

# News

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

**Junior/Senior Prom: May 26**

**Memorial Day Holiday: May 28**

**Awards Night: May 30**  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Gym

**Career Day: May 31**  
11:00 - 1:00 p.m., Quad

**Department Awards: May 31**  
2:45 p.m., Lecture Hall

**Last Day to Request Course Changes: June 1**  
Copies of students' class requests were sent home in May. Students wishing to change a course will need to contact their counselor by June 1.

**Senior Disneyland Trip: June 12**

**Senior Dance: June 13**

**Finals: June 13, Periods 1 and 5**  
**June 14, Periods 3 and 4**  
**June 15, Periods 2 and 6**

**Graduation: June 15**  
4:00 p.m., Stadium

## Another Great Year: Torrey Pines High School by the Numbers

- ★ Torrey Pines seniors averaged 1759 out of 2400 on the SAT, with 77 % of our graduating class taking the exam.
- ★ In spring 2007, a total of 2,830 Advanced Placements tests were administered to 1,435 students. This represents 200 more exams taken this year than last year, and 220 more students, continuing our trend of increasing participation in the AP program.
- ★ For the third year in a row we've achieved more than 98% participation on our STAR exams, one of the highest participation rates in the state — and a factor in our 2006 API of 838.
- ★ 94% pass rate for 1st time test-takers on the California High School Exit Exam, 96% pass rate overall.
- ★ In the 2007 competition for the prestigious National Merit Scholarship awards, 23 Torrey Pines seniors qualified as semifinalists, 21 qualified as finalists, and 3 won National Merit Scholarships.
- ★ At press time, most sports are just ending their regular seasons and getting ready for playoffs. Gymnastics regular season is over and they won their league! **Robby Vetter** (soccer and baseball) and **Lauren Zaniboni** (volleyball and basketball) are Scholar-Athletes named by the San Diego High School Sports Association.
- ★ Our Freshman Academic Team was undefeated all year and won the North County Academic League Championship (NCAL). The Junior Varsity Team won the Coastal Division of NCAL, and the Varsity Academic Team, also undefeated, won both NCAL and the San Diego County Championship.
- ★ In science, TPHS students captured 1st Place in the Regional San Diego County Science Olympiad and placed third in the State Science Olympiad. At the Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair, eleven students won a total of 30 professional or special awards. Junior **James Zhang** was a Sweepstakes winner, earning a \$2,000 scholarship and a trip to Taiwan.
- ★ Torrey Pines Players staged 24 performances, offering 150 roles to students, with 40% of them being debut performances. The Theatre department received First Place honors in three categories at the Fullerton College Theatre Festival in March.
- ★ 100% of our AVID seniors (Advancement Via Individual Determination) were accepted to four-year colleges for next fall (23 out of 23).
- ★ Also at press time, the Torrey Pines High School Foundation raised a total of \$1,859,661 to cover program expenses and support vital student programs. In addition, 235 parent volunteers helped Torrey Pines,

through ongoing assignments or one-time events.

- ★ At the Heritage Music Festival in Anaheim this year, Torrey Pines won the Outstanding Orchestra Group and the Adjudicator's Award. Both the TPHS Advanced and Intermediate Orchestras have received invitations to participate in the National Invitational Band & Orchestra Festival of Gold, held in Boston Symphony Hall in April, 2008.
- ★ Thanks to TP Friends of the Library and Site Council grant awards, more than \$56,000 was given for requested books, DVDs, web subscriptions and computer equipment for our students.
- ★ Physical Education teacher **Ed Burke** was named "Torrey Pines Teacher of the Year" and "SDUHSD's Co-Teacher of the Year," and Attendance Secretary **Danna Gunther** was named TPHS "Classified Employee of the Year."



**AP Testing Facilities at Del Mar Fairgrounds. 341 students tested for English Lit on May 9th.**

## Finishing the Year on a Positive Note!

Believe it or not, the end of the year is here, and there is still so much more to do! Our students have been fantastic throughout the school year, and we expect that they will finish on a positive note, capping a year of achievement and growth. To achieve this objective, however, takes focus, and parents are key to making this a reality. As the weather warms up, and summer is on the horizon, it is important that students don't relax too much, and they may need your help to stay focused and finish strong. We're here to help, and if you believe your student needs additional help from us, we're happy to partner with you to help them—we want them to be proud of the grades they earn!

