough loss to Colfax but is still in the hunt for great positioning heading into playoffs. 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..

Tis the season for wishing.... If we could just wish for a pot of gold that would support all the school programs, then we could solve all our budget woes. Unfortunately, this year more than ever we are looking at more fundraising options to support the multitude of programs at Placer. The "Pay to Play" rule has strained the budgets for arts, woodshop, welding, sports and more. With the school only able to ask for donations rather than request a fee for an art, woodshop or welding class the money to support these programs has been impacted greatly. The same is happening to the many sports programs.

***** If you could make even a small donation... \$5, \$10, \$25... ANYTHING will help! If your child plays any sports or is involved in any of the arts programs, wood shop, welding, band, etc... please consider something. If everyone did even just a small donation, it would all add up to a big difference in these programs. *****

Some of you may remember early in the year the concern over the transportation budget for sports and wondering where the money was going to come from to cover the shortage. Well, good news!!! The community and parents got behind the school. We had some large donations come in to and those monies went directly to cover the transportation budget.

However, another great thing happened! A group of parents were inspired to come up with ideas to raise money for sports. They worked hard on 3 fundraisers in the month of October; the Courthouse Athletic Day, Golf Tournament, and a Mardi Gras dinner and dance. Great job to Judy Sage and her group! They have also joined forces with FOPHS to work towards a common goal to find ways to support all the programs at Placer impacted by the "Pay to Play" rule.

This has inspired us to develop a team of parents that want to talk about fundraising efforts to reduce the budget shortage for any programs. If you are interested in hearing about what our plans are for Spring, come to our next meeting on Wednesday November 2, 2011 at 6:30 pm.

Also, please mark April 21, 2012 on your calendar for Casino Night On The Hill. More details to follow in coming newsletters.

Happy Thanksgiving and we look forward to seeing or hearing from you!
Kim Lightfoot, Friends of Placer High School
(916) 952-1019

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Placer Music Booster Christmas Tree Sale

Where: Placer High School, the corner of Finley and Orange St.

When: Nov. 25th -Dec. 11

Weekends 9am -8pm, Weekdays 3pm-8pm

What: Douglas Fir, Noble Fir, Frasier Fir, Silver Tip and Wreaths

Prices: Starting at \$20.00-Prices include tax

All profits go to support Placer High Music!



English Department News...

Dear PHS Parents:

The Senior Project teachers would like to invite you to be a part of Placer High School's Senior Boards. If you would like to be an evaluator of student portfolios and speeches, please click on our invitation below. Senior Boards are on Tuesday, December 20th and Wednesday, June 6th. The boards will last from 1pm to approximately 3:30 pm.

Each year hundreds of community members participate in this senior rite of passage, and we welcome new and returning evaluators. Your participation in Senior Project is much appreciated by the students, and they value your commitment to them and to the school.

Please press ctrl + click on the address below to complete a brief form that will register you as a judge for this year's Senior Boards. Feel free to contact me if you should have any further questions.

[Press control key and click here to sign up for Placer's 2011-2012 Senior Boards](#)

Sincerely,
Brittany Haydon



Important Deadlines For the Components of Senior Project

November 3:	Final Paper Returned
November 16:	Project Progress Report Due
December 5:	Project Completion Date
December 8:	Project Paperwork Due
December 13:	Portfolio Due
December 20:	Senior Boards - 1 pm

Note: These dates apply to the fall term senior class of 2012. There are no extensions on deadlines! However, due dates may be moved forward at the discretion of the Senior Project teacher.

Counseling News...

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 1st (English) and November 2nd (Math). The counselors have provided these students with study guides and information about after-school tutoring. If you have any questions contact the counseling office.

College Application

Deadlines: Seniors applying to either CSU or UC campuses must submit their completed applications online by November 30th! Online applications are available beginning October 1st for both the CSU and UC systems. CSU applications can be submitted online October 1st to November 30th.

(csumentor.edu) Even though the UC application window opens on October 1st completed applications can only be submitted November 1st - 30th. (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. Find out how to do it before you press the "submit" button. Students who plan on attending Sierra College should apply beginning in January, 2012. Seniors should keep their transcript they received during their grad status meeting so they can accurately report their classes and grades on their college application.

Message for students applying to University of Nevada (Reno): In filling out the online application when you get to the page about "Residency Information" select "Reduced Out-of-State Tuition Option" this will save you a bunch of money! If you submit your application without selecting this you cannot go back and change it! See your counselor if you have a question.

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 November 16th and December 7th. Contact Sierra College Outreach office at outreach@sierracollege.edu to make reservations.

PUHSD College Financial Aid Information

Night: Come to the Placer High auditorium on Tuesday, December 6th 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.

