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**CARMEL VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER**

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Message From The Principal

Michael Grove

Carmel Valley Connects!

Welcome to the 2007-2008 school year.

I hope you had a restful summer and are ready for an exciting year ahead. I'm entering my 18th year in the San Dieguito Union High School district and I feel very fortunate to work with such a wonderful group of students, staff members, and families. I look forward to working closely with our new and returning students and their families along with our first rate teaching and support staff to continue our tradition of excellence. Please review this newsletter and other materials in our Back-to-School packet so that you are well informed about how things work at CVMS and the SDUHSD.

Some helpful information:

All incoming 7th graders and new 8th graders are encouraged to attend our **"Orientation Day 2007"** on **Wednesday, August 15** (see Page 3). We've revised the parent portion of the Orientation Day and all parents in attendance will attend a series of short informative sessions dealing with a variety of topics ranging from how to support your students academically and socially and how to access a variety of services at CVMS. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase P.E. clothes, yearbooks, school spirit wear and join the PTSA. These items will also be available for purchase after school on Wednesday & Thursday, Aug. 29 & 30. A list of items available to purchase for school is located on **Page 8**.

Students will receive their ***class schedules** on **Opening Day, Monday, August 27** beginning at **7:50 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center**. Schedules are not available to students prior to the first day of school.

***Class schedules of students without up-to-date immunizations will be withheld!**

Our **modified block schedule** will remain the same this school year. On this bell schedule, Mondays are **Single Period Days** during which all 6 periods meet and the other days of the week are **Block Days** during which only three periods meet (Tues. & Thurs. = Periods 1, 3, 5; Wed. & Fri. = Periods 2, 4, 6). **Homeroom** will be on single period days and on 1, 3, 5 block days. On 2, 4, 6 block days we have built in a time for **Silent Sustained Reading (SSR)**.

In addition to these regular schedules we will have nine **LATE START MONDAYS** when school will begin about an hour later than normal—please see **Page 2** for a list of these dates. This extra time will be used for teacher collaboration and staff development.

"Coffee With The Principal" will begin in October and will be held the **first Thursday of each month** (see Page 4). This is a time for you to hear directly from me about what is happening at school, to ask questions, and to offer feedback. Please plan on joining me.

Being part of CVMS is an opportunity for both you and your children to join us in building a comfortable place for students to learn and grow. I view education as a collaborative process among students, school staff, and families – please remain actively involved with your child's education during their time here at CVMS – even if they don't want you to! Active parental involvement is absolutely crucial in these formative adolescent years.

I look forward to getting to know each of you!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

August 15 Orientation Day 2007
(See Page 3)

**SCHOOL BEGINS
MONDAY, AUGUST 27**

September 17	Picture Day
September 17	Magazine Drive begins
September 17	LATE START DAY
September 26	Back to School Night 6-8 (See Page 3)
September 27	Welcome Dance, 6-8
September 27	PTSA Gen. Mtg. 6-8 Media Center
September 28	Club Day during lunch
October 15	LATE START DAY
Oct. 22—26	Red Ribbon Week
October 29	Picture Make Up Day
October 30	1st Quarter Ends
November 5	LATE START DAY
November 12	Veterans' Day Holiday
Nov. 13—16	Fall School Play
Nov. 19-23	Thanksgiving Week holiday/No School
December 6	Dance/6-8 pm/PAC
December 6	PTSA Gen. Mtg.
December 10	LATE START DAY
December 20	Minimum Day Dismissal 12:50 pm
Dec. 21-Jan.4	Winter Break
January 7	Return to School
January 14	LATE START DAY
January 21	MLKing, Jr. Holiday
January 25	END OF SEMESTER
Jan. 28 & 29	NO SCHOOL Staff In-service Days
February 7	Dance, 6-8 pm/PAC
February 7	PTSA Gen. Mtg.
Feb. 15 & 18	Presidents' Holidays
February 25	LATE START DAY
March 17-21	Spirit Week
March 24	LATE START DAY
April 3	Dance, 6-8 pm/PAC
April 3	PTSA Gen. Mtg.
April 4	3rd Quarter Ends
April 7 - 11	Spring Break
APRIL 21	LATE START DAY
May 6 - 9	STAR Testing
May 12 - 16	Staff Appreciation Wk
MAY 19	LATE START DAY
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday
May 29	Awards/Talent Show
June 6	8th gr. Yrbk distributed
June 9	7th gr. Yrbk distributed
June 10	8th gr. Trip/Disneyland
June 11	8th gr. Dance, 6-8 pm
June 12	Last Day of School 8th Gr. Promotion Day Minimum Day

DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Interested in School Site Council? See Page 3.

