

SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:

FOPHS

Board Meetings:
April 2 and May 7
Admin Building
Staff Lounge
2nd Floor
@ 6:30 pm

Grad Night Meeting
Tango's
April 9 @ 6:30pm

Junior Prom
Saturday, April 5
@ The Ridge

Spring Break
April 14 to April 21

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Message from the Principal

Greetings Hillmen,

As always, much is happening on the Hill as we begin our journey into the last nine weeks of the school year. By now you should have received your child's second progress report for the Spring Term. Students received their progress report during their 2nd period class on Friday, March 28, 2014. Our next grading period ends May 2. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher and/or counselor. Thank you to all sophomores who participated in the CAHSEE test which took place in March. The staff and I appreciate the effort that was shown by all students. Now we all get to gear up for the STAR test which will be administered April 1 – 3. As many of you know, this is the last year of administration for the STAR test. On Tuesday, April 1, 9th and 10th grade students will test. The freshmen will take a pre-CAHSEE test and sophomores will take the required Life Science test. Juniors will take the STAR ELA on Wednesday, April 2, and on Thursday, the 3rd, 10th grade students will take a practice test of the new Smarter Balanced Test on their chromebooks. Any junior who has taken Algebra 2 or higher in the past years or is currently taking Algebra 2 or higher will be testing on Thursday.

Placer Spring sports have been enjoying a productive and busy preseason, with Baseball, Boys Golf, Boys Volleyball, Girls Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Tennis and Track all off and running. Tennis continues its dominance in the PVL, winning over 80 straight league matches. Senior Megan Tucker, who currently holds the long jump school record, along with over 120 athletes, will be looking for another PVL title in track and field. I want to thank all athlete parents who have graciously donated to their child's athletic program. The monies collected from donations are used to pay for athletic transportation, officials, and fees. Donations can be made at any time in the office or on line at the school web site. If you have any questions, please contact me (Mr. Efstathiou). For all sports schedules, please refer to the school website puhsd.k12.ca.us/placer and look under the Athletics link for team schedules.

Lastly, please note some important dates in April. Junior Prom will take place Saturday, April 5, from 7:30 pm to 11 pm at the Ridge in Auburn. Spring Break will run April 14 to April 21. The monthly FOPHS meeting will take place Wednesday, April 2, beginning at 6:30 pm. Fundraising efforts continue for the renovation of the track and field at Placer High School. It is our hope to put in a new track along with a synthetic field. If you wish to donate to the project, please contact Mr. Efstathiou at the school, or the District Office.

Sincerely,
Peter Efstathiou
Placer High Principal
Go Hillmen!

Message from the FOPHS Board...

WE WANT YOU.....

to be a part of a great group of parents that provides input on how to make this a better school and experience for the students.

HOW.....

1. Sign up to be a member now or next year - this will provide you monthly newsletters about what is going on around the school.
2. Come to a board meeting and hear what the board is doing and hear from Mr. E what is going on at the school
3. Donate because every dollar counts. Our success depends on donations, SCRIP and fundraising . We support many things that the school cannot always provide to teachers, art, music, welding, wood shop, mechatronics, athletics and more....
4. Volunteer to help - we have many opportunities from lunch coverage in the library to grad night, hospitality, board member or fundraising..



Our upcoming meetings will be on April 2nd and our last meeting on May 7th at 6:30pm in the staff lounge. Please come to one of the meetings to hear more about the school, our organization and upcoming activities. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Lightfoot".

President
Friends of Placer High School

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Counseling News

AP Testing registration deadline is 3:00pm on Wednesday, April 9. No registrations will be accepted after this date. Cost is \$89 per test payable by cash/check in the counseling office or with a credit card online at the PHS Webstore. See testing schedule below.

This is Scholarship Season for our Seniors! Check the District Scholarship Bulletin on the Placer High Counseling webpage. There are still some scholarships available this month for seniors to apply. Don't delay and possibly miss a scholarship opportunity.

Senior Scholarship Award Night will be held on Wednesday, May 28th at 6:30 pm in the auditorium. This event celebrates seniors who have received school, community, and college scholarships. To assist us in recognizing these accomplishments, we ask that seniors bring copies of their scholarship letters as soon as they get them to the counseling office, so we can include them in the event's program. This includes any college specific awards that students have received. The deadline for submissions is Monday, May 12.

