

# News

News, events and resources for students, parents and the Torrey Pines community

**GATEway Study Skills Workshop**  
February 3, 9:00–12:00 noon

**Choices Night at TP**  
February 6, 6:30 p.m.

**Campus Tour, February 8**  
Admin. Bldg., 8:15 a.m.

**CAHSEE Administration for 10th graders, February 6 and 7 during school hours.**

**Winter Formal, February 10**  
Hall of Champions, Balboa Park,  
8:00–11:00 p.m.

**AP/Honors Parent Orientation Nights**  
February 27 & 28  
TPHS Lecture Hall, 6:30 p.m.

**Late Start Days**  
February 28 and March 1

## Planning for the Future: Fall 2007 Registration

Yes, it's incredible! We are already in the midst of planning and preparation for the next school year. Time flies when having fun!

A key part of TPHS philosophy is that students and parents are active participants in planning for their 4-years spent with us, as well as have access to resources and information to ensure "thoughtful and informed choices."

This year all current 9th through 11th grade TPHS students as well as all incoming 9th grade students will be required to begin their registration process online. Incoming 9th grade students will need to submit an electronic application to the high school they wish to attend via the SDUHSD website. Applications will be posted beginning February 5th. Deadline for filing of application is **March 11th**.

Current 9th through 11th graders will be required to declare the school they wish to attend for Fall 2007 using an online declaration form. The form will be posted on the district website at [www.sduhsd.net](http://www.sduhsd.net) between February 5th and March 11th. All current students must submit this declaration by March 11th. Stay tuned for more information and visit [www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net) for updates.

No switching schools after March 11th. Students who apply to our district's academies will be selected via lottery based on their applications and declarations. Notifications of lottery selections will be sent on March 20th.

Class and schedule selection will commence at the end of March. Current stu-

dents will receive course selection materials in their English classes. Course selection worksheets are due back to the counselors by **April 6th**. Incoming 9th grade students will receive class selection materials from their middle schools. Completed materials will be collected the first week of April by TPHS counselors visiting the middle schools. Any requests to change course selections must be submitted to counselors by **June 1st**.

To assist students and parents in course selection, the following resources are available:

**Choices Night** – February 6th. All students interested in attending TPHS are invited to join us for this evening of exploration!

**For Incoming 9th graders** (Class of 2011) Parent/Student Nights will be held March 26-29, 6:00 p.m. at TPHS. Parent/Student Night for English Learners will be held on March 22 at Earl Warren Middle School from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**For current students as well as incoming freshmen:** AP/Honors Parent Orientation Nights, February 27 & 28, 6:30 p.m., TPHS Lecture Hall. Learn more about AP/Honors courses.

**All parents and students** are encouraged to visit [www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net) and the "Counseling" page. Posted in a new, more user-friendly format, are course profiles for all TPHS courses. These course profiles are critical resources to help students and parents begin their course selection research and find out more about curriculum, course options,

work load, student preparation, and more.

We encourage you to utilize the awesome resources we have available to help make appropriate choices for your students' placement and success. Early and careful planning for all 4 years of high school can help students feel that achievement is easy to master!

### Resources

- District Website for applications and declaration forms:  
[www.sduhsd.net](http://www.sduhsd.net)
- For information about registration events and deadlines:  
[www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net)
- For course profiles, graduation requirements, 4-year plan options and more, TPHS College Career Center, 755-0125, ext. 2410
- Your Counselor or current teachers

### Dates to Remember

- February 6** – Choices Night
- February 27 & 28** – AP/Honors Parent Orientation Nights
- March 11** – Declare for attendance or apply for attendance online
- March 26-29** – Parent/Student Nights for incoming 9th graders
- April 6** – Submit class selection materials
- June 1** – Deadline to request changes to course selections

## "It's a New Year with New Ideas and You Can Help"

I'd like to take a moment to welcome you back from what was hopefully a restful holiday and wish you a Happy New Year. A new year provides us with a nice opportunity to reflect on our successes and needs as a school. We then need to act on some good ideas to meet our students' and our school's needs.

These are some important dates and events of which you should be aware:

1. February 6th: Choices Night at Torrey Pines High School. This evening is dedicated to informing our community about our school. This is particularly important for incoming ninth-grade

families who may be researching information about their options for high school.

