
Shasta High Newsletter

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Principal's Message – Milan Woollard

We are looking forward to our Curriculum Faire on Monday, March 8th from 5:30 to 6:00 for incoming freshmen and from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM for returning students. The Curriculum Faire will be in the Harlan Carter Gym and is one of the last steps as we finalize course request so we can build a Master Schedule to meet the needs of our students. If you have not discussed your student's course request, please have this conversation with them so our schedule can be as accurate as possible. Along these lines, please be aware that Shasta College is decreasing the amount of courses offered during their summer school session, so don't count on high school students being enrolled in the courses that they do offer. Please plan accordingly.

I want to congratulate the Science Bowl team members for winning the Science Bowl for the north state (Shasta, Trinity, Siskiyou, Butte, and Lassen counties) this past weekend. The team of: Jay Patel, Dylan Kennedy, Kevin Stow Parker, Vanya Britto, and John Arin Ransom beat out 28 other teams to win an all expense paid trip to the National Science Bowl in Washington D.C. this spring. Shasta High has won this competition 4 out of the last 6 years!

I would also like to thank Coach Callaway and the basketball players who spent time last Saturday working with the Special Olympians from Shasta County. Our students helped the Special Olympians with their basketball skills and provided encouragement and praise for their efforts. The day was capped of with a B-B-Q and I wanted to thank the following families for their help: the Grahams', the Lins', the Welches', and the Russells'. Once again, our Shasta community came together to help others by giving of their time and resources.

Finally, I wanted to remind you to check on the Admin Zone in this newsletter. We have had some issues with the style of dancing that some students have felt is appropriate, but is definitely not. Please be aware and discuss with your kids that provocative dancing at a school dance is not appropriate. Before any prom tickets are sold this year, we will provide the students with guidelines on dance and dress that is appropriate for a school function. Hopefully, everyone will be aware of what is appropriate behavior and dress before the proms this spring.

Admin Zone—Heath Bunton; Leo Perez; Shane Kikut

Spring is right around the corner and with it comes a bounty of school activities and athletic events. Spring offers an array of contests to attend: baseball, softball, track and field, girls' soccer, boys' golf, and boys' tennis. Other school activities include:

March	April	May
8 th Curriculum Faire	5 th thru 9 th Spring Break	11 th 12 th CAHSEE make ups
27 th Junior Prom	27 th , 28 th , 29 th STAR Testing	3 rd thru 15 th AP Testing
	29 th , 30 Spring Musical	1 st , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th Spring Musical

Testing Notes:

Students are encouraged to perform their best on all their testing opportunities and incentives will be similar to last year.

The EAP (Early Assessment Program) is a joint venture between California public schools and the California State Universities system. The EAP is for juniors only and consists of an essay. What are the benefits? 1) Juniors who take the EAP will receive information about their readiness for college English courses. 2) They will be able to use their senior year of high school to become better prepared for college. 3) They may be able to avoid taking a non-credit remedial course after entering college. 4) They may be exempted from the CSU placement test required for entering freshmen.

STAR TEST

Due to the fact that counselors use STAR test results to help in placing students in classes for the following year and some college admissions applications have started to request STAR scores for acceptance the STAR test is more important than ever.

CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam)

Also offered in the spring is the CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam). The CAHSEE will be offered to sophomores who were absent during the February CAHSEE testing window and juniors and seniors who have yet to pass either of the math or English portions. The CAHSEE must be passed in order for students to graduate from high school.

Short Term Independent Study

It is strongly recommended that students be in school every day, however if there are extenuating circumstances that require a student to miss five or more days of school then he/she should sign up for STIS. Students need to give a minimum of **five school days notice prior to going on STIS**. Please notify school personnel as early as possible with the dates of the absence by sending in a note with your child or by speaking with Ms. Allpress in the Main Office to begin the paperwork.

This is the legal version of the above

EC 48980 (k) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian that no pupil may have his or her grade reduced or lose academic credit for any absence or absences excused pursuant to Section 48205 if missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period of time, and shall include the full text of Section 48205.

