



# News

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

## Late Start Days: March 1, 28, 29

WASC Focus Groups meet.  
Class begins at 9:15 a.m.

## AP Registration March 5–16

Register in the Student Center.

## California Healthy Kids Survey March 6

All students will participate in class.

## Apply/Declare Deadline is March 12

Apply or declare online at [www.sduhsd.net](http://www.sduhsd.net) by March 12 for incoming 9th and returning 9-11th grade students who would like to return to TPHS.

## Dollars for Scholars Applications due March 16

Turn in applications in front of the gym during lunch.

## Foundation Gala March 24th

14th Annual Dinner & Auction Gala, "A Black and White Affaire," at the Torrey Pines Hilton, 6:00 p.m.

## Course Selection Deadline: April 6

Current students return worksheets to the counselors. For incoming 9th graders, completed materials will be collected the first week of April by TPHS counselors visiting the middle schools.

## Helping Underachieving Students Find Success— The Gompers Connection to TPHS

By **Max Sutton-Smolin (11)**

President, The Gompers Connection

Gompers Charter Middle School—located in southeast San Diego about 20 miles from TPHS—was one of the lowest-performing schools in the San Diego Unified School District, a district with over 200 schools. It was among the worst in the state. Because it was so low-performing, it requested and received authorization by a reluctant school board to become a charter school, a drastic and controversial measure sometimes taken by communities to reform their schools.

The measure entails full self-autonomy; the school can decide which teachers to hire and fire, whether or not to have school uniforms, and even hours, and is completely independent from the district's jurisdiction in almost all decision-making. Since going charter, Gompers students have improved their test scores, but missed the state's targets. Principal Vince Riveroll, however, has turned the school around and rallied incredible sup-

port from a downtrodden community of 95 percent African-American and Latino families. There are voluntary tutoring sessions every weekend that hundreds of students choose to attend. Most of these students are low-income and English Language Learners.

The Gompers Connection, a club at TPHS, is a nascent sister school connection to Gompers. Club members are participating in the Saturday tutoring sessions once a month, as well as raising money and collecting school supplies for the impoverished students. Club members have already begun to take action to help the Gompers kids. On Halloween, some club members chose to trick-or-treat for school supplies instead of candy; and in December, several club members went to Gompers on a Saturday morning to tutor and drop off the eight boxes of school supplies raised over Halloween. The administration and students were very thankful and excited to establish closer and more frequent relations between TPHS Gompers.



## EXIT EXAM ADMINISTRATION A SUCCESS

The California High School Exit Exam went well, and we appreciate the support of our parents and the interest of our students to be here and do well. This was the first opportunity for our tenth-grade students to take the exam, which must be passed in order to earn a diploma in the state of California. Of the nearly seven hundred sophomores, only a few were absent. That's a great start to taking and passing the test on the very first try. The Exit Exam is a graduation requirement, but it is also a tool used by the federal government to evaluate schools in our state. The government uses the results of how our tenth-graders do on the Exit Exam to determine our Adequate Yearly Progress or AYP. The goal is for all students to be "proficient" by 2014. The standard to be "proficient" is actually

higher than it takes to pass the Exit Exam in California. For example, to pass the Exit Exam to earn the diploma, a student must score at least a 350 on the exam in both English and mathematics. To be proficient according to the AYP formula, a student must score at least a 380! We use the results of these assessments for more than graduation; it is a useful tool for us to determine who may need additional support in reading and/or math. We offer elective courses at Torrey Pines High School, such as CAHSEE support and reading or math support.

## CHOICES NIGHT and NEW APPLICATION PROCESS

It was wonderful to see over 2,000 parents and prospective incoming students at the Torrey Pines Choices Night on Tuesday, February 6th. Families heard about the new application and registra-

tion process in the gymnasium, and then they attended five of twenty-two sessions in order to give them more information about our school. Families are encouraged to attend all "Choices Nights" throughout the district, so they can get more information before applying online. All students—incoming ninth-graders, and current students—need to go to the district website, at [www.sduhsd.net](http://www.sduhsd.net) by March 12th, to declare their choice of school. A lottery will be held on March 16th for the academies, and families will be notified the week of March 20th. While the application process is online, the registration for courses process will be done on-site at the middle schools and high schools as soon as we know where students are going to enroll. In addition to the district website, please see the Torrey Pines website for updated information on this new process. Thanks!