2. February 6th and 7th: Tenth-graders will take the California High School Exit Exam for the first time. Students must pass both parts of this exam (English/Language Arts and Math) in order to earn a diploma in the state of California.

3. February 10th: Our Winter Formal will be held at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park.

4. March 6th: Our students will take the California Healthy Kids Survey.

5. March 24th: The Foundation is promoting the Black and White Affaire Dinner Auction at the Torrey Pines Hilton.

6. April 18th: Principal's Night with Parents. Come dialogue with the principal about how we can work together to help our students thrive.

7. April 24th through April 27th: STAR testing. The state-mandated California Standards Testing is going to be condensed into a four-day window to provide our students with a week to prepare for the beginning of the Advanced Placement testing. We want our students to do well on all of their important assessments.

I am soliciting parents to meet the following needs:

1. Homework Policy Review: Each school in the district is reviewing the homework policy. Our current policy has many strengths, but it needs to be updated in a few critical areas. For example, it is silent on the issue of Honors/Advanced Placement. I am putting together a team, comprised of

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## Dollars for Scholars Provides Scholarships for Torrey Pines Seniors; Applications Available This Month

Dozens of Torrey Pines High School seniors will receive thousands of dollars in scholarships this year for use in their post-high school studies, thanks to the efforts of Torrey Pines High School Dollars for Scholars (DFS). Applications for the 2007 DFS scholarships will be available in the TPHS counseling office or can be down-loaded from the TPHS web page ([www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net)) beginning February 15. All applications are due on March 16, and will be collected in front of the gym during lunch.

Last spring, 66 Torrey Pines seniors were awarded a total of \$52,050 in DFS scholarships, the largest cash distribution

ever awarded by the Torrey Pines chapter. These accomplished recipients were recognized for an array of academic and extra-curricular achievements, including participation in the arts, sciences, athletics, community service, and outside employment.

Students interested in applying for a DFS scholarship must complete the application package and provide details of their academic and non-academic extracurricular activities, a brief essay and two teacher recommendations. Each applicant must have a minimum 2.5 GPA. Applicants remain anonymous until finalists are selected. Each finalist will participate in a group interview one evening during the last week of April. Scholarship winners will be notified the first week in May and will be invited to participate in the DFS awards ceremony later that month.

Dollars for Scholars is a non-profit organization that works year-round to raise scholarship funds from local businesses, foundations, government agencies, service organizations and individuals, as well as from the proceeds from the sale of the Torrey Pines High School Student Directory. One hundred percent of the community funds raised are distributed as scholarships. Interested donors are encouraged to contact TPHS Dollars for Scholars President Leslie O'Leary at 858-259-1556 for further information.

### California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

The CAHSEE is a state-wide test given to all 10th graders, including English learners and students with disabilities. TP will participate in the administration of this test during school hours on February 6 and 7, and it is important for your child to be present on these test days.

The test is divided into two parts: (1) English-language arts, which includes reading and writing and (2) mathematics. Study guides are distributed in English classes, and 94% of TP students pass on the first sitting.

Individual results will be received by the school district ten weeks after the exam is given and will be sent to your home as soon as they are available.

For more information about CAHSEE, visit [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/index.asp](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/index.asp), [www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net) (Links, then T for Testing), or by contacting Elloise Bennett at [Elloise.Bennett@sduhsd.net](mailto:Elloise.Bennett@sduhsd.net).



The Torrey Pines Model United Nations team is off to a great start this year! At the UCLA Model United Nations conference, delegates discussed diplomacy

and collaborated to propose solutions for world events. More than a thousand students from across the globe attended, and TPMUN students stood out. **Lina Kaisey** won the recognition of Overall Outstanding delegate, and **Allie Ferguson** and **Olivia Petroccio** won research awards. At the recent conference at High Tech High School, a number of TPMUN students won prestigious awards: **Sean Tanaka**, **Lina Kaisey**, **David Wachtel**, **Alan Sit**, **Hansen Suenghyun Lee**, **Philip Lin**, **Russell Zen**, **Allie Ferguson**, **Regina Lam**, **Allison McDonald**, **Alex Chan**, and **Sam Parry**. Model United Nations is taught after school on Mondays by **Lina Kaisey** and **Sean Tanaka**, and is advised by AP World and US History teacher **Chris Drake**.