Required forms/purchase of school supplies, etc.—See Page 8.

ALL VISITORS TO CAMPUS are to report to the Reception Desk for a visitor's badge.



REMEMBER TO POST THESE DATES
ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR DOOR!!!



LATE START DATES (MONDAYS)

9:30 a.m.—3:05 p.m.

September 17, 2007
October 15, 2007
November 5, 2007
December 10, 2007
January 14, 2008
February 25, 2008
March 24, 2008
April 21, 2008
May 19, 2008

LATE START DAY BELL SCHEDULE

9:30 -	9:35	First Bell
9:35 -	10:20	Period 1
10:20 -	10:25	Passing
10:25 -	11:10	Period 2
11:10 -	11:15	Passing
11:15 -	12:00	Period 3
12:00 -	12:35	Lunch
12:35 -	12:40	Passing
12:40 -	1:25	Period 4
1:25 -	1:30	Passing
1:30 -	2:15	Period 5
2:15 -	2:20	Passing
2:20 -	3:05	Period 6

weapons of any kind (real or facsimile) to school. This includes squirt guns, dangerous jewelry, balloons, firecrackers (including “poppers”), knives, aerosol cans and lighters, etc. Students should also refrain from bringing to school giant marker pens, gum, personal electronics (cellular phones, pagers, CD/cassette/MP3 players, electronic games, etc.), laser pointers, skateboards, roller blades, and scooters. **A good general guideline is that students should only bring to school those items necessary for the school day.**

- **Impress upon your child that the following actions can result in suspension from school:** fighting, any physical violence/aggression, bullying/harassment, threats, extreme or repeated defiance or disruption, and possession of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or any drug paraphernalia (lighters, matches, etc.).
- **Remind your child that the school behavior expectations and dress code are enforced while students are in transit to and from school or school events and while students are at school or school events.** Everyone benefits by gaining a clear understanding of the school expectations for behavior and dress.

Traffic Issues

As with any large school, we have our share of traffic problems to contend with here at CVMS. We wanted to remind parents who drop their students off at school to abide by the following:

- **Drop off / pick up early** (before 8:00 a.m. in the morning and after 3:15 p.m. in the afternoon.)
- **Drop your student off a few blocks away.**
- **Carpool**
- **Obey traffic laws** – Do not stop in the bike lanes on public roads around CVMS and when you are coming up Mykonos to the school, do not cross the double yellow line until you reach the top of the hill and the line ends. Once the double yellow line ends at the traffic circle at the top of Mykonos, **we do want you to split into two lines** coming into the school’s driveway. This helps traffic flow more quickly up the hill and moves cars off of the streets below the school.
- **Have your student ride his or her bike** to school during good weather.

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Lunch Supervision**
Help supervise and monitor lunch lines and other areas on campus.
- **Safety Committee**
The committee meets once a month before school for about 30 minutes. If you are interested, email Ryan Yee at ryan.yee@sduhsd.net.

MESSAGE FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

Desiree Manuel and Ryan Yee

Welcome to the 07-08 school year! We look forward to working with you and your student during the upcoming school year. As we begin, we want to offer a few suggestions for parents to help ensure the *safety and well being of their child at school:*

Student Caseloads

In order to efficiently serve the needs of all of our students we have broken the school population into caseloads according to last names as follows:

- Ryan Yee’s A—K)
(ryan.yee@sduhsd.net) - x3007
- Desiree Manuel’s (L—Z)
(desiree.manuel@sduhsd.net) - x3003

School Rules/Information

Read and discuss with your child:

The “Bobcat Rules and Regulation”:

- **Dress code:** Please refer to it prior to purchasing school clothes and please monitor what your child wears to school each day and to school functions. The *dress code* is enforced at

school and at all school functions.