### The Mentor Program is Active

We want to provide an extra "layer" of support and intervention for our students that are struggling. Approximately thirty staff members have volunteered to be

trained and participate in our mentor program. We have identified students who could benefit from our mentor support, based upon their third quarter report cards. We know that poor grades are an indication that other factors are at work in the students' lives that make it difficult for them to achieve academically. We want to help students to overcome these adversities and still be successful, and that is the role our mentors hope to fulfill. Should you have any questions about our mentor program, or if you feel that your student would benefit from such support, please contact me or Jayme Williams, our counselor who is helping to lead this intervention-based program.

### Campus Beautification and Homework Policy Review Teams in Place

Our Campus Beautification Team, comprised of students, staff, and parents, has met on two occasions. We really want to hit the ground running in the fall with cultural changes in our expectations for campus cleanliness and beautification. The team has come up with some outstanding

ideas in both areas of need, and we look forward to implementing these best practices. We hope that you will see a difference in our campus environment at TPHS, and if you want to be a part of the solution, please let us know.

The Homework Policy Review Team, also comprised of all representative stakeholders, has met on two occasions, as well. The team has reviewed our district's homework policy, in addition to other districts' policies and relevant research on the topic of homework. One area of developing consensus is that we need a philosophy and rationale that drives our policy, and we are drafting ideas in this area. We will keep you posted on our discussion, as well as the district-wide discussion on this topic, as we go forward. Should you want to be a part of this team, please contact us.

**Thanks for all of your support this year—your positive involvement in your child's education is part of what makes this school so special. You are very much appreciated!**

## Eight Incredible TP Students take 2nd place at the Southern California Botball Competition

*By Loveena Bhagwat*

If you've never been to a Botball competition, you do not know what excitement is! The Botball® Program begins with a 2-day professional development workshop during which students learn about the current robotics technology. Throughout the course of the workshop, participants receive all the information about the current Botball® game and the reusable robotics kit and components. Following the workshop, students are given seven weeks to design, build and program a team of mobile, autonomous robots as well as document their process on a weblog. Participants compete against each other on a 4' x 8' playing field in a fast paced, non-destructive regional tournament. The robots are student built and programmed to maneuver on the game board without the need for remote control.

The theme for this year's competition takes place at a pineapple plantation on an island with a volcano that erupts. The pineapple plants are piles of 3 green tribbles (leaves) and

a yellow one (pineapple), houses are pieces of PVC and the ocean (water) are two big blue foam balls. The roofs for the houses are cocktail umbrellas. The goal is to separate the pineapples from the leaves (both have separate bins in which to dump), cover them with water (foam balls), put the roofs on the houses and put them in the starting box and clear all the lava off the field. The PVC volcano in the middle shoots 7 red tribbles (lava) onto your side at a random time during the game. Each piece of lava is -1 point unless you get it off the board. The volcano is triggered by a judge using a mousetrap.

Torrey Pines students, along with the other 29 schools that participated in the Southern California Botball Competition received their robot kit on February 10th at the workshop. They then had exactly 7 weeks to build their robot in order to be ready to compete on March 31st at the University of San Diego.

The students met every weekend and an additional three times during the week to discuss strategies for the programming and building of their two robots, lovingly named BotBot and ItBot. The students looked at their own strengths and each took on different responsibilities. This collaborative and team spirit en-

abled them to accomplish this 2nd place win at the Southern California Botball competition.

**Alice Chiang** and **Jessica Nguyen** took on the task of documenting their process. **Anthony Neuberger**, **Rafael Send** and **Jeffrey Wurzbach** took the responsibility of building the robots and the playing field. **Vivek Bhagwat**, **Jay Kim** and **H. Blake Skinner** were responsible for programming the robots.

On the day of competition the students received the following awards, 2nd place in documentation, 1st place in the seeding round, 4th place in double elimination round and 2nd place in the overall competition. Students have been invited on a partially funded trip to the National Robotics Conference in Hawaii this July.

The students would like to thank TPHS teacher, **Mrs. Newman** for allowing them to use her room for their weekly lunch meetings. They are also extremely grateful to **Mr. Wurzbach** and **Mrs. Sheldon-Wurzbach** for letting them use their garage, and for feeding them for the entire 7 weeks. Funding for the Botball came from the generous donations of the Site Council at Torrey Pines and the Spring Grant from the Torrey Pines High School Foundation.

# accolades & Appreciation

Kudos to **Henry Tung (12)**, who has been named one of approximately 550 semifinalists in the 2007 Presidential Scholars Program! Final selections will be made in May. Good luck, **Henry!!!**

**Liz Moten** and **Lauren Zaniboni** were selected to play in the San Diego Senior All-Star Basketball game. They also played in the North County All-Star game along with **Carolina Vicario** and **Kerry Simmonds**.