# accolades & Appreciation

Congratulations to the Girls Cross Country team, which won their second straight CIF title! They followed that with a second place finish at the state cross country championships in Fresno in November. The team was led by **Ana Prim, Erin Gillingham, Megan Morgan, Jessie Bodenhamer and Ashlin Yahr**. Megan, a freshman, was the top Falcon, finishing in 18th place.



Bravo to the **Torrey Pines Theatre Department** for their Fall production of "The Odyssey." This production was awarded performance opportunity

at the January Festival sponsored by the California Educational Theatre Association. Each year Torrey Pines, along with a number (18) of high schools from San Diego County, southern Orange County and a portion of Riverside County enter their Fall productions for adjudication. Several judges attend the performances and then gather to award Main Stage and Scene Honors. "The Odyssey" along with Po-way's "King Lear" and Rancho Buena Vista's "And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson" will present selected scenes.



Special thanks to the **Parent Volunteers** who collate our newsletter each month! If you would like to join in the fun, collation is done the last Thursday of the

month at 8:30 a.m. in the Media Center. Contact **Shirley Roeckel** at [sroeckel@mindspring.com](mailto:sroeckel@mindspring.com) for more information.

**Please congratulate the November Employees of the Month!**

**Brennan Dean - Counselor:**

As a returning TP alum, Brennan has shown what the TP excellence is all about! New to the counseling team this year, Brennan has not hesitated to take on huge projects such as the Counseling website.



He's always willing, eager to try new things, and has become a familiar face to staff, kids and parents at school

events, sports activities like football games, and has even worked with the Girl's Volleyball Team. Brennan, it's great to have you back at TP!

**Danna Gunther - Attendance Clerk:**

Danna gets the fun job of reporting absences to parents! Despite that fun task, Danna is all about kids. As senior clerk in the Attendance office, her duties extend far beyond basic updating of attendance information. She completes these tasks with eagerness, openness to suggestions, and initiative for improvements. She puts in long hours to make this happen. Danna is often here long after the phones have stopped ringing and is still willing to volunteer to be at other school events or help with other projects. Danna notices kids who may never be noticed by others - we are privileged to have her on our attendance team!

**Matt Livingston - Science Teacher :**

Matt makes science relevant, fun, engaging and challenging for his students. He does a masterful job at helping all students across the learning spectrum learn science and understand its connection to their everyday lives. Matt's students achieve academic success because he has high expectations, demands rigor, differentiates instruction and has developed a mutually respectful rapport with his students. We value Matt's resourcefulness, compassion for his students and passion for science.

**Elise Ochenduszko - Social Studies Teacher:**

It has only taken a short time for Elise Ochenduszko to establish herself as a valuable and popular member of the TPHS team. Elise is an enthusiastic and energetic teacher who clearly loves working with students. She is also involved in many areas outside the classroom, such as NHS, CFS, and School Site Council. She's even

managed to find time to help coordinate workouts for the TPHS Half Marathon Team. We appreciate everything you do, Elise!

**We appreciate all of the wonderful things you do to help our students achieve success !**



Danna Gunther, Matt Livingston, and Elise Ochenduszko

The TP Varsity and JV Academic Teams participated in the Knowledge Master Open held at USC in December and placed **FIRST** in the state and **FOURTH** in the nation against 783 teams! **Go Torrey!** See the full roster of all our Academic Teams on page 6 of this newsletter, and take a moment to congratulate these fine students!

The **Varsity Boys Soccer** pulled off a spectacular, come-from-behind win over St. Augustine in the Grossmont Tournament. Showing great team work and determination, the Falcons overcame a 2-0 goal deficit to tie the game in the closing seconds of the game and forcing the final to a penalty shoot-out, which the boys won 3-2.

Bravo to **Max M. Henkart**, percussionist, who has earned a place in the 2007 All-State Honor Band. Max was awarded this honor by recorded audition from a total of over 1,500 applicants representing schools from throughout our state. Following two days of concentrated rehearsals the All-State Honor Bands will present formal concerts on Saturday, February 17, and Sunday, February 18, 2007 at the Saroyan Theater in Fresno.