## New Falconer to welcome to the TP Counseling family!

TP would like to welcome new counselor **Stephanie Muh**. Stephanie is a welcome addition to the counseling team, made possible through state funding designated for counseling.

Instead of taking a portion of the alpha-breakdown, Stephanie will be working closely with programs to support struggling students at Torrey Pines, such as our new Silent Mentor Program, following up with students who have completed the SDUHSD READI program, organizing student support groups around "Family Issues, Grief and Loss, Body Image, and New Students." She will also be working closely with Mrs. Glassman in coordinating the College Fair as well as College and Career presentations to the AVID students. Stephanie will also lend a helping hand in organizing Yellow Ribbon Week, TP Falcon Awards Night and representing TP Counseling on the District Strategic Planning Committee.



Stephanie comes to us with a bachelor in Biology from UCI, a Masters degree in Educational Counseling and a PPS credential from National University. She has worked in programs as varied as the School of Business and Technology in Oceanside, AVID programs in Mission Bay High, and SD county court schools. In her free time she likes to run, hike, sketch, play soccer, tennis, violin and the guitar. We're excited to welcome Stephanie to the team!

## TP Students Participate in Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest

**Lucy Yu, Connie Lam, Victoria Le, and Lina Kaisey** participated in the Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest in February. Each student wrote their own six-minute speech on a topic of their choice and spoke in front of about fifty Rotarians. All four won cash prizes and Lina Kaisey was selected to move on to the sub-regional level in March. The annual speech contest is open to all TPHS students and is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Del Mar.



**Connie Lam (12), Lina Kaisey (12), Lucy Yu (11) and Victoria Le (11)**

# accolades & Appreciation

Bravo to the **TP Chorus, Intermediate Orchestra, and Advanced Orchestra** on their Winter Concert held January 16th. The two orchestras will be going to a SCSBOA Festival at El Camino HS on March 9th, and both orchestras and chorus will be traveling to Fullerton College for a festival on March 30th. (See Winter Concert pictures on p. 5.)

**Harrison Yang, Sophia Bouhaddou, and Ionie Bernstein** will be representing TPHS in this year's San Diego County Honor Choir. The concert will be held Saturday, March 24th at Pt. Loma Nazarene University's Brown Chapel at 7 p.m.

The **Interact Club** has collected 58 cell phones that have been donated by staff, students, and parents in the community. In partnership with a local Verizon store, the phones are refurbished and donated to women in abusive relationships. They have no bill or paper trail so they can be used as "secret" 911 phones in case a woman is in a dangerous situation and needs to contact the police immediately. Also, the Interact Club has collected 60 used SAT, AP, and ACT prep books from students. These are donated to schools in the San Diego area for students who do not have the financial resources to buy their own text prep material. Both collections are ongoing. Thanks to everyone for their contributions. Contact teacher **Abby Brown** for more information.

Congratulations to the following TP Staff members, who ran in the Carlsbad Half-Marathon on January 21st: **Brett Killeen, Jackie Niddrie, Paige Pennock, Elise Ochendusko, Heather Spross, Tina Hernandez, Sarah Morawa, MaryJane Palmer, Brennan Dean, Jonathan Moore, Dan Aposhian, Tom Hedgepeth, and Jim Anthony.** The staff trained together for months, culminating in their successful completion of the 13.1 mile course! Way to train, and way to go!!!



**Maryjane Palmer, Ed.D.**, Speech and Language pathologist, will be presenting at the California Speech-Language-Hearing Association conference in Long Beach on March 9-10, 2007 on "Adolescent Language Sampling."

