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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **FOPHS Board Meeting May 1, 630pm**
- **Grad Night Meeting May 14, 630pm**

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Message from the Principal

Greetings Hillmen,

Here we are heading in to the last month of the school year and we are busier than ever. We are currently finishing up STAR testing and AP Testing will begin May 6 and run through May 17. Undergraduate awards will take place on May 17 in the Earl Crabbe Gym during school in an awards assembly. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will be recognized for their achievement by department, in athletics, and for academic performance (GPA). Seniors will be meeting in the auditorium for Senior Awards presentations during the same time. Invitations will be going out to families of students who are to be recognized. Scholarship Awards Night is being held Wednesday, May 30, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium.

May 3 marks the end of the third grading period. All students will receive their progress report during their 2nd period class on Friday, May 10. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's teacher and/or counselor. As we head into the home stretch, please remind your child to keep up with their studies because before you know it, Finals will be here June 5 and 6. As another reminder, tutoring is still offered after school in the library on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Placer Spring sports have been enjoying a successful season as many of our teams continue to work hard for a league championship. Most teams are finishing up league play and a few have even begun playoffs. Girls swimming finished in second place, with the boys team ending up third in dual meets. Girls soccer is looking to make the playoffs and capture a PVL title. Boys golf and Coed Tennis finished up top the leader board with first place finishes, and many of their players continuing to post season play. Track and Field is looking to capture yet again a PVL crown and also hopes to send individual performers to the Section meet. The baseball team may have struggled a bit this year, but are still fighting for a playoff spot. Softball has enjoyed a great season and if they win out rest of league play they will be looking at a first place finish. If you happen to see a game, you will notice the new scoreboard, courtesy of the softball boosters. The boys volleyball team has played some great matches this year under first year head coach Andrew Klem and just miss making the playoffs.

I would like to take a moment to also recognize a few outstanding teachers on the Placer campus. Math teacher Mike Gardetto was recognized by Auburn Rotary as teacher of the year. Mr. Gardetto, along with student of the year Becky Matthews, were hosted for a lunch by the Rotarians in April for their outstanding work at Placer High. Also, English/AVID/ASB teacher Mike Sabins, Mechatronics teacher James Anderson, and Art teacher Kaija Perkins Uno are being recognized as "Teachers Who Make a Difference," sponsored by ASCA (Association of California School Administrators) for their exemplary work at Placer High. Band and Choir teacher Dave Lawrenson is being honored at Educator of the Year and will be recognized for his achievements at Placer High at the Auburn State of Community Dinner May 10. On the student side, Placer High would like to recognize senior Megan Rao for receiving the 2013 National Young Arts Foundation Award. This award is given to students who have shown tremendous success in the visual, literary and performing arts. Megan is one of 685 winners selected from a pool of over 10,000 applications nationwide.

Lastly, please note the calendar for May and June as we head into the home stretch. Memorial Day Holiday is celebrated May 27, and there is no school on May 24. Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 8, beginning at 9 a.m. in LeFebvre Stadium.

Sincerely,
Peter Efstathiou
Placer High Principal

Go Hillmen!

Message from the FOPHS Board..

It is that time of year to say good-bye to parents that have meant a lot to the Friends of Placer High School parent organization. Julie Lardner has been the board secretary for many years and has been a big part of this parent organization helping with many activities at the school. We wish her well as she starts a new chapter in her life. We will miss her!

If you want to be a part of a great group of parents we have some openings for next year's board or just come to the meetings and hear what we are all about. Next year the following positions are open on the board:

- SCRIIP Coordinator
- Grad Night Committee
- Vice President

As we wrap up the year, we start to look forward to the next year and setting our fundraising goals to support the teacher wish lists, sports, art, welding and much more. We have already started the planning for our next fundraiser "Casino Night on the Hill" that is scheduled for November 16th at The Power Club. So mark it on your calendar and look for more information to be sent via email, posted on our website and/or in the newsletter beginning in August.

Our last meeting of the year is May 1st at 6:30pm. Thank you again to all the parents who supported Friends of Placer High School this year and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Sincerely,
Kim Lightfoot

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Grad Night News.....

The last Grad Night meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 pm at Tango. We will discuss the last minute details for the event on Saturday, June 8th. If you would like to help decorate, donate food or volunteer at the event please contact me. We could really use the help!

Senior parents should have received the Grad Night letter detailing the event. Purchase tickets and return the raffle ticket stubs for a chance to win an iPad and \$500. Purchase tickets early for discounted price. Drawing will be held at the Grad Night event.