Congratulations to the following TP teachers, who were nominated for the **UCSD Outstanding High School**

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# Counseling Corner

February, 2007

## Coming Soon: College Night 2007

Mark your calendars for College Night on March 14th from 6:30-8:30pm in Building B (Media Center). All Torrey Pines students and parents are invited to attend this wonderful, informational evening with college representatives from across the country. Each college representative will present three thirty-minute workshops on different aspects of the college application process and information about their university. Examples of some of the topics are "Writing the perfect college essay," "Choosing the college that is right for you," "Tips on college interviews," "What colleges are looking for in a student," and "Preparing for the admissions process before your senior year." Students and parents are encouraged to arrive early in order to review the program and decide which presentations to attend.

A few schools planning to attend are:

California Institute of Technology	Cornell University
Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise	Gonzaga University
Hawaii Pacific University	Linfield
MIT	Northeastern University
Cal State San Marcos	Westpoint
Mira Costa Community College	

And many more....

## Cal Grants for fall: applications due March 2.

Cal Grant awards are state funded monetary grants given to low-and moderate-income students to help pay for college expenses. The program guarantees college funding for any California high school senior who meets certain academic and financial requirements. The best part for your students? Free money! The renewable grants do not have to be repaid, and they can be used at public, private, vocational two and four year schools in the state. And, students don't have to be at the top of their class to qualify.

Students applying for Cal Grants must complete and file a Free Application for Federal Students Aid (FAFSA) after January 1, but no later than March 2, 2007. The FAFSA is also the application used to apply for federal financial aid programs, including the Federal Pell Grant. FAFSA's can be completed online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Since the Cal Grant deadline is also March 2, there is an advantage to filing online.

Cal Grant applications must also submit a Grade Point Average (GPA) Verification Form including a GPA verified by the TPHS registrar, Andy Shephard. For Cal Grant purposes all GPA's are *un-weighted*. You may obtain the form from the registrar or by downloading it from the Cal Grant web site, [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov). Check this site for the income ceiling chart to determine your family's income eligibility: CA Student Aid Commission, [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov).

Looking for additional scholarship money? Check out the Counseling Office Scholarship page which is updated weekly with scholarship information. Access the information by logging onto [www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net) and clicking on the Counseling homepage and open up the scholarship page.

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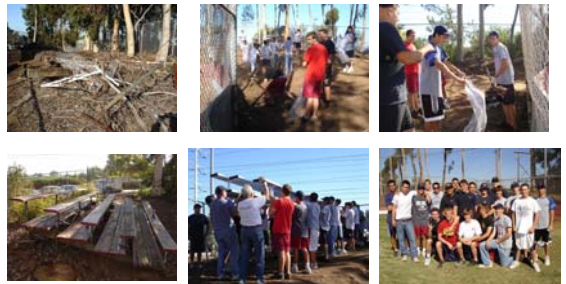
**Teacher Recognition Program** this year. Students who accept UCSD's offer of admission have the opportunity to nominate a teacher who inspired them to pursue academic success, and this year twenty TPHS teachers were nominated by former students. Please congratulate **Abby Brown, Angelina Allen, Anne-Marie Godfrey, Barbara Swovelin, Brenda Robinette, Catherine Mintz, Christian Gonzales, Dan Aposhian, David Pillsbury, Dawn Whalen, Derek Brunkhorst, Doug Gilbert, Joanne Serrano, Lisa Caston, Matt Chess, Michael Edinger, Priscilla Morton, Simeon Greenstein, William Harvie, and Yen Yen Chiu.**



Congratulations to 10th grader **Sean Hunter** on attaining his Eagle Scout in November, 2006. Sean, a member of Solana Beach troop 782, had been working towards this goal for the past 5 years.

The culmination of his effort as part of his Eagle award, was to build a shade structure to aid in teaching garden science at his former elementary school, Solana Vista.

Special thanks to **Tom Vance** and his **volunteer group of parents and kids in the baseball program** (all grades), who held a work day to clean up the area around the Freshman Baseball field. They also replaced the old wooden and broken down bleacher with a new metal one, and cleaned out the batting cage and shed. In addition, **Kevin Zehner** volunteered to replace the damaged wood and re-roof the Freshman dugouts free of charge! Now they are planning a similar day for the Varsity field area!