**Thomas Cutting (12)**, was recently selected as Scholar-Leader-Athlete for the 2006-2007 school year by the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame. Thomas, along with 30 other high school (CIF-San Diego Section), college and university football players who have met the academic standards of the foundation, will be honored at an awards banquet on March 9th at the Scottish Rite Center in Mission Valley.

Congratulations to the following students, who have been accepted to the *Falconer* staff. Candidates had to receive an A in Beginning Journalism, go through the application process, and interview with the *Falconer* editors. Kudos to new staffers **Zarko Perovic (11), Haley Glatthorn (10), Taryn Elliott (10), Nadia Farjood (10), Junia Zhang (9), Sam Buccigrossi (9), and Paddy Galvin (9)!**

The **TPHS National Honor Society** and the **Key Club** have received commendations from the United States Marine Corps for their participation in "The Big Thank You" Military family adoption program. These clubs each adopted a Marine family and donated gifts of toys, clothing, food and store script for the Camp Pendleton Marines' Sunday family Christmas event held in December. Letters of appreciation were also received from North County DanceArts, Inc., which organized the Military family adoption program. Congratulations to **Amy Jacobson (12)**, NHS Secretary for coming up with the idea and for organizing everything! (see pictures on p. 5).

Kudos to AP English 12 teacher **Gail Zides**, who received the Outstanding Educator Award from the University of Chicago for 2006-2007! Gail was nominated for this award by a former Torrey Pines student.

**Joanne Zhang (12)** has been named a finalist in the National Westinghouse Science Talent Search!

Congratulations to the **Varsity Girls Basketball Team** for sponsoring their third annual Saturday Swish Basketball Clinic on February 3 in National City. About 60 boys and girls ranging in age from 5 to 13 participated, and each child received (free of charge), a basketball, a customized shirt, and a pizza lunch after the clinic. The shirts and pizza were donated, but the team held fundraisers to pay for the basketballs, drinks and desserts. According to team co-captain and clinic organizer **Devin Regis (12)**, "It's just a really nice, fun, low-key basketball clinic that reaches out to a lower-income part of San Diego."

Over the first weekend in February, the **Competition Cheer** team earned a 2nd round bye and WON in the finals to earn a National Title at the Spirit of the South West Coast showdown in Ontario. They also won best tumbling among all high school teams. So far in their last three competitions they have received first place.



February 7 was the day for all athletes to sign letters of intention to play for their chosen colleges. A

ceremony was held for TP Lady Falcons, with two athletes actually signing their letters at the ceremony. Congratulations to all our college-bound athletes!

Congratulations to **Coach Ed Burke**, who has announced his retirement as head football coach. Thanks for all you did to make TPHS the athletic powerhouse it has become!



Congratulations to **Scott Ashby**, who has been named as the new head football coach.

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# Counseling Corner

March, 2007

Throughout March and the beginning of April students will be registering for classes for the 2007-08 school year. This is a three part registration process: **Part I**, all students must declare which school they wish to enroll in for the 2007-08 school year through the district office website at [www.sduhsd.net](http://www.sduhsd.net) by March 12th, **Part II**, consists of distributing registration materials and information to students in their English classes. Then, after students and parents have had time to examine all the information and investigate options, in **Part III**, the counselors will meet one-on-one with every student, in their English class, to review their selections and collect their registration contract. This includes examining their transcript to make sure that they are on track to graduate as well as to achieve their post-high school goals.

As parents, you can help in several very important ways.

- 1) We encourage you to make time to review the registration material with your student. We recommend visiting [www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net) > Counseling > TPHS Courses to review the Course Profiles and elective course descriptions. The Profiles cover student readiness expectations (what is the student *already* supposed to know in order to be successful in a class), course content and expectations, including homework. Please take the time to read this important information so that your student selects courses for which s/he is truly prepared.
- 2) If you are considering honors or Advanced Placement classes, please pay attention to the differences between these levels of rigor and the college preparatory classes. We do not recommend that students "try out" an advanced level class. If unsuccessful at this level, it may not be possible to drop the class and move into the college prep level since there may not be space available. Rather, choose the appropriate level based on whether the student matches the Profile's recommendations. If you're unsure, your student should speak with her/his current teacher in the same curriculum area and also check with her/his counselor.
- 3) We also ask that you remind your student to return the Registration Contract when it is due. This deadline is extremely important in creating our school's master schedule.
- 4) After students turn in their contracts, they may request changes in their selections through June 1, 2007. The only changes that will be made after that date will be for students who take summer school classes or those whose spring grades do not allow them to progress in math or world language (C grade or higher is required to progress).