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. 15, 16 and 19**. As always, changes will be made on a space available basis. Please note that all elective changes must be



Counseling News cont...

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 neces-

Upcoming Events

Nov. 1-2	CAHSEE Test for Juniors and Seniors (who have not passed)
Nov. 10	End of 3 rd Grading Period
During Nov.	Students with <u>incomplete</u> Spring schedules will be called in
Dec. 6	Financial Aid Night 6:30 pm in the PHS auditorium
Dec. 15, 16, 20	Students <u>wishing to change</u> Spring schedules see counselors

Note: More information can be found at the counseling tab on the PHS website.

Steve Prather, Counselor "A-G"
Carol Koons, Counselor "H-M"

From the Attendance Desk

For All Day absences call: 530-745-5707
For Early Dismissal call: 530-745-5704

Please call the same day of your child's is absence.

If you have a planned early dismissal, please send your child to the office with a note prior to the period that he will be leaving from or missing. Or call well in advance and then have your child come to the office to pick-up his early dismissal slip prior to the period that he will be leaving from or missing. A student may receive a cut for not checking out through the office.

2011-12 SAT Test

Test Date	Tests Offered	Regular Registration Closes	Late Registration Closes
December 3, 2011	SAT and Subject Tests	November 8, 2011	November 20, 2011
January 28, 2012	SAT and Subject Tests	December 30, 2011	January 13, 2012
March 10, 2012	SAT Only	February 10, 2012	February 24, 2012
May 5, 2012	SAT and Subject Tests	April 6, 2012	April 20, 2012
June 2, 2012	SAT and Subject Tests	May 8, 2012	May 22, 2012

2011-12 ACT Test

Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee Required)</i>
December 10, 2011	November 4, 2011	November 5 – 18, 2011
February 11, 2012*	January 13, 2012	January 14 – 20, 2012
April 14, 2012	March 9, 2012	March 10 – 23, 2012
June 9, 2012	May 4, 2012	May 5 – 18, 2012

Grad Night News...

The Grad Night Committee Needs You!

Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior parents...The next grad night meeting is Tuesday 11/8 - 6:30 @ Tango Frozen Yogurt. We are running out of time to transition new committee members into positions that are currently filled by Senior parents. This is an all night event put on to keep the graduates' safe and off the streets the night of graduation. Placer High Grad Night is in its 23rd year, please help us keep it going for the class of 2013 and beyond.

For more information contact Chris Sands 305-9280 or chrissands@starstream.net .

First Grad Night Fundraiser

CALL FOR VENDORS!!!!

Placer Grad Night is holding their annual Holiday Boutique Extravaganza on **Saturday, December 3rd** in the cafeteria at Placer High School. If you are interested or know a crafter who may be interested in renting a booth space, please contact **Kristan Henry (530) 305-7449** [reddhead1216@yahoo.com](mailto:redhead1216@yahoo.com)

November 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
	CAHSEE-Make-ups S.A.M. Meeting 7:30 Detention 3:05-5:00	CAHSEE-Make-ups Site Council 3:00pm FOPHS Meeting 6:30 GVB vs Foothill 4/5/6:00	Leadership Team 3:10pm	FB @ Foothill 5:30/7:30	SAT-Library CC @ Frogtown TBA
	1	2	3	4	5
PLC - Min. Day Golf Nor Cals	Detention 3:05-5:00 Department Meeting 3:00		End of Grading Period	Holiday-Veterans Day FB Section Play offs	CC @ Folsom Course TBA
7	8	9	10	11	12
PLC - Min. Day Faculty Meeting 2:45 Golf State	Grades due by 3:00pm Detention 3:05-5:00	<i>PHS Play- Harvey 7:00pm</i>	<i>PHS Play-Harvey 7:00pm</i>	FB Section Play offs <i>PHS Play- Harvey 7:00pm</i>	<i>PHS Play - Harvey 2:00 & 7:00pm</i>
14	15	16	17	18	19
PLC - Min. Day		No School	Holiday-Thanksgiving	Holiday-No School FB Section Play offs	CC State Final Fresno TBA
21	22	23	24	25	26
PLC - Min. Day	Detention 3:05-5:00				
			Lockdown Drill November 14-18		
28	29	30			

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 2, 6:30pm. In the Teacher Lounge.**

Hope to see you there!

FOPHS Board

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FOPHS 2010/2011 Officers

Name	Position
Kim Lightfoot	President
Julie Lardner	Secretary
Emilia Lawson	Treasurer
Denise English	Membership
Sylvia Fisk	Website/Web Newsletter/Mailing
Chris Sands	Grad Night Liaison
Renee Reale	Hospitality
Cathy Norcott	Ways and Means (Scrip)
Tyann Elkins	Library Volunteer Coordinator