- **School Behavior Expectations and Academic Honesty code with your child.** Make sure your child understands all school rules. Appropriate behavior and good decision-making by students are crucial aspects in the smooth operation of our school. Should a student use poor judgment and fail to meet our behavior expectations, there are a variety of consequences as outlined in the enclosed Behavior Expectations. We can assure you that we will always approach disciplines issues using what we call the “Four F’s” – we will be ***Fast*** in dealing with disciplinary issues, we will be ***Fair*** with students, we will be ***Firm*** in enforcing the school rules, and we will be ***Friendly*** and respectful when dealing with students. We view the disciplinary aspect of our job as a different form of teaching – we try to teach kids how to make good decisions and to identify and learn from mistakes and we appreciate your support in this endeavor.
- **Be aware of what your child takes to school.** Students should never bring

ALL 7TH GRADERS AND NEW 8TH GRADERS - To prepare you for the first day of school . . .



ORIENTATION DAY 2007

CARMEL VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 15

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We plan to W. E. B. - Welcome Every Body

STUDENTS meet in the gym for a fun-filled informative

half-day retreat that will make the transition to Middle School a positive one.

(Orientation Day is an *optional* program and is self-supporting. There is a donation of \$10 (payable to CVMS ASB) to cover costs of the program, (e.g. supplies, lunch, staffing and orientation mementos.)

OUR GOAL

To help you get to know other students.

To help you learn strategies for being successful at CVMS.

To help you get to know the campus so you feel comfortable on the **FIRST** day of school.

At the close of the program lunch will be served to the students.

Parents will meet in the Performing Arts Center at 8:30 a.m. for a general informational session and then parents will break into small groups and go to classrooms for facilitated sessions on topics such as:

- supporting academic success in middle school
- supporting social/emotional success in middle school
- how to access school resources online (grades, assignments, accounts)
- keeping your child safe online
- purchasing school-related items (P.E. uniforms, yearbooks, ASB sticker, Spirit Wear, etc)

The parent sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE REVISION:

Student ID pictures will **NOT** be taken on "Orientation Day". They will be taken on the **FIRST** day of school during PE classes: Monday, August 27. (*Regular yearbook school pictures are on Mon., Sept. 17.*)

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Wednesday, September 26

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

"Bobcat" Center Court



Please join us at our annual Back-to-School Night.

After meeting in the Center Court for a brief general meeting, parents will have the opportunity to visit each of their children's classes and meet their new teachers. All parents are encouraged to attend. School Site Council elections will take place on this evening.

More information about Back-to-School Night will be carried home by your children.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Club Day is scheduled for Friday, September 28.

In October our school clubs will begin meeting during *lunch time*.

Teachers involved in clubs coordinate and open up their classrooms for meeting and discussion.

Detailed information will be forthcoming about clubs meeting days and times. Listen to the morning bulletin for club information

Examples of school clubs:

Art, Book, Chess, Classic Film, Club Live, Dance, E-Club, Math Counts, Poetry, New Student "Welcome" Club, Speech & Debate, Hip-Hop Club, etc.



Listen daily to the bulletin for days and times clubs meet each week.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

The *School Site Council* is composed of the principal, a 7th and 8th grade student representative, a classified staff member, four teachers and three parents.

The role of the Site Council is (1) to develop a school plan that coordinates funding to best serve our students and (2) to monitor school goals.

The first School Site Council Meeting Thursday, October 4, 7:30-8:30 a.m. Conference Room, CVMS

If you are interested in running for SSC, please send your name and a **5 sentence statement** of experience to the school office, attn: Mike Grove, Principal, by **Friday, September 21**. If more than 3 people are interested in serving, an election will be held at **Back-to-School Night, Wednesday, September 26**.



TRANSPORTATION

www.sduhsd.net

Important information

Bus applications are available on the district website at www.sduhsd.net or the school website at www.sduhsd.net/cv

School offices **NO** longer provide bus passes or transportation information. All bus transportation information is provided by our District Transportation Department. Please call this number to arrange bus transportation.
760-753-8298

THANK YOU!

PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE

MAGAZINE SALE

September 17— October 5

Student activities, programs and awards are funded by student fund-raising projects. The major fund-raiser used by Carmel Valley students is the annual magazine sale. Families, neighbors, and friends of Carmel Valley are asked to **please renew and/or order their subscriptions** through the school. Over **400 different titles** are available and the **COST IS THE SAME** as offered directly from the publisher. All special publisher offers are accepted.

YOUR SUPPORT OF STUDENT PROGRAMS IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!



ATTENTION!