Thank you to everyone who helped throughout the year. This event takes lots of volunteers and time, but it is well worth it. The graduates have a fantastic time in a safe and sober environment.

Janeen Steinheimer
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Counseling News

Congratulations Class of 2013! As this is the last newsletter of the school year, the counseling staff would like to congratulate the class of 2013 and wish them the best as they embark on the next stage of their lives. Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 8th beginning at 9:00am in the stadium.

Final Transcripts On the Senior Check Out Form (handed out on June 5) there is a spot where students can indicate where a Final Transcript should be sent. All seniors who are going on to a 4-year college in the fall must have their final transcript sent to the college. We do not automatically send a final transcript unless you indicate on the Senior Check Out Form. Failure to do so could jeopardize your acceptance and/or prevent registration for fall classes.

Summer School Placer School for Adults is offering a four week credit recovery program for incoming juniors, seniors and non-graduating 2013 seniors. Students can earn up to 10 credits. The courses available are English, Government, Economics, U.S. History, World Studies and Health. The cost is \$60. Classes will be held in the morning, Monday through Thursday, June 10 to July 3. Students can pick up a registration packet beginning on May 20 from their counselor. Students must attend a mandatory orientation at the Placer School for Adults Office, 390 Finley Street on Thursday, June 6 (3:30 - 4:30pm) or Friday, June 7 (10:00 - 11:00am). The \$60 fee must be made at the orientation meeting. Students should see their counselor if they have any questions.

Academic and Department Recognition Awards At these events, academic achievements for Honors, High Honors and Scholar (GPA 4.0+), athletic achievements, and departmental recognitions will be presented. The awards ceremonies will be held on Friday, May 17th at 10:40am. The awards for 9th, 10th and 11th Grade students will be presented in the Earl Crabbe Gym and the awards for seniors will be presented in the auditorium.

Senior Scholarship Award Night will be held on Wednesday, May 29th 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 to the counseling office, so we can include them in the event's program. This includes any college specific awards that students have received. This should be turned into the counseling office no later than May 15.

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Counseling News continued...

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 two test dates left for this spring. There is a June 1st SAT (deadline is May 2). Register online at collegeboard.com. There is also an ACT testing date on June 8th (regular deadline is May 3). Register online at act.org. By taking the tests now, students will have the option of re-testing in early fall to improve scores.

Sierra College Seniors who plan on attending Sierra College next fall can still apply. Just go to the Placer High website, select "Counseling" and then select "Applying to Sierra College" (on the left-hand side under Navigation). Students must apply, complete online orientation, take assessments and meet with a counselor before they can select classes. The first day of online class selection for new students is May 8 at 8 am.

AP Tests Advanced Placement Testing begins on Monday, May 6. See the testing schedule below.

2013 AP Exam Schedule



Week 1

	<u>Morning Session</u> 8 a.m.	<u>Afternoon Session</u> 12 noon
Monday, May 6	Environmental Science	Psychology
Wednesday, May 8	Calculus AB Calculus BC	
Thursday, May 9	English Literature and Composition	
Friday, May 10	U.S. History	

Week 2

	<u>Morning Session</u> 8 a.m.	<u>Afternoon Session</u> 12 noon
Tuesday, May 14	United States Government and Politics	
Wednesday, May 15	U.S. History	
Thursday, May 16	Macroeconomics	



June 2014					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
 Senior Information: Information regarding senior check-out, activities, graduation practice and graduation, will be addressed in a letter mailed to senior parents coming in May.					Track State Trials TBA 1
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PLC-Min Day 3	Regular School Day 4	Finals 0 Period 7:00-7:45 1st Per. 7:55-9:55 Nutrition 9:55-10:05 2nd Per. 10-15-12:15 Buses Leave at 12:25 5	Finals 0 Period 7:00-7:45 3rd Per. 7:55-9:55 Nutrition 9:55-10:05 4th Per. 10-15-12:15 Buses Leave at 12:25 6	Teacher Work Day 7	Graduation-9:00am  8 9
Grades due by 10:00am 10					15 16
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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, May 1, 6:30pm. In the Staff Lounge.**

Hope to see you there!

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Janeen Steinheimer	Grad Night Liaison
Shelley Wright	Hospitality
Lisa Voss	Ways and Means (Scrip)
Tyann Elkins	Library Volunteer Coordinator
Peter Efstathiou	Principal