College Acceptance Now is the time when seniors receive college acceptance letters. As you are notified of acceptance be sure to let us know by filling out a college acceptance form at the counseling desk. With this information, students can be added to our College Board in the counseling office. With this display we can all share in the pride of having our students go on to attend some of the best colleges and universities in the country!

Sierra College Seniors who plan on attending Sierra College next fall should have already applied, completed the online orientation, taken their assessment tests and met with a Sierra counselor. If you have not applied, go to the Placer High website, click on "Counseling" and then click on "Applying to Sierra College" (on the left-hand side under Navigation). The first day of online class selection for new students is April 30, but all of the above mentioned steps must be completed first! Assessment times and counseling appointments are filling up so don't wait! The high demand classes fill up very quickly! Take care of the all the necessary procedures well ahead of this April 30 date to ensure class choices.

9 week progress reports were handed out to students on Friday, March 28. If these are lost or misplaced, parents can check grades on the Parent Portal.

University Bound Juniors Now is the time to take the SAT or ACT tests for juniors who are planning to attend a 4-year college upon graduation from PHS. There are only a few test dates left for this spring. There is a May 3rd SAT test (deadline is April 4) and a June 7th SAT test (deadline is May 9). Register online at collegeboard.com. There is also an ACT testing date on June 14th (regular deadline is May 9). Register online at act.org. By taking the tests now, students will have the option of re-testing in early fall to improve scores.



Counseling News Continued.....

Schedule of AP Exams

Week 1	Morning (8am)		Afternoon (12 noon)
Monday, May 5	Environmental Science		Psychology
Tuesday, May 6			
Wednesday, May 7	Calculus BC		
Thursday, May 8	English Literature		
Friday, May 9	English Language		
Week 2	Morning (8am)		Afternoon (12 noon)
Monday, May 12			
Tuesday, May 13	U. S. Government		
Wednesday, May 14	U. S. History		
Thursday, May 15	Macroeconomics		

Accelerated and AP English

Freshmen Parents:

Does the idea of your student participating in challenging critical thinking, reading, and writing sound rewarding? Would your student benefit from being prepared to tackle AP classes as an upperclassman? Sophomore Accelerated English may be the right choice for your student. Last testing date to be eligible for Placer's Sophomore Accelerated English class is on Monday, May 5 at 1:45pm There is no need to pre-register. Students must take the placement test to be eligible for the program. Call Mrs. Haydon at 745-5766 for more details.

AP Language Review:

For all AP Junior students there will be a AP Language review sessions on April 22, April 24 and May 1. Time is 5 to 7 pm in Room 105. Students need to sign up with Mr. Haydon. The AP English Language Test is on May 9.

Placer High School Grad Night ALIVE !

A Safe & Sober Graduation Celebration



In the upcoming weeks, there will be a lot of talk about Placer's annual Grad Night ALIVE! We encourage ALL Placer parents to read the information provided below to gain an understanding about the event and what needs to be done to make it a success.

What is Grad Night ALIVE?

Placer Grad Night ALIVE is a 25 year strong Hillmen tradition. It's an **ALL-INCLUSIVE, fun-filled, safe and sober graduation party** for the seniors (only!) the night of graduation hosted by parents, alumni and community members. Each year we completely transform ARD into party central with a new (secret) theme. Recent themes have included Pirates of the Caribbean, Hollywood and Space Odyssey. The party includes many activities such as live DJ, dancing, casino games, massages, swimming, rock wall, bull riding, tournament games, prizes, unlimited food and drinks and so much more!

How is Grad Night ALIVE Funded?

The Grad Night committee operates its own budget under the Friends of Placer High School (FOPHS). It is NOT a Placer High School function and receives no funding from the school or district. Approximately 50% of the budget is covered by ticket sales. The remaining 50% is comprised of funds raised through annual activities such as Festival of Lights booth, Holiday Boutique, E-Waste Drive, Rummage Sale, as well as donations from PHS families, local businesses and corporations.

Who Creates Grad Night ALIVE?

Grad Night is created by dozens of volunteers from past and present PHS families. **Parents of upper AND lower classmen** are needed to get involved as this event is a farewell gift to the senior class from ALL members of the Hillmen community. The event is organized into more than a dozen committees ranging from Decorations, Food, Games and Prizes, to Security, Ticket Sales, and Staffing. With everyone helping out on a small level, the cumulative effect adds up to an amazing event.