The **Make-A-Wish Charity Basketball Game** was a huge success again this year, raising money for the two kids who were in attendance for the game. Next year the game will be at LCC! See pictures on p. 5.

The following TPHS students participated in the State Speech & Debate Championships held in April. Please congratulate **Abhi Tyagi, Savanna Lake, Sibel Guner, Amin Aalipour, Mostafa Al-Alusi, Lina Kaisey** (took 2nd Place for Impromptu speaking), **David Khaw, Mani Ramachandran, and Vivian Feig**.

**Jeffrey Cubbison (12)** won a **2007 GE Star Award** issued by the GE Foundation through the Institute of International Education. **Jeff** was designated as an award recipient in the 4-Year Category. In addition to a one-time financial award issued to Jeff, The GE Star Awards: A GE Foundation Program also grants a one-time financial award of \$500 to the student's secondary school. Jeff nominated **Mia Boardman Smith**, his Journalism teacher and newspaper adviser to receive the award on behalf of the school. The award may be used by the school as directed by Smith.

Congratulations to the **Torrey Pines Academic Teams!** The **Freshman team**, coached by **Barb Swovelin**, defeated Westview and then Canyon Crest Academy, 125-32 to win the North County Freshman Championship. The **JV team**, coached by **Staci Ortiz-Davis**, defeated Rancho Bernardo 87-81 in the semi-final match and took second place in North County. The **Varsity team**, coached by **Nona Killmar**, defeated San Marcos, Westview, and finally Rancho Buena Vista 112-87 to win the North County

## Varsity Championships!

Since winning the North County Varsity Championship last month, the Varsity Academic Team competed in and won the **2007 Varsity Academic League Championships!** After beating the 2006 champions, Rancho Buena Vista earlier in the season, the Falcons competed against La Jolla High School in the semi-finals, winning 81 to 54. In the final match against Southwest High School (the 2006 Second Place team), Torrey Pines won 62 to 47 on live TV! This is the highest honor the team can earn within the traditional season. The Falcons will be competing in a national tournament in Washington, D.C. later this spring. Congratulations to the following seniors: **Brian Alford, Michael Chen, Ryan Chuang, Connie Lam, Mani Ramachandran, Jenny Tan, Abhi Tyagi, and Alex Warburton**, and to the coaches: **Nona Killmar** (Varsity), **Staci Ortiz** (JV), and **Barbara Swovelin** (Freshman).



**Japanese II, III, and IV** teams competed in the **San Diego Regional Japanese Culture and Academic Proficiency Competition at SDSU** in April. All the TP teams won the 1st place for their level! Please congratulate the following students:

### — Japanese II

1st place: **Xinran Wang, Masha Kabalnova, Flora Li**

2nd place: **Cynthia Jiang, Shelly Taflinger, Hayward Wong**

### — Japanese III

1st place: **Avery Oh, Irving Hsu**

### — Japanese IV

1st place: **Seahee Kim, Hae-Sung Kim** See pictures on p. 5.

**Kelsey Curry-Williams**, a senior year-book photographer, placed 5th in the academics division in a national photography contest, the 2007 Jostens Photo Contest.

Two groups of TPHS video students competed in the **BestFest America** film contest called "48 hours of Madness" in April. 35 teams from around San Diego and as far away as Brooks Institute from Santa Barbara came to La Jolla to compete in either the college or the high school categories. At the end of the night TPHS students went home with **first** and **third** place as well as the **Audience Choice Award!** First Place went to the film "Trace" captained by **Sam Sabawi** and crewed by **Ariel Adler, Sean Brust, Courtney Meyer, Connor Fabiano** (original score), and **Lucas Jones**. Third Place and Audience Favorite went to: "Dave's Tweeter" captained by **Michael Gallagher** and crewed by **Jana Winternitz**.