Orientation for MiraCosta April 3rd

Graduating seniors who plan to attend MiraCosta College beginning in summer or fall 2007, can complete "OARS" (orientation, advisement and registration seminar), also known as the "matriculation" process, right on the San Elijo MiraCosta campus. Once students have completed these steps, they will receive early registration privileges, allowing them to register ahead of other students. The program will take place at the San Elijo campus on Tuesday, April 3rd. Bus transportation to and from our high school and lunch will be provided (participants must take the bus). Interested seniors can sign up with Helen Granville in the Counseling Office. Students need to have their parents sign permission slips and have them returned to the counseling office no later than March 27. Contact **Helen Granville** at 858-755-0125, ext. 2296.

**COLLEGE NIGHT** — Don't forget!

**Wednesday March 14: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Main Academic Bldg. "B"**

Remember the TPHS College Night is on March 14th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. 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.

## Registration Information for 2007-2008

### Dates to Remember

**February 27 & 28** – AP/Honors

Parent Orientation Nights

**March 12** – Deadline to declare for attendance or apply for attendance online. **This is for all current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students who would like to return to TPHS, as well all new incoming 9th graders.**

**March 26-29** – Parent/Student Nights for incoming 9th graders — Opportunity to meet with a counselor one-on-one!

**April 6** – Submit class selection materials

**June 1** – Deadline to request changes to course selections

### 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!

### **AP Exam Registration begins March 5th!**

Registration for the AP exams will be conducted in the Student Center (by the Student Store) March 5th through 16th. Exams are \$92 each. Registration forms can be picked up from the Student Center or downloaded from [www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net). Exams will take place beginning May 7th and run through May 18th. Administration for most exams will be conducted at the Del Mar Fairgrounds. Detailed information about location and reporting time will be available in April. In 2006, Torrey Pines administered 2,663 AP exams, with a school-wide pass rate of 78%. We've had a steady trend of increased participation as well as rising pass rate, which is very exciting! For more information, visit [www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net) > Links > Testing or contact **Elloise Bennett**. Applications for Fee Reductions are due to Ms. Bennett on March 16th.

## From Your Library Media Center

By Lisa Goldberg  
Library Media Teacher

*“What a school thinks  
about its library  
is a measure  
of what it feels  
about education.”*

Harold Howe, Professor Emeritus  
at the Harvard Graduate School of  
Education and a former US  
Commissioner of Education.

### Reference Books , Trade Books and DVDs

These new materials have been  
added to our collection this Winter.  
**Friends of the Library** continues to  
make these purchases possible.

## What's New? Multiple Online Resources, One Password!



### Corbis Historical Images \*

With more than 400,000 digital images from Corbis' popular art, historical, nature, and science collections. This resource is excellent for class projects.



### General Reference Center Gold \*

A general interest database that finds articles from newspapers, reference books, and periodicals, full-text and images. Includes latest current events, popular culture, and much more.



### History Resource Center: U.S. \*

History Resource Center: U.S.: integrated access to over 4,000 historical (primary) documents, articles from more than 30 reference titles, and over 110 full-text journal covering themes, events, individuals and periods in U.S. history from pre-Colonial times to the present. Citations from over 180 additional history journals and the entire "American Journey Online" series are included.



### History Resource Center: World \*

Reference, full-text articles from leading scholarly publications, primary sources, images, maps and charts provide expansive research for the study of world history, from ancient Europe to Latin America, Far East to the Renaissance, world history.



### Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center \*

Both pros and cons of economic, health, government, and

political issues, with statistics and relevant, up-to-date information, including specific web links.