# Aeries Portal

## Now Open!

Parents, if you have not received a letter with sign-up instructions, please contact Tamara Rey at ext. 2231 or by email at [tamara.rey@sduhsd.net](mailto:tamara.rey@sduhsd.net).

## From Your Library Media Center

By **Lisa Goldberg,**  
Library Media Teacher

### Cutting Edge Conversations Continue



Nader Elbanna, Lisa Goldberg, and Miko Peled

The second Cutting Edge Conversation was held December 13th, and featured Nader Elbanna and Miko Peled, a Palestinian and an Israeli, who have overcome the fears and misconceptions about each other to become a force in providing understanding between the two groups. Their most recent project provided 1000 wheel chairs to children who have been victims of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. They shared their newest project, Hand in Hand, which supports schools where Israeli and Palestinian children attend together. Read more about their work at [www.handinhand12.org](http://www.handinhand12.org).

Our next speaker, Dr. Vilayanur S. Ramachandran, is world-renowned in the area of brain research. He will meet invited classes February 13, time TBA, in the Media Center. He's co-authored many books, including "Phantoms in the Brain," which our Media Center has in its collection. His presentation should be of special interest to psychology and science classes.

For more information about Dr. Ramachandran's work, please visit his website: <http://psy.ucsd.edu/chip/ramabio.html>.

For the time of the presentation, please call 755-0125, x 2246.

## Seen Around Torrey Pines...



Reflections from Red Ribbon Week



Winter Holiday Staff Party



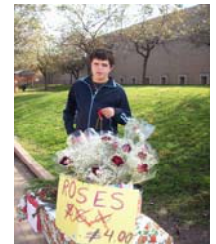
NHS Induction Ceremony



Good Eats at the AVID Luncheon!



Brad Linn (11), VP of The Gompers Connection, tutors three Gompers students in Math on Dec. 9, 2006.



Jeremy Sicile-Kira

## ...and Out and



NHS officers' retreat at Sea World in November

## Law Class Receives Training from San Diego Teen Court

On Tuesday, December 5, 2006 San Diego Teen Court's Executive Director Nicole Brown, along with her assistant Christopher Romero, Program Coordinator, conducted a 2-hour training session with Mrs. Jackie Niddrie's 3rd period Law Class. San Diego Teen Court is a non-profit organization that receives funding from several sources including the City of San Diego and the Board of Corrections. San Diego Teen Court works directly with juvenile first-time offenders. The Law students were trained as teen jurors and are now eligible to serve as such

for hearings held each month in the City Administration Bldg. downtown. After students have served as jurors they can continue their training and serve as attorneys representing teenage first-time offenders in minor infractions and misdemeanors such as curfew violation, shoplifting, truancy, etc. In addition, students may also earn community service hours for their participation. Ninth graders **Hannah Palkowitz** and **Ellen Park** participated in the December 6th hearings. This is a great opportunity for students interested in the field of law. See **Mrs. Niddrie** in Room 12 for more information about Principles of Law and San Diego Teen Court.



S.D. Teen Court's Christopher Romero trains Mrs. Niddrie's Law class.

## 2007 Academic Teams Announced

Congratulations to the following students, who earned places on the TP Academic Teams for 2007:

**Freshman Team:** Amin Aalipour, Michelle Chen, Brenda Lee, Theresa Lee, Stephen Liu, Kevin Qian, Aarthi Reddy, Haruyuki Sakurai, Larry Wang, Chris Wu, and Allison Zhao.

**JV Team:** Mostafa Al-Alori, Atanas Baitechev, Vivek Bhave, Alex Chan, Auroni Gupta, Gilbert Hsyu, David Khaw, Ani Kumar, Alice Liang, Philip Lin, Olivia Petrocco, Kelly Tang, Jeffrey Tsao, Philip Zhang, and Edward Zhu.

**Varsity Team:** Nayoung Ahn, Brian Alford, Michael Chen, Ryan Chuang, Connie Lam, Mani Ramachandran, Jenny Tan, Abhi Tyagi, and Alex Warburton.

