

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- FOPHS Meeting, September 7, 6:30 pm
- Grad Night Meeting, September 13, 6:30 pm
- Homecoming game September 30, 5:15/7:30
- FFA Dinner, September 30, 4:30-6:30pm
- Homecoming Dance October 1, 7-10 pm

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Message from the Principal

Welcome back to what has hopefully been a fun and relaxing summer. I wanted to take just a few moments of your time to bring you up to speed with Placer High news and important dates to remember. As you are aware, we have been in the middle of a hiring buzz, bringing in many new people. Our new Dean of Students, Steve Caminiti was hired back in spring and has already hit the ground running. Richard Darrach will be replacing James Anderson in the welding shop, bringing AG Welding back to Placer. James will be taking over Mechatronics classes for Thomas Stargaard who has left for Del Oro. Annette Udall joins the English department and Mike Sabins will be taking over the reins of ASB. Placer Class of 2000 graduate Kaija Uno (now Kaija Perkins-Uno) is replacing Larry Alberts. Gilberto Pena is coming in to fill the shoes left by Jim Rodarte, and Katelin Butcher is the replacement for Kate Sau-

mure Jones, who left for a full time position in Sacramento. Mary Ann Vaughan is no longer a long term sub, coming to the math department part time. Brett Belanger will be the new rookie in the Social Studies department. Jarred Sellers has taken over for Heather Snow, who is on leave of absence. And Trisha Zakon joins us as a new RSP teacher.

As you all are aware, we began a new bell schedule this year, with school beginning at 7:55 and ending the day at 2:55. There is a nutrition break between first and second period, with food available for students in the cafeteria and the quad area outside the auditorium. We will be continuing with PLC Mondays, slated for every Monday of the school year. The student portal is up and running, allowing all to view student's grades and attendance. Please contact your child's

teacher and/or counselor if you have any questions. Fall sports are in full gear, with Cross Country, Boys Soccer, Girls Volleyball, Girls Golf and Football all looking forward to fantastic seasons. Please note that all these successful programs rely on your sports donation to maintain the level of success they have enjoyed these past years.

Please excuse the new construction taking place in front of the school. All the work being completed is to keep the school ADA compliant. It should all be finished by the end of September. I look forward to seeing you all and beginning the new school year. I am excited about the new people we have coming on board and the new responsibilities many of our veterans have taken on. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you have any questions.

Peter Efstathiou, Principal

Message from the FOPHS Board..

Greetings, Placer Parents -

I would like to welcome all the new and returning parents and introduce myself. I am Kim Lightfoot, the new president of the Friends of Placer High School parent organization. I would also like to introduce our board members for this school year:

Emilia Lawson - Treasurer
Julie Lardner - Secretary
Sylvia Fisk - Website / Newsletter
Denise English - Membership
Chris Sands - Grad Night Chair
Renee Reale - Hospitality

The Friends of Placer High School has two objectives, first to support communication to the parents via email, web or newsletter and two, raise monies to support the school. Over the years, FOPHS has been able to support such activities as wish lists for teachers and staff not funded by the school, Senior Grad night, staff appreciation and much more. We raise monies through membership drive, SCRIP programs such as Raleys/Bel Air, Savemart and Safeway and general donations from the community.

We also sponsored Casino Night this past spring and raised over \$10,000 for Placer High Sports programs. We plan to hold another event this next spring and hope that you will join us in keeping sports at PHS.

I want to thank you for becoming a member and making a donation to help us sustain the many activities this organization supports. We hope to see some of you at our meetings the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm.

Sincerely,

Kim Lightfoot, President
Friends of Placer High School
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Counseling News...

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.

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

Four Year Planning for 9th-11th Grade: Counselors will soon begin meeting with all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students to create or adjust their personal Four-year Plan. This is designed to assist students in determining what courses to take, what sequence should be followed, what classes are required to be college eligible, and to help plan for goals after graduating from high school. These meetings will begin after senior

transcript reviews are complete.

California High School Exit Examination: Counselors will provide 11th and 12th graders who have not passed the CAHSEE with study guides for the individual English and/or math tests. All seniors and juniors who have not yet passed this exam will be tested in November.

