

# The Hillparent Bulletin

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **FOPHS Board Meeting Mar 6, 630pm**
- **Grad Night Meeting Mar 12, 630pm**

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## Message from the Principal

Greetings Hillmen,

Welcome back from our Winter Break sequel. By now you should have received your child's first progress report for the Spring Term. The next grading period ends March 21. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher and/or counselor. Beginning in March, all freshmen will be participating in physical fitness testing as part of the 9<sup>th</sup> grade PE curriculum. All sophomores will be gearing up for the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam), which will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 12 and 13. On those two days, sophomores will come to school at 7:55 am, with all other students starting at 11 am. Sophomores looking to hone their skills can visit the school district web site at [www.puhsd.k12.ca.us](http://www.puhsd.k12.ca.us) and click on the Parents, Students and Community link. From there, scroll to the CASHEE link to view resources and sample questions. As we all know, this test is a graduation requirement and a big indicator for our API score and all are encouraged to do their best on this exam. On March 5, all juniors will be participating in EAP testing beginning at 7:55 am, and all 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> graders will start school at 9:15 am. A letter was sent home with all junior students on Thursday before the break. The test is designed to provide students with information regarding their readiness for college level English and mathematics courses. We are also beginning the process of registration for the 2012-2013 school year. By now, counselors have held grade level meetings with 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students and on-line registration begins March 2 and closes on March 10. Counselors will be holding individual counseling appointments for students beginning March 11. Please contact your child's counselor if you have any questions.

In Winter Sports, girls basketball finished in a tie for first place with Colfax and Bear River. They won their first two playoff games and lost in the semi-finals against a tough Christian Brothers team. Boys basketball came in to the playoffs and won big against the Inderkum Tigers in the first round but then lost to Sierra of Manteca in the second round. Wrestling won another league title, with six wrestlers continuing into post league competition. In Snowboard, the boys captured their second consecutive CSNIFF divisional league title, led by Jacob Peek (1st overall), Andrew Carrier, Scott Muraki and Chase Terry. Girls were led by Lily Worthington, Ruth Bracia, Julie Paige, and Kirsti Ashley. The boys and girls will compete at Mt Shasta Ski and Park, March 4th and 5th for State championships. As we head into spring sports, be on the lookout for great things from Baseball, Softball, Boys Golf, Girls Soccer, Swimming, Tennis, Boys Volleyball, and Track and Field. A big day to remember is the 75th running of the LeFebvre Relays which will take place on Friday, April 5, 2013. School will end at 12:05 pm on LeFebvre Friday.

Congratulations goes to senior Evelyn Yee who accepted in to the 2013 All-State Honor Band. Evelyn was selected from a total of over 1,600 applications and will be a member of one of eight honor groups. Also, on March 7, seniors Isaac Brahce and Stone Sander will be honored at the Scholar-Athlete National Football Foundation Banquet.

Lastly, here are a couple of dates and reminders. There will be a teacher in-service day on Friday, March 22, no school for students. Spring break is March 25 to April 1. There is a Spring Concert on Wednesday, March 20, beginning at 7:30 pm. For further information and dates, please refer to the school web site [www.puhsd.k12.ca.us/placer](http://www.puhsd.k12.ca.us/placer). Sincerely,

Peter Efstathiou  
Placer High Principal

Go Hillmen!

## Message from the FOPHS Board..

The Hillmen Golf Classic is 7 weeks away so come out and support the FOPHS parent organization and help raise money for teacher wish lists for next school year. This event supports the many programs at Placer: academic, arts, sports, welding, mechatronics, welding and much more.

The tournament will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Black Oak Golf Course. Players can register by contacting me at 916-952-1019 or email [kimberly\\_lightfoot@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kimberly_lightfoot@sbcglobal.net). To download a registration form, go to [www.fophs.org](http://www.fophs.org) and send the completed form with payment to the address on the form.

We are also looking for sponsors for the tournament. If you would like to sponsor the tournament or know someone who would sponsor, please call or email me.

If you would like to volunteer to help with the tournament or you would like to know more about the parent organization, please come to our board meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the staff lounge.

Sincerely,

Kim Lightfoot  
President  
Friends of Placer High School

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## Grad Night News.....

The Spring Rummage Sale is scheduled for Saturday 4/6 from 8am-3pm in the PHS cafeteria. We need lots of volunteers on Friday 4/5 to help organize and sort through donations. If you haven't helped with events yet, please consider helping out. This is our last fundraiser and a very important one since we typically make well over \$1000.

**We are in need of clothes racks for the rummage sale.** We would need them Friday through Saturday. If you or anyone you know has access to clothes racks please contact Kristan Henry at [redhead1216@yahoo.com](mailto:redhead1216@yahoo.com).