- ◆ **SCHOOL PICTURE DAY – MONDAY, SEPT. 17**
Information will be available the second week of school.
 - ◆ On picture day, September 17, **ALL** students will have their picture taken for the yearbook (07-08).
 - ◆ To order the picture package on picture day **STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING:**
 - (1) **COMPLETED ORDER FORM**
(FORMS DISTRIBUTED THE SECOND WEEK OF SCHOOL)
 - (2) **CASH OR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:**
(Lifetouch Photography)
 - ◆ **Makeup Picture Day - Monday, October 29**
- QUESTIONS? CALL Lifetouch (800) 682-7600, or 481-8221 x3004

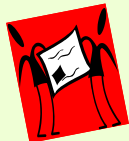


COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

EVERY FIRST THURSDAY
OF THE MONTH
Conference Room

Meeting Dates & Times

Oct. 4	8:45—9:45 am	Feb. 7	8:45—9:45 am
Nov. 1	3:15—4:00 pm	Mar. 6	3:15—4:00 pm
Dec. 6	8:45—9:45 am	April 3	8:45—9:45 am
Jan. 10	3:15—4:00 pm	May 1	3:15—4:00 pm



EMERGENCY FORMS

It is essential to have the Emergency Form on file. This form must be *updated each year*. Even if you filled one out at the beginning of last year, a new form is required. *It is important to list those family members who may be picking up your child during the year: (name & phone #)*

If you have **not** completed an Emergency Form, please complete the enclosed form and have your student return it on the first day of school in their first period class.

INSURANCE???

Are you covered? Skinned knees, twisted ankles, and bruises are a part of adolescence. Please check your insurance policy to see if your health plan covers school injuries.

The San Dieguito U.H.S.D. **DOES NOT** carry medical or dental insurance for students injured on school premises. If your health plan does not cover such injuries, please consider the optional insurance plan available at the school.



INDEPENDENT STUDY P.E. (ISPE)

(Applications due at NOON on AUGUST 17, 2007.)

We strongly encourage students to participate in after-school sports activities. For the most part, however, these outside programs do **NOT** take the place of a physical education class which offers an introduction to diverse extra athletic activities in the context of a cooperative classroom environment.

Independent Study P.E. (I.S.P.E.) is available for a very limited number of students who:

- (1) are outstanding in their sports (as demonstrated by national ranking, Junior Olympics, etc.) or
- (2) have a rigorous, extensive instruction and competition schedule which conflicts with regular school hours. Students in ISPE will miss the first or last period of the day to participate in their training program.

Students who think they are eligible for ISPE may pick up an application in the Administration Office.

STRATEGIC PLANS

SAN DIEGUITO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to develop a community of life-long learners, creative thinkers, and responsible individuals, by providing innovative, quality educational programs in a safe, supportive environment.

STRATEGIES

STUDENT CONNECTEDNESS AND WELL-BEING

We will create programs and processes to connect each student to school, education and community, and to foster personal well-being.

CURRICULUM

We will provide a challenging, diverse curriculum that is accessible and allows students to feel connected to the community.

CITIZENSHIP

We will model, mentor and reward programs and processes that foster compassionate, ethical, and responsible behavior.

TECHNOLOGY

We will develop a guided master plan to incorporate the use of technology in all aspects of instruction.

COMMUNICATION

We will actively support the District's strategies by implementing an interactive, integrated community-wide communication network.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

We will create and implement an innovative, comprehensive staff development and recruitment plan producing a world class workforce.

CARMEL VALLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to educate our students in a safe and challenging learning environment to become life-long learners who will be resourceful, responsible, and compassionate community members

CORE VALUES

The pioneering spirit of Carmel Valley leads us to value . . .

STUDENT FOCUS

We provide a caring, student-centered community that encourages students to become well-rounded, responsible members of society.

ACADEMICS

We will provide a challenging academic environment that empowers students to reach their potential, develop real-life applications, and embrace life-long learning.

PROFESSIONALISM

We are a professional staff that practices respectful interactions, shared decision making, and continuous collaboration.

COMMUNICATION

We are committed to open, honest, and respectful communication among students, staff, parents and community.

SAFE AND SECURE ENVIRONMENT

We provide an environment that is physically and emotionally safe and secure, one that fosters self-expression, respects individuality, and accepts diversity.