### Literature Resource Center \*

Find up-to-date biographical information, overviews, full-text literary criticism and reviews on nearly 130,000 writers around the world from all time periods. Citations for hundreds of thousands of books, articles and dissertations from 1926 to the present are included.



### Science Resource Center \*

Thousands of topic overviews, experiments, biographies, pictures and illustrations, including the latest scientific developments are in articles from 200 magazines and academic journals and links to quality web sites. Curriculum-related science topics tools for teachers directly correlated to state and national standards.



### Testing & Education Reference Center \*

Contains college entrance exams, college searches, scholarships and financial aid specific to your needs; practice AP, ACT, SAT and PSAT exams and test exam feedback. Fifty (50) Peterson's Guides are available as e-books.



### Virtual Reference Library \*

Contains **18 reference sets of ebooks**: including: American History Through Literature 1820-1870, 3v, 2006

American History Through Literature 1870-1920, 3v, 2006  
Encyclopedia of Clothing and Fashion, 3v, 2005  
Encyclopedia of the Great Depression, 2v, 2004  
Fashion, Costume, and Culture: Clothing, Headwear, Body Decorations, and Footwear Through the Ages, 5v, 2004  
Gothic Literature: A Gale Critical Companion, 3v, 2006  
Harlem Renaissance, 2001

\* Passwords are available from  
the Library Media Staff!

## Seen Around Torrey Pines...



**December Employees of the Month:**  
Chris Drake, Jan Hueners,  
Gino Campisano, and  
Barbara Swovelin



**January Employees of the Month:**  
Amy Willcox, Terry Wolter, and  
Jim Harrah  
Not pictured: Dexter Harvey



**Winter Concert**  
January 16th

Concert pictures by Michael Svoboda



## ...and Out and About



## Senior Scoops



**Feb. 28** — Grad Nite Meeting, College Career Center, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

**March 2** — Cal Grant and FAFSA deadline

**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.

**March 28** — GRAD Nite Meeting, College Career Center, 6:30—7:30 p.m.

**May 15** — deadline to submit transcripts for any off campus classes.

**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.



**NHS and Key Club**  
Military Adopt-A-Family Program  
December, 2006



## STAR Testing

April 24-27, 2007



The purpose of the STAR Test is to measure how well students are learning the knowledge and skills identified in the California Content Standards. The Content Standards describe what students at each grade level should know and be able to do in English-language arts, mathematics, history-social science, and science. All 9th, 10th and 11th grade students at Torrey Pines High School are scheduled to take the STAR Tests April 24-27, 2007.

- Students will report to their PERIOD 4 class for each block of STAR testing.
- All 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students will be tested.
- Seniors do not report to school until the completion of STAR testing each day.
- Students will not report to ZERO period from April 24 through April 27.
- 9th and 10th grade students will not report to school on Wednesday, April 25 until 9:50 a.m.
- 9th and 11th grade students will not report to school on Friday, April 27 until 9:50 a.m.
- Testing followed by lunch each day.
- Classes start at 12:20 daily.**

### STAR Testing Schedule

#### **Tuesday, April 24**

- English 1 (Grades 9, 10 & 11)  
7:45 - 9:35 a.m.
- English 2 (Grades 9, 10 & 11)  
9:50 - 11:40 a.m.

#### **Wednesday, April 25**

- History (Grade 11 only)  
7:45 - 9:35 a.m.
- History (Grade 9, 10 & 11)  
9:50 - 11:40 a.m.

#### **Thursday, April 26**

- Math 1 (Grades 9, 10 & 11)  
7:45 - 9:35 a.m.
- Math 2 (Grades 9, 10 & 11)  
9:50 - 11:40 a.m.

#### **Friday, April 27**

- Science (Grade 10 only)  
7:45 - 9:35 a.m.
- Science (Grades 9, 10 & 11)  
9:50 - 11:40 a.m.