Why Should YOU Get Involved?

It's an all-night party and it takes a lot of time and effort to plan, prepare and execute. **We encourage ALL families to get involved**, however we prefer parents of underclassmen in *key roles* to learn and take part in all the details of what is involved in making Grad Night a success. This will help give the senior parents the ability to step back once the big day arrives and enjoy graduation and celebrations.

What Type of Help is Needed?

Volunteers are needed in all areas of planning, preparation and implementation:

- **Props and Decorations** (on-going) (crafters, non-crafters, painters, carpenters, electricians, etc.)
- **Event set up** (June 5-7)
- **Food prep** (work with our professional chef!)
- **Photographers**
- **Casino dealers**
- **Logistics planners**
- **Prizes and Donations** (help collect)
- **Event staff**
- **Tear down / clean up**
- **Much more!!!**

Do you have a couple hours to lend a hand? Parents can be involved in one time activities, become a project team member or lead, or participate with various activities all year long. We can use your creative genius, muscles, organizational prowess, social networking, or donations, to raise the bar.

Please help us make a great memory for our kids. Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity for parents to see what Grad Night is all about and help keep it alive in the future!! Classes of 2015, 2016 and 2017, your time will come sooner than you think - so come and help so you will know how to make it better every year!

It's EASY! Here's how to get involved: **Come to a monthly planning meeting** (April 9th, May 14th) @ Tango, 6:30pm. Contact PHSGradNight@gmail.com to be **added to the volunteer e-mail list**.

Sign-Up! Click Here: → [VOLUNTEER SPOT](#)

(No registration requirement – Follow the link to list of activities and positions. Click to see the detail. Sign up with your e-mail address. It's that easy!) >

PLEASE share this information with your friends!

**TO REPORT YOUR STUDENT'S ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL CALL:
(530) 885-4581 Ext. 5704**

All absences need to be cleared by a Parent/Guardian:

1. By sending a note to school with the student to turn into the attendance office
or By phoning into the attendance office

Please remember to always do one or the other as it is required that all absences be cleared, including partial day absences and late arrivals to school.

PLEASE MAKE CONTACT WITH THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE WHEN YOUR STUDENT MISSES ANY SCHOOL TIME.



Checking out of class: If a student needs to leave campus any time during the day, **for any reason**, they need to have an admit slip from the office **PRIOR** to leaving campus. When you know that you will be picking your student up early for any reason, **please send the student to the attendance office with a note.** An admit slip will be issued to the student to show their teacher when it's time to leave.

Checking into class: When a student comes to school late a note or phone call is needed for the student to go to class. The student is to come to the attendance office prior to going to class. An admit slip will be given to the student whose parents have sent a note or made a phone call. The admit slip shows the teacher that the student has been cleared.

A note is preferred if at all possible.



Extended weekends or vacations: When going out of town, please send a note or call the office ahead of time so the student's attendance will be cleared.

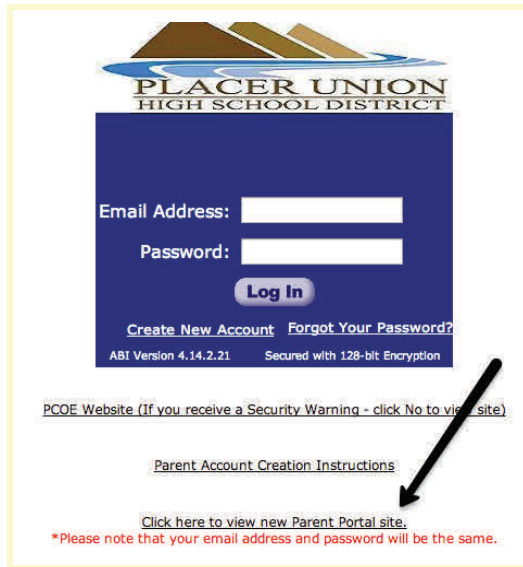
If you should have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Rhonda Holden, Attendance Secretary at 530-885-4581 ext. 5704