Three students from TPHS video & film were accepted to the USC School of Cinema. As the USC film school is very competitive and allows only about 50 students nationwide to attend, this is quite an accomplishment by TPHS. Congratulations to **Ariel Adler, Sean Brust and Sam Sabawi!**

**Kelly Tang (11)** has just won the 2007 State Championship of the **California Future Problem Solving Program** for the second year in a row and fourth time total! This year's topic was "Caring for our Elders," and **Kelly** now advances to the international competition, which will be held in Fort Collins, CO in June. Best wishes, **Kelly!**

**Opera Club** wrapped the season at the San Diego Civic Center in early May. English teacher **Marianne Droulia** and parents **Elaine Dodge, Sylvia Gil, Carmen Ingwell** and **Jenny Tran** joined students **Mindy Duong, Risha Sinha, Lynn Truong, Devyn Ingwell, David Song, Alexa Gil, Weston Staubus, Christina Issa, Alex Voss, George Droulia, Eleni Kapoulea, Paul Hein, Liz Cully** and **Andrew Wilson** for a performance of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." The performance was excellent with a marvelous cast and beautiful sets loaned by the San Francisco Opera. Opera Club (including members **Julia Heunis, John Lee, Armand Yazdani, Brent Smelter, Ted Hentschke, and Matt Yanus**) attended "Samson and Delilah" and "Il Trovatore" earlier in the year.

# Counseling Corner

June, 2007

By Linsy Glassman  
Head Counselor

Thank you for all of your help with the registration process for next year. All students completed their registration and course selections in May and copies of students' course requests were mailed home. Students have until Friday, June 1, 2007 to make changes to their course requests. After June 1, students will not be able to change their elective courses due to staffing limitations. This will help ensure that all students are in the correct classes on the first day of school. Students will receive their final schedules in August during Readiness Days.

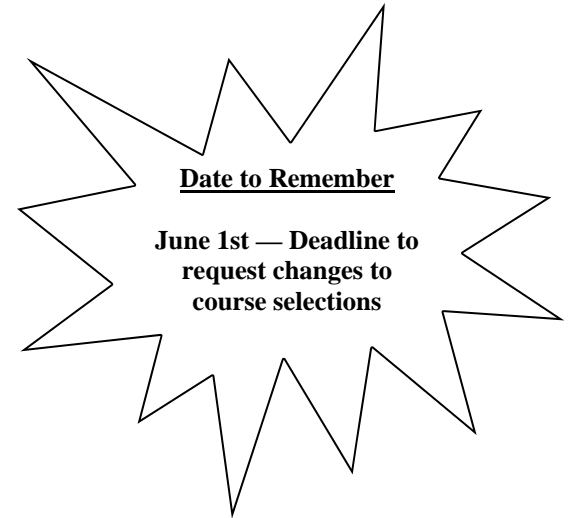
Please keep in mind that all students must earn a second semester grade of a "C" or better to move to the next level of Math and World Language. If your student receives a D or F in one of these subjects please consider enrolling him or her in summer school.

If a student plans to take a class outside of the San Dieguito Union High School District, he or she must see his or her counselor to obtain permission and complete an "Off Campus Permission" form. Non-district schools must be accredited and all courses must be approved by our district. Student must submit a transcript of completed work to the Torrey Pines Registrar after the class has ended. Please keep in mind that students are allowed to take 30 credits off campus throughout their time at TPHS.

If a student earns a "D" or "F" in a UC/CSU (college prep) approved class, the class should be repeated. The higher grade is used to compute the Torrey Pines High School grade point average. Please be aware that some colleges will average both the higher and lower grades together.

As soon as a student is successfully enrolled in a summer school class, his or her counselor will be able to substitute an alternate class in place of the summer class. Please have your student speak with his or her counselor about this change.

## Be Ready for 2007 - 2008



### Readiness Days: August 14 –17

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Seniors	* August 14th
Juniors	* August 15th
Sophomores	* August 16th
Freshmen	* August 17th

Students need to download forms from the website and bring the completed forms when they arrive on their designated day. Keep an eye out in the mail for more info!

### TPHS Captures 3rd Place in State Science Olympiad!

By Jo Ann Schorn

Torrey Pines High School captured the third place trophy at the 23rd Annual California State Science Olympiad Competition at CSU Long Beach on Saturday April 14th. Twenty-six high schools participated in the day long event. The TPHS team competed in twenty three events and included the following fifteen students: **Brian Alford, Vivek Bhagwat, David Chen, Michelle Chen, Stella Chen, Victor Fan, Gilbert Hsyu, Nathan Koon, Kenneth Leung, Philip Lin, Stephen Liu, Kevin Lo, Vimala Narasimhan, Haruyuki Sakurai, and Christopher Wu.**

The following students won medals for **first – fourth place: Brian Alford, Vivek Bhagwat (2 medals), David Chen (3 medals), Michelle Chen, Stella Chen, Victor Fan, Gilbert Hsyu (2 medals), Nathan Koon, Kevin Lo, Haruyuki Sakurai (2medals), and Christopher Wu.**