STUDENT DIRECTORIES INFORMATION FOR 2007—2008

Student directories are developed and printed by CV's PTSA.
Student Directories are included with a **PTSA membership**.

8TH GRADERS: IF YOU HAVE NO CHANGES IN YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER YOUR INFORMATION WILL REMAIN THE SAME IN THIS YEAR'S DIRECTORY. IF YOU DO HAVE CHANGES, PLEASE COMPLETE A NEW FORM AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN OFFICE. A PARENT'S SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED.

7TH GRADERS: IF YOU WANT TO BE LISTED IN THIS YEAR'S DIRECTORY, FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN OFFICE. A PARENT'S SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED.

Please note: This form is for 2 years. When a parent signs the form, it states approval for this information to remain in the directory for 2 years . . . **unless the school or PTSA is notified of any changes!**



PLAN AHEAD AND PURCHASE YOUR 07-08 YEARBOOK NOW!

This is an *optional* purchase, but by planning ahead, we can ensure enough copies will be ordered for everyone to enjoy in June.

\$40

*After 1/07/08 the price
will be \$50.*

ACADEMIC BOOSTERS



Did you think that because your child is in middle school you will no longer have the opportunity to assist in the classroom and work with students? **NOT SO!** Working with teachers and administrators, Academic Boosters are parents involved in the education process. There are several programs to consider.

ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT

- Math League
(Regional and State competitions)
- Quiz Bowl
- Science Olympiad
(Regional and State Competitions)
- Student Literary Publication
- Various Academic Competitions
(Geography Bee, 24 Challenge)

The mission of Academic Boosters is to enrich, support and foster academic excellence and recognition for all of our stu-

dents. As you can see, the programs sponsored and supported by the Boosters are extensive. Volunteers are needed to help with planning and implementing most of the above mentioned areas. Will **YOU** volunteer to help make this year exciting and rewarding for our children? Can **YOU** assist in a classroom or help with an academic competition?

WANTED . . .
Parents . . .

Academic Boosters is looking for 7th grade parents to learn the ropes of this vital and interesting PTSA committee. Look for our sign-up table at "Orientation Day 2007" or call:

Lacey Spelich, 720-0520
Jeri Ann Dale, 481-9538

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Information will be available at "Orientation Day 2007" for incoming 7th graders and new 8th graders.

An introductory evening meeting (date tba) will be scheduled in early September for parents and students to learn more about S.O. and how to get involved. Applications will be available at that time.

If you are interested in participating in S.O., please listen to the morning bulletin for the meeting day and time or visit this website:

www.cuyamaca.edu/cindymorrin/ScienceOlympiad.htm



STUDENT INFORMATION

- **Agenda Books** will be provided to all students on the first day of school during first period. Maintaining a homework log is an excellent study habit for everyone to develop. Parents should ask to see the log daily. This will reinforce excellent study habits.
- **Physical education program** dress out. Students should pre-purchase their PE uniform at Orientation Day (7th graders and new students only) or **after school** during the first week of school.
- **8th Graders: RESERVE YOUR COPY NOW! YEARBOOK 07-08 \$40 / After 1/07/08 - \$50.**

Early purchase of the Yearbook ensures you a copy. During the months of September through December you can purchase your copy at the Finance window.

DON'T BE LEFT EMPTY HANDED IN JUNE !!

STUDENTS CONNECT IN HOMEROOM

In addition to six academic classes each student will have a Homeroom period for 25 minutes 3 times a week with their 5th period teacher. During the Homeroom time students hear school announcements, have time to ask questions about school, use their Agenda books to keep organized, elect representatives to the Bobcat School Senate, and participate in activities to reinforce our school values of:

**RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY
and RESOURCEFULNESS**

The goal of Homeroom is to *connect students* to school, to each other and to a staff advocate in a small group setting.

HEALTH OFFICE

8:30 a.m. - 2:50 p.m.
(858) 481-8221 x3014 / fax : (858) 481-8256



Important reminders:

- **Hepatitis B immunization series must be started before entering school OR student schedules will be held.**
- **Nurse's office DOES NOT provide medication to students. ALL MEDICATION MUST BE BROUGHT FROM HOME (e.g., aspirin, etc.)**

If you have a question or concern, or need to drop off medication for your child, please do it during the hours above.