(English Language Arts on Nov. 1 and Mathematics on Nov. 2)

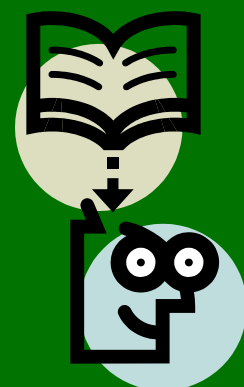
Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/ NMSQT): This assessment is a "practice" SAT test as well as the qualification exam for the National Merit Scholarship competition. It is primarily designed for juniors. Sophomores may also take the PSAT, but they are not qualified for the NMSQ program until their junior year. The test will be given at Placer High School on Saturday, October 15th from 7:30 - 11:00 am in the library. Registration will begin in late September at the counseling office counter. The fee for the test will be approximately \$17. See the counseling website for specific infor-

mation in mid-September.

PLAN Test (practice ACT and career interest assessment). This assessment is a "practice ACT college assessment" test for sophomores. In addition, students are given a comprehensive career assessment to match their personality and academic abilities with possible career areas. The Plan Test will be administered on Saturday, October 15th, 7:30 am - 11:00 am in the library. Registration will begin in late September at the counseling office counter. The fee for the test will be approximately \$13. See the counseling website for specific information in mid-September.

Please note: The PSAT and PLAN will be given at the same time and place. Students can only take one of the tests. It is suggested that sophomores take the PLAN and juniors take the PSAT.

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 U-C



Counseling News Continued...

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. 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.

College Information Nights: Open to all grade levels! Placer High will host a district wide college information night on Thursday, October 6th at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. Breakout sessions will include representatives from the California State University system, the University of California system and Sierra College. On Thursday, October 13th Rocklin High will host its annual college night. Representatives from over 100 colleges and universities will be there to hand out information and answer questions. The event begins at 6:30 pm in the Rocklin High gym.

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 September 14th, September 28th, October 19th, November 16th, and December 7th. Contact Sierra College Outreach office at outreach@sierracollege.edu to make reservations. Please include your name, number of people and the date of meeting in your e-mail reservation.

Work Permits: All work permits expired on September 1, 2011. If you need to renew your work permit, please see Mrs. Smith in the Counseling office.

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

Steve Prather, Counselor "A-G"
 Carol Koons, Counselor "H-M"
 Neil Polaske, Counselor "N-Z"



2011-12 SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Tests Offered	Regular Registration Closes	Late Registration Closes
October 1, 2011	SAT and Subject Tests	September 9, 2011	September 21, 2011
November 5, 2011	SAT and Subject Tests	October 7, 2011	October 11, 2011
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 Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline	<i>(Late Fee Required)</i>
September 10, 2011	August 12, 2011	August 13 – 26, 2011
October 22, 2011	September 16, 2011	September 17 – 30, 2011
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!

For the last 22 years it has been a tradition at Placer High for parents of the future graduating classes to plan and host an all night event (10pm -5am) for the graduating seniors. The intent is to give them a fun, alcohol and drug free celebration, while keeping them safe the night of graduation June 9th. This is one of the biggest events put on solely by the parents of Placer High School, an average of 250 kids attend each year. To keep this going year after year for future graduating classes, we need help from the underclassman parents. Many of the committee members have been involved since their students were Freshman. We welcome any level of involvement, but particularly need **Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior parents.**

Our first meeting will be **Tuesday September 13 at 6:30pm.** Meetings are held in the loft of the frozen yogurt shop Tango next to Hanami Sushi on the second Tuesday of the month. There is parking next to Big O Tires. We use these meetings to plan grad night, discuss ideas for fundraising, and organize volunteers for various positions. It is not necessary to attend every meeting. If you can't attend meetings but still want to help, I can put you on my email distribution to keep you informed of what is going on. Please watch the monthly FOPHS News letter for additional information or send me your email address and I will send out notices of what we have going on. Please call if you have any questions - Chris Sands at 887-8599 or chrissands@starstream.net.