### How to Obtain a Work Permit

- Student must first get a job and must have a Social Security Number.
- Pick up application from **Jan Hueners** in Admin or in Room 97.
- Parent and employer must fill out respective portions of application.
- Return completed application to Room 97 for signature and processing.
- Work permit will be ready for pick-up from **Jan** in Admin in 24 to 48 hours.

?’s Call **Jim Phillips** at (858) 755-0125 x2269 or see him in Room 97.

TP’s very own **Jeremy Sicile-Kira** was recently featured in the November 27, 2006 issue of **Newsweek Magazine!** Jeremy is also the entrepreneur behind Jeremy’s Stems, available every Friday on campus at noon.



Jeremy with his aide, Janine Dupree



**Anne-Marie Godfrey’s** French classes have been busy celebrating the holidays. For Halloween, they staged the scary classic fairy tale of “Bluebeard,” and for the December

holidays they made delicious Madeleines, learned a holiday song, did a crossword puzzle, and made holiday cards – and all in French, *mais oui!*

### Healthy Kids Month

All Students will participate in a Healthy Kids survey in class on March 6th.

**March is Healthy Kids Month!**

### Direct Writing Assessment



The Direct Writing Assessment (DWA) will be given to all TP 9th and 10th grade students during the week of February 26 - March 2. TP and LCC will be piloting the use of the Early Assessment Program (EAP)/STAR Writing test for 11th graders as a substitute for the 11th Grade DWA. The EAP is scored by the Department of Education, and results are made available to schools and students in July. The district-wide DWA is used as a diagnostic for writing skills, and has the added advantage of preparing students for the SAT, ACT and CAHSEE. Both assessments involve timed writing to a prompt; students prepare for this type of writing in class.

The DWA targets grade-level standards by combining critical reading and thinking skills with persuasive writing. Students read a nonfiction article, answer several multiple choice questions and write a response that either agrees or disagrees with the author’s position. SDUHSD English teachers use the SAT writing rubric to give the student a score between 1-6. This formative assessment is used to standardized expectations, guide future instruction and continue SDUHSD’s commitment to teaching writing.

A big thank you to **Tina Hernandez’** and **Lynn Cusey’s** Home Ec classes for bringing home-baked cookies to all the secretaries for holiday gifts! This was part of a lesson on the joys of giving, and the special pleasures of giving and receiving edible gifts!



### Announcing Extended Library Hours!\*

Monday - Thursday  
7:15 a.m - 6:00 p.m.

*\*Thanks to Site Council and Friends of the Library funding!*

## TORREY PINES HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

By **Elloise Bennett**, School Improvement Program Coordinator

The 2006 calendar year ended on a strong note with our December meeting. Hosted in our new College and Career Center, the council had the opportunity to visit this exciting space, see the resources that are available, and learn more about the functions of the center. Thank you to **Mrs. Bhagwat** who welcomed us into the center with candy and warm apple cider, what a treat!

Our December agenda included reports from **Donna Wolosin**, our District Site Council Representative and Parent Volunteer Association liaison, **Barry Elliot** – our Foundation representative, and **Sarah Morawa-Harding**, our Computer Crossroads liaison. Donna shared with us some of the information that is being disseminated at the district level in regards to funding and future plans. District meetings are held once a month – for more information, visit [www.sduhsd.net](http://www.sduhsd.net). Sarah shared with us the Computer Crossroad plans for the next distribution of computers – 20 students from Oakcrest Middle School received computers during their December distribution. These students were identified as being in need of a computer based on family income and participation in special programs at Oakcrest. This exciting partnership – providing students access to computers at a younger age and helping to make them prepared for high school experiences – is an exciting new step for Computer Crossroads. Great job!

The council also reviewed proposals that are aimed towards supporting our Council's Single Plan's goals and objectives. Proposals totaled over \$27,000 of expenditures and were for classroom materials, workshop registration and travel costs, activity resources, extended hours for our Library-Media Center (which will now be open till 6pm Monday through Thursday!), a World Language tutoring center, and laptops for the counseling staff to allow them mobility, a great resource during registration – allowing a counselor to have all of a student's records in front of them, thanks to wireless access, to help guide and counsel a student's course selections. The Council also funded the January and February GateWay Study Skills workshops, which are great resources taught by our very own TPHS teachers!