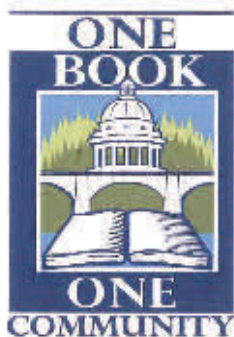
Do you have empty or old printer cartridges around the house or work? If you are a Staples rewards member, drop off your printer cartridges and when you get your rewards certificate, donate to grad night to buy prizes. It usually takes about a month for the rewards certificates to be issued, so drop off in the next 2 weeks, contact me and I'll collect all the rewards to make a great purchase. Last year we purchased a kindle and case for a great prize.

We only have 3 more meetings which are critical in the last of our planning. We need volunteers to help with food, check in, prize table, and working casino tables. **Join us on Tuesday, 3/12/13 upstairs at Tango at 6:30pm to get involved.**

Hope to hear from you.

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## NEW PROGRAM GETS AUBURN READING

*Class, Auburn Dam tour, panel discussions and more coming this spring*

The community that reads together can grow together and that's the goal of One Book, One Community.

This spring, residents can participate in Auburn's first ever **One Book, One Community**, a program that encourages everyone to read the same book and then participate in discussions and events about it.

This year's inaugural selection will be "**Nature Noir**" by **Jordan Fisher Smith**. Smith is a retired state park ranger who patrolled the American River Canyon for 14 years. His book details his experience trying to maintain land that was destined to be underwater. The American River Canyon in Auburn was set to become a lake once the Auburn Dam was constructed. Construction never happened and the land remains open to hikers, bicyclists, horse riders and more to this day.

Smith's first-person account includes encounters with armed and rogue gold miners, a search for a missing woman's remains that was part of a 30-year murder case, the discovery of the aftermath of a cougar attack on an Auburn-area trail and more.

One Book, One Community will host a series of events starting in March related to the content of Smith's work, including book discussions, a guided tour of areas featured and presentations from those who were a part of the story. The regional non-fiction book has also been integrated into English classes at Placer Union High School District schools.

"The goal of One Book, One Community is to promote reading, tackle illiteracy and foster page-turning togetherness," said Bart O'Brien, president of Auburn Rotary and board member of One Book, One Community.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**March 7, 14, 21** – Book discussion of "Nature Noir" by Jordan Fisher Smith, 4 to 5 p.m., Placer School for Adults (Led by Bart O'Brien and Steve Grundmeier)

**April 18** - Janet Kovacich murder cold case panel, 7-8:30 p.m., Placer High School auditorium

**April 20** - Canyon tour with Mike Lynch of state parks and Jordan Fisher Smith, 10 a.m.-noon

**April 23** – An evening with the author: book signing and presentation, 7-9 p.m., Placer High School auditorium

**April 25** – Screening of "Under Our Skin", a film about Lyme disease, 6:30 p.m., Nobili Room, Placer County Office of Education Annex building

One Book, One Community is sponsored by Auburn Rotary Club, Auburn Public Library and Placer County Office of Education

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## Counseling News...

Registration for Next Year Online class registration for the next year takes place March 2 – 10 through the Parent Portal. It is important that all students select their classes online in order to ensure their choices.

CAHSEE Testing All Sophomores will be taking the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) on Tuesday, March 12 (English-Language Arts) and Wednesday, March 13 (Mathematics).

Sierra College Seniors who plan on attending Sierra College next fall should be applying at this time. The online application is the first step and is available on the Placer High School website: select “Counseling” and then “Applying to Sierra College” on the left hand side. All new Sierra students must take English and Math Assessment tests unless exempted. Students can call the Assessment Center at 916-660-7430 to make a testing appointment and inquire about exemptions from testing. Students cannot make an appointment until they have applied to Sierra and established a MySierra account. I have re-served a test date for PHS students: Monday March 11 at 2:30 pm. You still must call and tell them you are a PHS and would like to reserve a spot for that day. After testing is completed, students can meet with a Sierra College counselor to discuss goals, classes, etc. The first day of online class registration for new students is May 8. However, the high demand classes will fill up quickly! It is important that our students take care of the application process and assessments well ahead of this May 8 date to ensure class choices. Sierra College offers great opportunities for all students. Check out their programs! View the March 2013 Sierra College Newsletter on our [Related Links](#) page at [fophs.org](http://fophs.org).

AP Tests Students planning to take Advanced Placement tests this May need to come by the counseling office March 11 – April 2 to register for the tests. The College Board charges \$89 for each test taken, which needs to be paid at the time of registration. If this fee is a hardship for any family, please contact Mrs. Koons in the counseling office (745-5717). Students qualifying for the free/reduced lunch program can pay \$5 per exam. Test registration fees may be paid in cash, or check made payable to Placer High School. For any questions, call or email Mrs. Koons who is our campus AP Coordinator.

Scholarships College bound seniors should stay on top of the scholarship search by checking Placer High’s Scholarship bulletin available online through the Placer High Counseling webpage.

College Acceptance March is the big month for seniors to receive college acceptance letters. As you are notified of acceptance be sure to let us know. There is a college acceptance form at the counseling desk that students can fill out. With this information, your student 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 finest colleges and universities in the country!