The following students were recognized for **fifth and sixth place: Brian Alford, Michelle Chen, Stella Chen, Victor Fan, Kenneth Leung, Philip Lin, and Vimala Narasimhan.**

The TPHS Science Olympiad program is organized by volunteer coordinators: **Loveena Bhagwat, Azmina Madsen, Jo Ann Schorn, Sandy Petrocco, and Christina Cheng.** Student coaching provided by volunteer coaches: **Mansour Aalipour, Beth Abramson, Mahvash Ardakani, Michael Brown, Lianggui Chen, Siqi Fan, Lisa Gao, Ibragim Gaidarov, Xiaomin Gong, Nina Ho, Klint Kirkconnell, Frankie Lam, Lisa Loegering, Aruna Myneni, Raj Pratha, Charles Prussak, Pani Ramadurgam, Jay Reddy, Masha Sergeeva, Yun Shan, Byeong Doo Song, Steve Wagner, Jim Wu, Sharon Wu, and Peter Yeung.** Thanks to the time and talent of the adult volunteers, students were provided with the support needed to compete successfully. Special thanks to the

many dedicated volunteer coaches and coordinators who did not have their own children participating in the State competition, yet continued their commitment to coach and coordinate all the way through until the end of the State competition.

The California State Science Olympiad was jointly sponsored by the Southern California Association of Science Specialists, Northrop Grumman Corporation, and Pacific Life Foundation. It was hosted by California State University Long Beach. Additional support, resources, and volunteers were provided by many groups including California Institute of Technology (Cal Tech) and San Diego Secondary Regional Science Olympiad.



# Seen Around Torrey Pines...



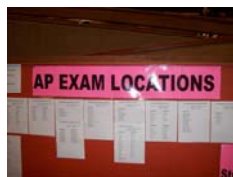
Yellow Ribbon Week



Make-A-Wish Charity Basketball Games vs. La Costa Canyon



Star Testing



San Diego Regional Japanese Culture and Academic Proficiency Competition Winners!



Jayne Jeffrey demonstrates how much hair is needed for "Looks Like Me" donations to Mr. Chodorow's Leadership classes.

Impromptu entertainment to "YMCA" at the Dance < booth provided by **San Bui** and **Katie Miyagi** at the Rummage Sale!



## Summer Tips for High School Students

*From Loveena Bhagwat, College Career Center*

Summer is here! Yeah! You can finally sleep in, relax and get together with friends. In addition to all these, you can continue to work on your future by doing the following in preparation for the fall:

**Read the newspaper:** This not only increases your vocabulary, it also strengthens your reading comprehension skills.

**Take a class:** Consider exploring an area of interest that you don't have time for during the school year such as art, language, cooking, web design, photography, etc.

**Read for pleasure:** Joining or forming a book club is a great way to get together with others to discuss and analyze literature, increase your vocabulary and comprehension.

**Start a Journal:** Not only will this help

with your writing, but it will also give you an outlet for expressing your thoughts and ideas. You never know, one of these journal entries might give you an idea for one of your college essays.

**Volunteer or apply for an Internship:**

This is a wonderful way for you to give back to the community and also to work on your interpersonal skills. Internships allow you to be exposed to a field that you might be considering as a career and it gives you first hand experience on the benefits and drawbacks of the field.

**Visit Colleges:** Take a few hours out of your vacation to visit college campuses; it is a great way for you to get a sense of the campus culture. Make a check list of things that are important to you on a college campus and use it for every campus that you visit.

### Torrey Pines Wins Honors at Journalism Convention

At the recent National High School Journalism Convention in Denver, April 12-15, the TPHS literary magazine, FirstFlight "Light and Dark" won first place Best in Show.

The following students won awards in individual competition: (Superior, Excellent, Honorable Mention--awards highest to lowest)

For newspaper:

**Savannah Lake (11)** Superior, News Writing

**Vivian Feig (11)** Superior, Editorial Writing

**Katherine Bai (11)** Honorable Mention, Feature Writing

**Amy Scarano (11)** Honorable Mention, Sports Writing

**Ellen Willis-Norton (11)** Superior, Review Writing

**Max Sutton-Smolin (11)** Excellent, Copy Editing

For yearbook:

**Sarah Smiley (11)** Honorable Mention, Yearbook Cover and End Sheet Design

**Brianna Bernstein (11)** Excellent, Yearbook Sports Photography

**Roukaya Hassanein (12)** Honorable Mention, Yearbook Photography Portfolio

For literary magazine:

**Lucy Yu (11)** Excellent, Literary Magazine Layout

**Phillip Zhang (11)** Honorable Mention, Literary Magazine Poetry

There were over 3400 students from 305 schools in 45 states at the convention.