From the District

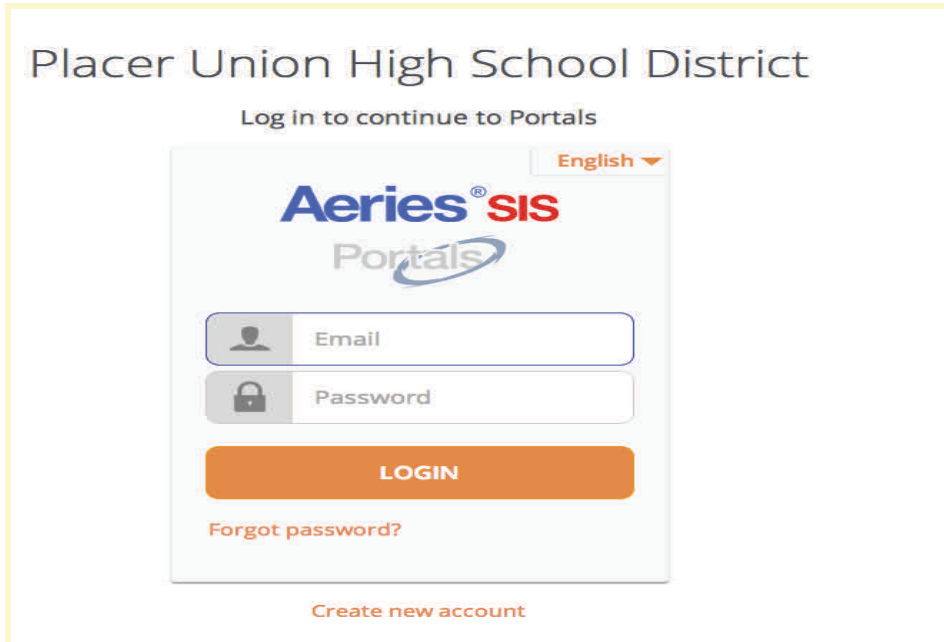
Wednesday, March 26, our school district will switch to a new Portal. Thankfully, your current username and password will remain the same. However, you'll need to bookmark the new web address in your browser.

A link is posted just below the existing login page. It states, "Click here to view the new portal site." The address is also on our Support page at www.puhsd.us, where you can also request assistance with this transition.

Thanks for your attention as we move forward with our Portal service.



Here is the New Look.



April 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun	
Additional Sports on 4/1 Tennis @ Lincoln 3:30	S.A.M. Meeting 7:30am Detention 3:05-5:00pm STAR Testing Gr. 9 & 10 Late Start Gr. 11-12 9:55 AM VB vs Bear Rover 5/6:00 SB vs Center 4:00 Site Coun- cil 3:00pm 1	FOPHS Mtg. 6:30pm STAR Testing Gr 11 Late Start Gr. 9, 10, 12 10:55am BB vs Colfax 4:00 Track vs Foothill 3:30 Soccer @ Colfax 4/5:30 2	STAR Testing Gr. 10 & 11 Late Start Gr. 9 & 12 10:55am VB @ Whitney 5/6:00 SB @ Colfax 4:00 Tennis @ Foothill 3:30 Golf @ Foothill 3:30	BB @ Colfax 4:00 Track 4/4 & 4/5 Stanford Invitational 9am Tennis vs River City 3:30 Swim vs Lincoln 4:00	Jr. Prom @ The Ridge 7:30-11:00pm VB @ Granite Bay 8:00am Tennis Marathon TBA	
	PLC Day Soccer vs Bear River 5:30/7:15	Detention 3:05-5:00pm VB @ Antelope 5/6:00 SB @ Bear River 4:00 Tennis @ Center 3:30 Golf vs Colfax 3:00	BB vs Bear River 4:00 Soccer vs Lincoln 5:30/7:15 Tennis vs Colfax 3:30	Leadership Team 3:10 VB vs Rio Americano 5/6 Track @ Center 3:30 SB @ Lincoln 4:00 Golf vs Bear River 3:00	Extended Lunch Schedule BB @ Bear River 4:00 Track @ Del Oro 12:30 Swim vs Bear River 4:00	VB @ Chico Tourney 8am
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Staff Mtg. 2:45pm Library PLC Day FFF Chapter Mtg Rm 6:14 6:30 Soccer vs Colfax 5:30/7:30 Golf PVL #2 12:30	Detention 3:05-5:00pm VB vs Whitney 5/6:00 SB vs Colfax 4:00	BB @ Foothill 4:00 Track vs Lincoln 3:30 Soccer @ Bear River 5/7:00	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 the **first Wednesday of each month 6:30pm. In the Staff Lounge.**

Hope to see you there!

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