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. By taking the tests now, students will have the option of re-testing in October or November to improve scores. See test schedule on page 5.



## Counseling News continued....

### 2012-2012 SAT Test Dates

Date	Test	Registration Dead- line	Late Registration Dead- line
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)
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)





# THE "HILLMEN" GOLF CLASSIC



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

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013

2:00<sub>PM</sub> AT BLACK OAK GOLF COURSE

\$50.00 PER PLAYER INCLUDES

9 HOLES OF GOLF PLUS CART  
RANGE BALLS  
LUNCH AND 1 DRINK TICKET

RAFFLE PRIZES, LONGEST DRIVE AND CLOSEST TO THE HOLE  
FOR MEN AND WOMEN AND MUCH MORE...

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT  
KIM LIGHTFOOT AT 916-952-1019 OR  
GO TO [WWW.FOPHS.ORG](http://WWW.FOPHS.ORG)



*Placer High School Music Boosters* 

**Annual**  
**Crab Feed**  
**& Silent Auction**

**Saturday, March 9, 2013**

Placer Building, Gold Country Fairgrounds, Auburn

**Doors open 6 p.m.**

Music provided by the  
Placer High School Jazz Band  
Silent Auction

**Dinner Served at 7 p.m.**



Menu  
Salad & Spaghetti  
Clam Chowder, Shrimp Louie  
**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT CRAB**  
No-host bar



*Special reserve tables for 8 or more available. Please inquire.*

**Tickets \$40**

**Call (530) 820-5022**

**[www.placermusic.org](http://www.placermusic.org) or Eisley's Nursery**

*All proceeds benefit the students in the Placer High School Music Department*

March 2013					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
				VB @ Christian Bro 5/6:00 Track @ Del Oro 1:00 Tennis @ Riverbank TBA	2
				1	3
PLC-Min Day <b>Future Hillmen Night</b> <b>6-8:30pm</b> VB @ Roseville 5/6:00 Soc @ Millsw ood 3:15/4:45 SB @ Mt. Shasta TBA	<b>EAP TESTING-Late Start</b> SAM Meeting 7:30am Detention 3:00-5:00 SB @ Mt. Shasta TBA Ski State Champ. Mt. Shasta VB vs Del Oro 5/6:00 SoftB @ Bella Vista 4:00 4 Golf @ For. Lake 3:00 5	Site Council Mtg. 3:10 FOPHS Mtg. 6:30pm Ski State Champ. Mt. Shasta Track @ Del Oro 3:30	Leadership Team 3:10 Ski State Champ. Mt. Shasta VB vs Bear River 5/6:00 SoftB Sac Complex TBA Golf @ Granite Bay 3:00	SoftB Sac Complex TBA	SAT-Library 7:30am <b>Music Booster Crab Feed</b> <b>Fairgrounds 6-9pm</b> VB Tourney 9
	4	5	6	7	8
PLC-Min Day Faculty Mtg. 2:45 Library	<b>CAHSEE-English</b> <b>Gr. 10, 7:55 Test Time</b> <i>Gr. 9, 11, 12 Late Start</i> <i>School begins @ 11:00am</i> Department Mtg. Detention 3:00-5:00 VB @ Whitney 5/6:00 11	<b>CAHSEE-Math</b> <b>Gr. 10, 7:55 Test Time</b> <i>Gr. 9, 11, 12 Late Start</i> <i>School begins @ 11:00am</i> Track Practice Meet TBA3:30 SoftB TBA Soc vs Whitney 4/5:30 12	VB vs Antelope 5/6:00 Golf vs Center 3:00	<b>Extended Lunch</b> SoftB @ Lindhurst TBA Tennis @ River City 4:00 Swim vs Center 4:00	<b>Football Pancake Breakfast</b> VB Tourney 8am SoftB @ Lindhurst TBA Tennis 16
	11	12	13	14	15
PLC-Min Day <i>Future 9th Grade Registration</i> <i>Cafeteria 3:30-5:30pm</i> VB @ Rocklin 5/6:00	Detention 3:00-5:00 VB @ Rio Americano 5/6:00 SoftB TBA Tennis vs Center 3:30 Golf @ Colfax 3:00 18	Spring Concert 7:30pm Track Practice Meet TBA3:30	End of Grading Period VB @ El Camino (V) 6pm VB @ Granite Bay (JV)5pm Soc @ Golden Sierra 4/5:30 Tennis @ Colfax 3:30 Golf @ Bear River 3:00	<b>Teacher In-Service</b> Track @ Bella Vista 5:00 SoftB in Redding TBA Swim vs Colfax 4:00	SoftB in Redding TBA 23
	18	19	20	21	22
<b>Spring Break</b> FOPHS New sletter Deadline	<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>	<b>Spring Break</b> Soc vs Antelope 4/5:30	<b>Spring Break</b> Track @ Stanford 9:00	Track @ Stanford 9:00 30
	25	26	27	28	29
					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, March 6, 6:30pm. In the Staff Lounge.**

Hope to see you there!

**FOPHS Board**

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