LOCKERS

Lockers will **NOT BE AVAILABLE**. To lighten student book loads, class sets of books will be available in most classes so students will be able to leave their personal copies at home. A backpack or a book bag will easily accommodate other needed texts or school supplies.

ATTENDANCE MISS SCHOOL??? MISS OUT!!!

Good attendance is very important to your child's success in Middle School. Be sure your child is on time and ready to work each day.

ABSENT FROM SCHOOL?

- (1) **If your child is absent**, please call the Attendance Office each day your child is absent:
481-8221 x 3011
- (2) **If you do not call the school, your child must bring a note stating the dates and nature of the absence(s).**
- (3) **OFF CAMPUS PASS needs to be obtained by your child BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS.** The PASS is required when your child needs to leave school during normal school hours. Please call the Attendance Office at (481-8221 x3011) or send a note with your child to the Attendance Office window **BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS**.
- (4) **HOMEWORK may be requested after three (3) consecutive days of absence due to illness by calling the Attendance Office (x3011). Requests must be made by 9:30 a.m. in order to be ready by 3:05 p.m!**
- (5) **VACATIONS** Please plan your vacations to coincide with school vacations. (State school funding laws have changed. If your child is not in school for **any reason**, the school does not receive funding.)

LATE TO SCHOOL?

If your child is **LATE** to school, he/she must check in at the Attendance Office. It is important that your child get to school on time each day. Habitual, unexcused tardies will result in a Saturday School assignment. We appreciate your assistance with our Attendance Office procedures and with making sure your child is at school **every** day.

PTSA

MESSAGE FROM THE PTSA CO-PRESIDENTS

Jeri Ann Dale and Lacey Spelich

I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable summer! Summer will be over and school will be starting before we know it. I would like to **welcome** all the incoming 7th graders and their parents as well as our returning 8th graders.

Middle school is different in so many ways than elementary school. The PTSA is different also in the respect that we do not fundraise. That's why it is ***so important*** that every family participate in our ***Membership Campaign this year***. Through membership we are able to operate and provide numerous programs. Also we are able to assist the school with much needed extras that the district or state cannot provide. For us to continue with quality programs and activities for our students, ***the cost is \$70 per student***. Please check the membership flyer and consider the highest membership level that you can afford. ***Your support is greatly appreciated!***

With a ***strong Membership Campaign*** and your ***continued support***, we are already working on great programs (listed below) for this year. ***Red Ribbon Week (October 22–26)*** is an important activity/event of the year. We have a great teacher, Jamie Swope who has stepped up to the plate to begin planning activities/events for our students during October and throughout the year. We would love to have a parent chairperson assist with this program. If you are interested, please contact me at: jeriann@calfruit.com.

PTSA parents support, coordinate and volunteer for the following programs:

Orientation Day 2007	Aug. 15
Red Ribbon Week	Oct. 22–26
Spirit Week	Mar. 17–21
Career Day	Mar. 28
Staff Appreciation Week	May 12–16
Awards/Talent Show Night	May 29
Reflections/Science Olympiad	

I am looking forward to a great year and working with a lot of ***very dedicated volunteers*** on the PTSA board, committee chairs, and the parents who volunteer endless hours at school in the library, office, food service and the many activities during the year. We are always looking for ***great volunteers*** . . . so check out the volunteer form and the many opportunities available for parents. Please complete and return the form asap.

Mark your calendars:

- (1) First PTSA General Meeting (see below)
- (2) Back to School night, Wednesday, September 26, 6-8 p.m.

Don't forget . . . join PTSA!

Thank you everyone and see you on MONDAY, AUGUST 27!

FIRST PTSA GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, September 27

6:00—8:00 p.m./Media Center

(same night and time as the "Welcome Back" school dance)

"How To Survive Middle School"

Presentations by Carmel Valley Counselors and a police dept. representative.

A discussion about surviving middle school and issues that kids and parents face today (e.g., preparing kids to make good decisions, knowing their friends & their parents, supervision, curfews, warning and prevention of difficult situations).

It shall be the policy of the San Dieguito Union High School District to prohibit discrimination or harassment on the basis of age, sex, sexual orientation, gender, ethnic group identification, race, ancestry, national origin, religion, marital or parental status, or physical or mental disability, or any other unlawful consideration in the educational programs and activities which it operates.