EC 48205 (b) A pupil absent from school under this section shall be allowed to complete all assignments and tests missed during the absence that can be reasonably provided and, upon satisfactory completion within a reasonable period of time, shall be given full credit therefore. The teacher of any class from which a pupil is absent shall determine the tests and assignments shall be reasonably equivalent to, but not necessarily identical to, the tests and assignments that the pupil missed during the absence.

Counselor's Corner—Sherrie Howard

March is here and we are in the middle of the Pre-registration Process for the 2010-2011 school year. It is a very exciting and rewarding time for counselors. We create PowerPoints that inform and showcase course and program offerings. Students are given packets to be shared with parents and then each student meets individually with his/her counselor to have course requests entered into Aeries. The course requests of the class of 2011 and 2012 have been entered.

The **Curriculum Fair** on Monday, **March 8** is geared for incoming 9th and 10th grade students and parents. The meeting for the incoming class of 2014 will be held in the gym from 5:30 until 6:00pm. Then, from 6:00- 8:00pm, the gym will be filled with booths from every department. The Medical Careers Program will have their **Health Fair** in the Library. The class of 2013 and 2014 will have their course requests entered in Aeries by March 26.

Many Seniors will be receiving admission offers from various colleges and receiving scholarships. Students should be checking the Senior Bulletin for scholarship opportunities. It is posted on the **Counseling website PrePHQ**. If your son or daughter receives a scholarship from an outside source, have them bring a copy to Becky Love in the counseling center. That way they will be included in the program for the **Senior Scholarship Awards Night on May 19**.

In other news, Shasta Plus students have been working on credit recovery and working toward graduation. They have all applied to Shasta College and will be touring the campus to learn more about available programs.

The College Options Center

College OPTIONS

Seniors

By this time you will start to receive notification from the colleges and universities you have applied to. This can be a very exciting and nerve-wracking time. Many colleges now have online "portals" that you log in to check everything from the status of your application to applying for housing and registering for classes. It is very important that you keep track of your "to-do" list that is provided by these online accounts and make sure that all deadlines are being met. At many schools the housing program has a waitlist the day the application for housing is available – just to give you an example of how important these deadlines are. Also, be sure to check to see if you need to take any placement tests (the EPT and ELM) if you have applied to or been accepted to a CSU.

Juniors

Be sure to register to take the SAT Reasoning or ACT this spring. You should check with your prospective college admissions offices to see if they also require the SAT Subject Tests or the optional writing portion of the ACT (the entire UC system does). You can register for the tests at www.collegeboard.com and www.actstudent.org. If you have a financial hardship and need a fee waiver to take these tests, see your counselor or College OPTIONS advisor.

Educational Talent Search

We are currently accepting applications. To learn more and to download an application visit <http://shasta.ucdavis.edu>

Lisa Fierros - Student Activities Director

February, though short, was busy! We started out with our **Winter Sports Spirit Week Rally** on the 5th, where we were introduced to our Basketball Homecoming Royalty candidates (all Seniors) and entertained by their outstanding dress-up day themed skits. At the game that evening against Foothill, seniors **Toni Lubben** and **Eric Martinez** were crowned Spirit Week Queen and King. The next night, the Sophomore Class, with the help of their fearless advisors Mr. Connolly and Mrs. Dobson, hosted an extremely successful **Winter Formal**.

After back-to-back 3-day weekends (!!!), the annual **Shasta High School Talent Show** was held on Friday, February 26. Generously sponsored by the SHS Parent Club, it was an enjoyable and diverse display of the talent we have within our student body. Ultimately, the winners were: **3rd place: Eric Martinez** (singer) **2nd place: Nick Casey** (juggler) and **1st place: The Elite 4** (band). Cash prizes were awarded for 1st through 3rd places.