The Falconer newspaper was also recently awarded 2nd Place Best High School Newspaper in San Diego County by the San Diego Union-Tribune. It was the largest paper in the competition.



## Senior Scoops



**May 26 – Prom** – This is a Junior & Senior only event.

**June 8 – Senior Finals 1,3,5 and Check Out Day.**

**June 11– Senior Finals 2,4,6 and Check Out Day**

**June 11 – 15 – Senior Week**

Activities include Movie Night, Disneyland Trip, and Senior

Dance.

For more information, please check the website.

**June 14**—Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.

**June 15**—Graduation, 4:00 p.m., Stadium.

**June 15**—GRAD Nite, 10:00 p.m. to 4:00 a.m. Check-In Time: 10:00 to 11:00 p.m.



## < Retirement Class of 2007

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Back Row:  
**Bill Jernigan,  
Dave Clark, and  
Ed Burke**

Front Row:  
**Jeff Brosbe,  
Bill Tapp,  
Jim Phillips, and  
Steve Straitiff**

## ASB Sponsors "Looks Like Me"

*Effort raises money to help San Diego children suffering from hair loss due to cancer and other illnesses.*

ASB is again sponsoring "Looks Like Me," a service project requiring a two-part effort. First, hair is needed to make the wigs which are provided free of charge to San Diego children suffering from hair loss. Girls willing to donate at least 10" of hair, will receive haircuts at an assembly on May 31st. It then takes about \$1,500 to have the hair made into a custom wig for each child, so the second part of the process is fund-raising. In support of the girls, TP boys are shaving their heads on May 30th, and all Leadership students are seeking sponsorships. For more information or to make a donation, please contact nsidney@tphsasb.com.

## This Year's Retirement Class

### ~ The Boys Club of 2007!

This June marks the retirement of several TP teachers. We would like to thank them for their many years of dedication to our students and to wish them well as these falcons take wing.

**Jeff Brosbe** came to SDUHSD in 1968 with a B.A. & M.A. from UCLA, and with prior teaching experience at Biet Safer Technon in Tiberias, Israel. He was part of the founding faculty at the to be innovative, multi discipline, team teaching, open classroom campus, Torrey Pines High. He helped set up the English Department that set records, at the time, for the number of National Merit essayists; and which offered over 60 separate semester classes catering to the full range of students attending TPHS. He taught expository composition, remedial writing, creative writing, American short story writers, and the poetry of rock & roll. After a sabbatical spent creating a bibliography of contemporary international writers available in English, he returned and soon after transferred to the VPA Department, where he created the Torrey Pines Players, and served as site & district VPA chair. After 10 years in the theater here, he transferred to North Coast Alternative High School, eventually, in 1994, returning to the TPHS campus to run the safety net program, NCA@TP. Since the inception of NCA@TP, close to two dozen students per year who would have been drop outs have graduated with their class from TPHS. About ten years ago he began showing his limited edition photographic images in art galleries. He will now be working on his art full time.

**Ed Burke** was hired in January 1980 to be the school's head football coach, and began teaching in September as a member of the English department. In 1985 he left to be the head football coach at San Dieguito High School, where he also taught English, World History, Math, Careers, Driver's Education, and Physical Edu-

cation. He also served two years as the JV Girls' Softball coach and two years as the JV Girls' Basketball coach. He returned to Torrey Pines in 1991 as the head football coach and Physical Education teacher. His career has included a total of 21 years at Torrey Pines and 26 years in the district. "It has been an honor to be part of America's finest public school."

**Dave Clark**, our school psychologist, originally began his career as an Aeronautical Engineer specializing in Cockpit Design. Luckily for us, he changed careers and has been a school psychologist for the last 34 years-- first in Escondido, then Poway, and eventually settling in our district. In the last 25 years, he has worked at every school in the District! In addition, Dave has also been a dean at a community college and has taught at 4 local universities—Chapman, National, LaVerne, and UCSD. Dave leaves us with this parting thought, "The reason angels can fly is that they take themselves so lightly."

**Bill Jernigan** started his teaching career at TPHS in 1976, first teaching Industrial-Vocational Education. As student requirements changed, he taught Driver Education and Training, Career Ed, Science Workshop, Physical Oceanography and for the past 23 years, Earth and Space. "At first, the school had about 1600 students out in the 'boondocks' on old Black Mountain Road, and the best thing is that mostly the kids haven't changed, but my colleagues and I have and it's been a wonderful 31 years."