**THE PARENT CHECKLIST**

2007 – 2008

ITEMS TO RETURN:Emergency Form (*return to your 5th period/Homeroom)**WHEN**
2nd day of school**COMPLETE**Dress Code/Behavior Expectations Form (*signed*) *(5th period)

2nd day of school

Parent Volunteer Sheet

ASAP

ASB Sticker (*Optional purchase*) (\$5)

1st month of school

(Sticker is applied to student ID card and entitles student to a \$2 discount on dance tickets and ASB (Associated Student Body) sponsored events.)Yearbook 07-08 (*Optional purchase*) (\$40) Please order ASAP.September – December **8th Graders: Order your Yearbook now!!!**\$50 after 1/07/08*(Don't be left empty handed in June!)***SCHOOL PICTURE DAY**

September 17

ALL students will have their picture taken for the yearbook.

To purchase the picture packet bring your completed form, cash or check (payable to: Life Touch Photography).

P.E. CLOTHES (REQUIRED) (*can be purchased from other sources*)Shirt White or gray T-shirt **without pockets**Shorts Dark **green** color **without pockets****P.E. CLOTHES (OPTIONAL)** (*with "Bobcat" logo: **can be purchased through the school*)

Shirt \$10.00

Shorts \$10.00 (girls cotton jersey or tricot mesh)

Shorts \$10.00 (boys tricot mesh)

Sweatshirt \$20.00 (gray with logo)

Shirts are gray with green and gold "Bobcat" logo and shorts are dark green with name bar.

****P.E. clothing with logo can be purchased at "Orientation Day 2007" on August 15, (for 7th graders & new students) or after school on August 29 & 30 in front of the Performing Arts Center.****P.T.S.A. MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** (See enclosed insert)

ASAP or first week



760-753-8298

**TRANSPORTATION**

www.sduhsd.net

Important informationSchool offices **NO** longer provide bus passes or transportation information. All bus transportation information **is now** provided by the District Transportation Department.

Please call this number for information and to arrange bus transportation:

760-753-8298. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU!Bus applications are available on the district website at www.sduhsd.net or the school website www.sduhsd.net/CVPlease do not call the school office.
Thank you!**SUGGESTED SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

- Three-ring binder (1 1/2 or 2 inches)
- Backpack or book bag
- Lined three-hole paper
- Pencils (regular and colored)

- Pens (blue or black)
- Highlighter
- Ruler – 6 inch
- Protractor

ALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE @ SCHOOL UPON REQUEST.



CONTENTS IN THE CVMS AUGUST NEWSLETTER/WEB SITE 2007-2008

The August/September Newsletter was mailed home on August 3. Below is a list of mandated forms and informational flyers that were included in the newsletter packets, as well as those posted on the district/ CVMS websites. If you did not receive a packet in the mail, they are available in the school office.

INSIDE YOUR NEWSLETTER	ONLINE @ www.sduhsd.net
*Annual Notification Signature Page (Sign and return to your first period teacher on the first day of school.)	*Annual Notification Form (Read and then sign the <i>Signature Page</i> (enclosed in the newsletter) and return on first day of school.
<u>Emergency Form</u> (Only complete if you have <u>NOT</u> already done so.)	Bus Transportation Information (Please check out Transportation Department's web site for bus routes, passes, etc. School offices will no longer provide this information.)
Bell Schedule	Pesticide Procedures Notification (Parents are required to READ only this information.)
Traffic/Student Drop-Off Procedures	Income Disclosure Qualification for low income status
PTSA Membership Form/ eScrip Information	National School Lunch Program
Aug/September School Calendar	Declaracion de ingresos para calificar para estado de bajos recursos.
PayPAMS (Lunch management acct. system)	
San Dieguito Alliance for Drug Free Youth: Parent's Pledge (Sign and return signature page to school office.)	Carta a los hogares sobre el programa de almuerzo escolar nacional y el programa de desayuna escolar para 2007-2008.
School Menu 07-08	
Boy's & Girl's Club Sports Information.	
	ONLINE @ www.sduhsd.net/cv
	School Calendar/Newsletter
	School News & Updates
	Daily Bulletin

Distributed 1st and 2nd day of school during 1st and 5th periods.

Agenda Book (Every student will receive an Agenda book on the 1st day of school in 1st period.)

“Bobcat” Rules & Regulations/Academic Honesty Policy (Sign & return Signature Page the 2nd day of school to your 5th period HOMEROOM Teacher.)