The month of March is absolutely PACKED with activities! The **Spring Blood Drive** is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17 and the **Spring Sports Rally** will be held on Wednesday, March 31. The **Junior Prom** is at the Mercy Oaks on Saturday, March 27. Tickets are on sale soon and are less expensive if you buy them early! Finally, we'll be organizing elections for next year's **ASB and Class officers**, as well as beginning the process of selecting the 2009-10 **Link Crew**. Announcements for everything will be in the bulletin, so be mindful of the deadlines and GET INVOLVED!!!

YUMMY NEWS! Get your friends together and head on over to **PIO LOCO Restaurant!!** That's right! Pio Loco has teamed up with Shasta High ASB for the most delicious fundraiser ever! **Tuesday, March 9 – Saturday, March 13** will be the dates that **Pio Loco will donate 10%** of your food tab back to SHS!!!

All you need to do is *mention that you are there for the SHS fundraiser* and your server will take care of the rest! **Thank you PIO LOCO for supporting your WOLFPACK!!!**

In our last philanthropic endeavor for the year, Shasta will be participating in the annual **Pennies for Patients** campaign. This campaign supports the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in its quest to cure leukemia and other blood cancers. Students are encouraged to donate their spare change in any of their classes.

TORCH TUTORING

The TORCH Tutoring program has discontinued due to lack of students and tutors. We will notify you by email if it resumes operation.

Sober Grad

*Sober Grad Committee will meet March 16, 6:00 p.m., in Room 307. Everyone is welcome to attend. You do not have to have a senior to attend these meetings. This is a great opportunity for **freshman, sophomore and junior parents** to get involved so you have an idea what to plan for in the future. Sober Grad party will be held after graduation. For more information call Mrs. Mayberry at 241-4161 between 7:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. **Senior parents we need you!***

Sober Grad Certificates are **on sale now** for \$100. So far we have only sold **130 certificates**. Purchase one alone, or purchase with a group. The more certificates that we sell, the more money we have to spend on the party for our students. The money goes to pay for prizes, food, games, obstacle courses, etc. We provided a great party last year and hope to do so again this year. We need to sell more certificates before **March 8 deadline** to be eligible to be in the drawing put on by the Shasta Chemical People.

Dates to Remember

<u>March 1</u> <i>Athletic Booster Mtg. 6:30 p.m.</i>	<u>March 9</u> <i>Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. @ SLC Pio Loco Fund Raiser</i>	<u>March 15</u> <i>60 Minute Assemble Schedule.</i>	<u>March 20</u> <i>Saturday School</i>
<u>March 2</u> <i>Spring Parent Athletic mtg. 6:30 p.m. in the big gym Private School Mtg. @ 6 p.m. in room 218</i>	<u>March 10</u> <i>Pio Loco Fund Raiser Pick up Registration cards from Freshman</i>	<u>March 16</u> <i>Sober Grad Mtg. 6p.m. in room 307 Pick up Registration cards from Freshman</i>	<u>March 22</u> <i>Faculty Bell Schedule</i>
<u>March 3</u> <i>AP Incoming Freshman</i>	<u>March 11</u> <i>Pio Loco Fund Raiser</i>	<u>March 17</u> <i>Blood Drive</i>	<u>March 27</u> <i>Junior Prom 9-12</i>

<i>Parent meeting in the library @ 6:30 p.m.</i>	<i>Pick up Registration cards from Freshman</i>		Santa Cruz Jazz Festival
<u>March 6</u> <i>Saturday School Annual Jazz Band Cajun Crab Feed</i>	<u>March 12</u> <i>Pio Loco Fund Raiser</i> <i>Pick up Registration cards from Freshman</i>	<u>March 18</u> <i>Shasta Site Council mtg. 3 p.m. in the library</i>	<u>March 31</u> <i>30 Minute Rally – Spring Sports</i>
<u>March 8</u> <i>Faculty Bell Schedule Curriculum Faire – Large Gym at 6p.m.</i>	<u>March 13</u> <i>Pio Loco Fund Raiser</i> <i>SAT Test</i>	<u>March 19</u> <i>Jostens on campus during lunch</i>	