**Jim Phillips** started teaching in the SDUHSD in 1971, where his first teaching assignment was at San Dieguito High School teaching P.E. and coaching football. He also taught English at Oak Crest Middle School, and after two years, he was assigned to the new high school just being completed called Torrey Pines High School. While he's been at Torrey Pines he's taught Physical Education, English, Health and he started the Driver's Ed and Driver's Train-

ing Programs which were canceled by the district in 1995. He's coached varsity football and started the swimming program in the beginning years at Torrey Pines. For the last 20 years he's been working with the Work Experience program and started our very successful Internship program. Being one of the original teachers who started and opened Torrey Pines has given him 37 years of career satisfaction but he is looking forward to retirement. "I've had the good fortune to spend the majority of my adult life here at Torrey Pines and have developed many friendships and fond memories that will follow me through life. But the greatest memory will be working with all the wonderful students I've had through the years, many of whom remain in contact with me today."

**Steve Straitiff** - "I began teaching at TP, in Sept. 1974 after teaching a year in the Beverly Hills District. I have been teaching Biology and Marine Biology here ever since. One year I also taught a class titled; Field Studies in Marine Science. I have also taught Backpacking at the San Dieguito Adult School, and during the summers have taught at Mira Costa College; Field marine Ecology courses and spent several summers teaching sailing on Catalina Island. While my home base has always been room 24, I have taught in five other classrooms here at TP. Torrey Pines has been the greatest school to teach at and continues to be. However, it is time for me to pursue my next career."

**Bill Tapp** - "I have been teaching for 35 years, 22 of which were here at Torrey Pines. While at Torrey Pines I have taught U.S. and World History, Government, Economics and Physical Education. I have coached football, basketball, and baseball at one time or another as well. While I'm certainly looking forward to retirement, I can honestly say that I am going to greatly miss interacting with my students and colleagues. I have really enjoyed my years in teaching and at Torrey Pines and have had the opportunity to work with some great people over the years. I leave confident that the future is in good hands."

## TORREY PINES HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

By Elloise Bennett, School Improvement Program Coordinator

Our last Site Council meeting for the year was on May 2nd. Most of our conversations and proposal review was geared towards setting up new resources for the coming year and developing our updated Single Plan for Student Achievement. This plan, which is heavily data driven, especially using California Standards Test data from the STAR exam, is our guiding goals and objectives. Our key goals will continue to be supporting below grade level students, socio-economically disadvantaged students, and English Language learners in the areas of English and Math achievement.

Mr. Killeen's Principal's report included glowing reports on the efficiency and smooth running of the STAR administration the week before. Final participation rates are still being calculated, but we are estimating that close to 99% of our students participated this year. We would like to thank Mr. Ayala, Assistant Principal, for his leadership and organization skills in this area. CAHSEE make-ups were also offered in May, and of course, Advanced Placement exams. The Foundation Rummage Sale was a success, raising more than \$35,000!

SIP Proposals this month totaled over \$30,000 and included the approval of guest speakers to English classes, the funding of the World Language Tutoring Center for 2007-2008, a sub for Ms. Ochendusko's sociology classes which will be going to the San Diego Court House for a day, and materials for a new English support course. The new support course, Academic Literacy, was also funded. This course, which is structured towards 10th and 11th graders, is designed for students who are struggling but showing effort, are scoring below grade level on the STAR exams, or are referred by a counselor or teacher. Students will be exposed in this class to literacy skills, as well as an opportunity to build their academic skills and set them up for success across all curricular areas.

Gate proposals totaled \$952 and are to sponsor teacher professional development for AP courses as well as collaboration time.

Interested in getting involved in Site Council? Our next meeting will be on September 5th, 2007 at 2:45 p.m., and all are welcome! We will have parent elected positions open for next year – keep an eye out in the Readiness Day Packets for nomination forms. Elections are on Back to School Night. For more information, contact Elloise Bennett at [elloise.bennett@sduhsd.net](mailto:elloise.bennett@sduhsd.net).

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### Upcoming Events

- June 4** -- TPHS Foundation Board Mtg.
- June 5** -- Spring Concert (Orchestra & Adv. Strings), 7:00 p.m., Gym
- June 6** -- Spring Concert (Jazz & Chorus), 7:00 p.m., Lec. Hall
- June 6** -- Pathway of Pride Dedication and Reception, 6:00 p.m.
- June 7** -- Spring concert (Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ens.), 7:00 p.m., Gym
- June 13** -- Parent Volunteer Association Meeting
- June 15** -- Last Day of School, Graduation, GRADNite

### Reminders from the Registrar

If you are taking an Off Campus class for Credit towards graduation, YOU need to be sure that transcript gets to the Registrar's Office in time for graduation. This includes Futures, Grauer, Pacific Academy, MiraCosta students should go to the Admissions & Records Office at Mira Costa and request a PRELIMINARY REPORT OF SEMESTER Grades. This will make grades available to TPHS before official transcripts can be sent out by the college.