German Exchange Program

Background

Since 2000, Placer High School has had a regular exchange with Tassilo High School in the Bavarian town of Simbach am Inn, near the Austrian border. 20 students from Tassilo High School will be coming to Auburn after our spring break, arriving Monday, April 9, 2012, and staying for two weeks. They are hosted by Placer students and their families.

These same host students then travel to Germany for three weeks, beginning June 16.

How To Get Involved

If you are interested in participating this year, the mandatory parent/student informational meeting will be held Tuesday, September 20 in the Placer library at 7:00 pm. Program details will be explained and applications handed out at that time.

Qualifications

You must currently be a Placer High School student. Speaking German is not a requirement. In addition to the hosting in the spring, students who are selected commit to 8 morning meetings before school to prepare for hosting and traveling, learn some German, and plan our farewell party. We are looking for students who:

- are responsible, trustworthy, flexible and team players
- have a desire to learn about and an openness toward other cultures
- will represent our community and country in a positive manner
- have a positive outlook on life
- will be good hosts and appreciative guests

If you have any further questions, please contact Thomas Schroeder at 885-4581, ext. 5820 or tschroed@puhsd.k12.ca.us

September 2011					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
			ID Pictures Leadership Team 3:10pm Soccer vs N. Lk Tahoe 3:30 CC @ Del Oro 3:30 Golf vs Del Oro 3:00 FB JV vs Grant 5:30	VB JV/Frosh @ Del Oro 3:30/5:30	
			1	2	3
Holiday-Labor Day	S.A.M. Meeting 7:30am Detention 3:05-5:00pm Department Mtg. 3:00pm Soccer vs Ponderosa 3:30	Site Council 3:00pm FOPHS Meeting 6:30pm	Soccer vs Woodland 3:30 Golf vs Bear River 3:00	FB vs So. Anchorage 7:00 Rally-Fall Sports Hill Friday GVB-Var. @SLO Soccer @ Del Campo Club Rush -Senior Lawn	GVB - Var. @ SLO Soccer @ Del Campo CC UNR Invite 6:00 10
5	6	7	8	9	11
PLC - Min. Day Hearing Test-Grade 10 Faculty Meeting 2:45 Golf vs NU 3:00	Detention 3:05-5:00pm GVB vs Roseville 4/5/6:00 Soccer @ Oakmont 4:00	Fire Drill	Frosh FB @ Casa Robles 6:00 GVB @ Forestlake 4/5/6:00 Soccer @ NU 4:00 Golf @ Center 3:00	FB @ Casa Robles 5/7:00 End of Grading Period	GVB @ Del Oro-JV GVB @ Edison-Frosh 17
12	13	14	15	16	18
PLC - Min. Day	Grades due by 3:00pm Detention 3:05-5:00pm <i>German Exchange Info Mtg.</i> <i>7-8:30pm, Library</i> GVB vs Ponderosa 4/5/6 Soccer vs Mira Loma 3:30		Frosh FB vs Woodland 5:30 GVB vs Woodcreek 4/5/6:00 Soccer @ Franklin 4:00 Golf vs Lincoln 3:00	FB vs Woodland 5:15/7:30 Hill Friday	GVB @ Edison-JV CC @ Stanford 9:00am 24
19	20	21	22	23	25
PLC - Min. Day Golf PVL 18 Hole TBA Nerd Day	Detention 3:05-5:00pm Rally Powder Puff Game Color Day: F-Green, S-Orange, J-White Sr-Lumberjack&Tree Huggers	CC @ Renfree Park 3:30 <i>Water Safety Day</i> Lunchtime Obstacle Cou Off campus Venders	Frosh FB vs El Dorado 5:30 Soccer @ Foothill 5/7:00 Rally Pattern Day: F-Polka-Dot , S-Stripes, J-Animal Prints Sr-Tie-dye	FB vs El Dorado 5:15/7:30 FFA Dinner-4:30-6:30 Green & Gold Day Rally	OCTOBER SAT-Library Homecoming Dance E. C. Gym 7-10pm Semi Formal
26	27	28	29	30	Oct. 1, 2011

Homecoming Week

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, September 7, 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