Our meetings are every first Tuesday of the month, in room 205 at 2:45 p.m. If you'd like to become involved with the School Site Council, please contact **Elloise Bennett** at [elloise.bennett@sduhsd.net](mailto:elloise.bennett@sduhsd.net).

## Principal's Corner

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teachers, students, and parents, to review the policy, as well as some research related to the issue. We will submit our recommendations to the District. I anticipate that this team would meet several times in the next several months to dialogue the issue and craft some recommendations.

2. **Campus Beautification:** We are putting together a Campus Beautification team to address some of the issues related to campus cleanliness and pride at TPHS. I anticipate this group will meet monthly to implement great ideas, and then monitor our progress.

3. **WASC:** Our school is going through the accreditation process (Western Association of Schools and Colleges), and we will be visited next fall by a team of eight educators. Our self-study and their visit will determine the length of our accreditation. We need your candid participation in this process. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in your school and assist in the development of an action plan. As part of this process, we will be visiting classes to get a school-wide perspective on our programs. Should you want to participate in this process and/or participate in "walkthroughs" with me, please let me know.

Thank you for your continuous support, and I look forward to a very successful second semester!

Brett A. Killeen, Principal



## Senior Scoops



February 10 – Winter Formal (not a "Senior Only" event), Balboa Park's Hall of Champions, 8:00–11:00.

February 15 – Dollars for Scholars applications available in counseling office or download from The TPHS web page ([www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net)).

March 16 – Dollars for Scholars applications due, and will be collected in front of the gym during lunch.

March 17 – Senior Boat Dance, San Diego Harbor Excursions.

June 15 – Graduation, 4:00 p.m., Stadium. No tickets required.

### Winter Formal

"Twilight in Central Park"  
Hall of Champions, Balboa Park  
February 10, 2007, 8-11 p.m.

#### Tips for Parents:

- Find out where your student will be going for dinner.
- Find out who else will be in the limo, and what activities are planned afterwards.
- Let your student know what your expectations are for his/her behavior.
- Remind your student that all school rules apply.

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# February 2007

**1**  
Athletic Packets  
for Spring Sports

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**3** GATEway  
Workshop,  
9:00–12:00

TP Players present “Thieves’ Carnival”, 7:30 p.m., Jan. 31–Feb 3

Underlined dates indicate 1-3-5 block period days.

**5**

**6** Site Council Meeting, 2:45, Room 205  
CAHSEE ELA Choices Night

**7** CAHSEE Math

**8** Campus Tour, Admin. Bldg., 8:15 a.m.

**9**

**10** ACT, off campus Formal Dance Science Olympiad at RBHS, 8:00-2:00

TP Players present “Thieves’ Carnival”, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 7-9

**12**

**13**

**14** Parent Vol. Assn. 9:00, Admin

**15**

**16** Holiday

**17**

“Thieves’ Carnival, 7:30 p.m., Feb. 14-15

**18**

**19** Holiday

**20**

**21** Chamber Music Recital, 7:00, LH

**22** Newsletter Collating

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**25**

**26** SDUHSD DWA

**27** SDUHSD DWA AP/Honors Parent Orientation, LH, 6:30 p.m.

**28** Late Start SDUHSD DWA AP/Honors Parent Orientation, LH, 6:30

**1** Late Start SDUHSD DWA

**2** Progress Reports SDUHSD DWA

**Athletic Packets for Spring Sports** are due February 1st. If you've already played a Fall or Winter Sport, you still need to complete an Emergency Release Form to be cleared for a Spring Sport. Spring Sports are Baseball, Boys Golf, Gymnastics, Boys & Girls Lacrosse, Girls Softball, Boys & Girls Swimming/Diving, Boys Tennis, Boys & Girls Track and Boys Volleyball.

**GATEway Study Skills Workshops**  
A toolbox of study techniques for teens at T.P.H.S.  
**February 3 , 9:00–12:00**  
Learn not only *what* to study but *how* to study!

GATEway teaches helpful and practical skills including note-taking, test success techniques, critical reading strategies, problem solving, approaching a class project, memory enhancement, and understanding test design. Workshops are free of charge, but registration is required. Register online by January 31. For more information, contact [elloise.bennett@sduhsd.net](mailto:elloise.bennett@sduhsd.net) or call 755-0125, ext. 2223.

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