If you requested more than five transcripts this year you will be billed for those transcripts in June. The first five transcripts were free and the final transcript is free. The charge for each transcript ordered after the five is \$5.

#### FINAL TRANSCRIPT REQUEST:

--You will need to bring a stamped envelope with the typed address of the College or University that you would like your final transcript sent.

--Bring your addressed, typed envelope to the Registrar's Office. **DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR HOME ADDRESS FOR THE RETURN ADDRESS.** Torrey Pines High School should be the return address.

--Make sure that the postage is correct. Postal rates went up May 15th. The cost for first class: 41¢, large manila envelopes are more.

--There is no charge for the final transcript. The transcripts will be sent out as soon as the grades are posted to the transcripts.

### Athletic Pre-participation

#### Sports Physical Night

Thursday, June 7th

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Upper level of the Media Center  
\$25 Cash or Check

The Nutrition Services Department is excited to unwrap an expanded menu of healthy menu choices meeting new federal and state guidelines.

### NEW 2007—2008 GUIDELINES

#### FOOD

- Not more than 35% of total calories from fat
- Not more than 10% of total calories from saturated fat and trans fat
- Not more than 35% of total weight composed of sugar
- Calories not to exceed 250 calories
- Entrée items not to exceed 400 calories

#### BEVERAGES

- Water, no added sweeteners
- Milk
- Fruit juice, with at least 50% fruit juice, no added sweeteners
- Vegetable juice, at least 50% vegetable juice, no added sweeteners
- Sports drinks with no more than 42 grams of added sweeteners per 20-ounce serving.

**SDUHSN Nutrition Services Department**  
(760) 753-6241

### Yellow Ribbon

#### Suicide Prevention Assembly presented by PALS on April 20th

Each student attending the assembly was given a Yellow Ribbon card with the following suggestions on how to help someone in crisis:

- **Stay** with the person - you are their *lifeline!*
- **Listen**, *really listen*. Take them seriously!
- **Get**, or **call**, **help immediately!**

**1-800-479-3339**

San Diego County 24-hr. Crisis Line

**1-800-SUICIDE**

National Crisis Line

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An Additional Resource  
**Survivors of Suicide Loss**  
**(619) 482-0297**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>May</b>	Underlined dates indicate 1-3-5 block period days.	<u>29</u>	<b>30</b> Awards Night, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Gym	<b>31</b> Dept. Awards, 2:45, Lecture Hall	<b>1 June</b> Deadline to request changes to course selections	<b>2</b> SAT and Subject Tests (Off Campus)
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> TPHS Foundation Board Meeting	<b>5</b> Spring Concert (Orchestra & Adv. Strings), 7:00 p.m., Gym	<b>6</b> Pathway of Pride and CCC Dedication, 6:00 p.m. Spring Concert (Jazz & Chorus), 7:00 p.m., LH	<b>7</b> School Board Mtg. 6:30 p.m., D.O. Spring Concert (Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble) 7:00 p.m., Gym	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> ACT (Off Campus)
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Single Periods (1-3-5-2-4-6)	<b>13</b> Finals (1-5) Parent Volunteer Assn. mtg. 9:00 a.m.	<b>14</b> Finals (3-4) Senior Grad. Rehearsal	<b>15</b> Finals (2-6) Semester ends Graduation, 4 p.m. stadium Last day of school Grad Nite 007	<b>16</b>
Minimum Days (End at 12:10 p.m.), June 13 - 15						
<b>August</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Readiness Day for Seniors 9:00 -12:00	<b>15</b> Readiness Day for Juniors 9:00 -12:00	<b>16</b> Readiness Day for Sophomores 9:00-12:00	<b>17</b> Readiness Day for Freshmen 9:00-12:00	<b>18</b>
More Readiness Day information to follow!						
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
Teacher Inservice Days, August 20 - 23						
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> First Day of School Single Period Day	<b>28</b> 1-3-5 Day	<b>29</b> 2-4-6 Day	<b>30</b> 1-3-5 Day	<b>31</b> 2-4-6 Day	<b>1</b>
						<b>Sept.</b>

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