### World Language Tutoring Available!

Thanks to the generous funding of the School Site Council, the World Language Tutoring Center is now available to all TPHS language students. Staffed by TPHS language teachers, assistance is available for ASL, French, Japanese, and Spanish. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this valuable resource. Tutoring is offered at the following times and locations:

**Spanish:** Wed. 2:40 - 3:40 p.m. Rm. 304  
**French:** Mon. 2:40 - 3:40 p.m. Rm. 407  
**ASL:** 1/3/5 days 11:55 - 12:35 p.m. Rm. 410  
**Japanese:** Mon., Tues., & Thurs.  
 2:35 - 3:35 p.m. Media Center

### WASC Update

Our WASC-ing has been happening at a brisk pace! In December the staff, as well as parents and students, met in Focus Groups during the two late start days. Conversations included areas of strength, but also areas of growth and possible steps for problem solving. In January, all students enrolled in Math courses at TPHS were administered a WASC mid-year survey on topics ranging from in-

struction to safety and school connectedness. While students were on vacation for the semester break, teachers, certificated staff and willing parents and students met again in their Focus Groups to discuss evidence, thematic concerns that have emerged, and begin specific action plan development. For more information and to be involved, contact Elloise Bennett at [elloise.bennett@sduhsd.net](mailto:elloise.bennett@sduhsd.net)

### Accolades *continued from p. 3*

Thanks to **PALS** for providing campus tours for parents and students. A recent tour featured **Katy Shrader (12), Jessie Linn (12), Kristen Gillis (12), and Trevor Mells (10)**. The next tour will be March 8. Interested parents and their students should come to the Admin. Bldg. at 8:15 a.m.

**Torrey Pines High School** captured First Place again for the eighth year in a row, winning seven first place medals at the **San Diego Regional Science Olympiad Competition** on Saturday February 10th. This was the largest Regional Science

Olympiad competition of any county in the United States with 57 high school teams participating. Details and photos will be reported in the next issue. Way to soar, Falcons!

### Please Congratulate the December and January Employees of the Month!

#### December

#### **Chris Drake - Social Studies Teacher:**

This is Chris's second year as a member of the TPHS Social Studies Department. And not only is he teaching two different courses, AP World History and US History, he is also happily serving as Speech and Debate Co-Advisor and as advisor for

the Model UN Club. Chris has quickly become an integral member of the Falcon Family!

#### **Barbara Swovelin - English Teacher:**

The doyenne of the English Department! Barbara continues to create a classroom with high expectations that is student centered, while also working as Academic Team Advisor, as an AP Literature trainer in workshops around the State, and as a BTSA Support Provider at multiple campuses. She has also served as the English Department Co-Chair for the past semester.

*Accolades continued on p. 7*

## TORREY PINES HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

By Elloise Bennett, School Improvement Program Coordinator

2007 has already been a busy year in the School Site Council! Our January and February meetings have centered around our continuing activities to increase student achievement and connectedness at Torrey Pines High School.

Very exciting to report is the huge continued successes of the GATEway Study Skills Program. This program was begun at the end of the last school year based on recommendations out of the District and Site GATE committees. (GATE stands for Gifted and Talented Education.) Site Council through GATE funding, sponsored TPHS teachers to develop curriculum for a summer workshop that was designed to help students entering high school, or honors and AP classes with the development of study skills applicable to the classroom and beyond. The course focuses on developing a toolbox of strategies for students to use in the classroom, out of the classroom on homework, time management, test preparation, and studying, as well as during tests. We've held the workshop in August to a full house, and again in December. In January we changed the format to a one-day workshop to make it more appealing to students (despite the fact that we've had to have waiting lists every time). The January workshop was geared towards test taking strategies to help students prepare for finals. A kick-off workshop to second semester was held on February 3rd and again every seat was filled!

TPHS is excited to continue offering this opportunity for students through the support of the Site Council and GATE funding. Another one-day session will be held on March 24th. For registration and more information visit <http://sduhsd.k12.ca.us/tp/misc/gateway.html>.

Other exciting news to share is that the Site Council heard requests for funding in January and February totaling almost \$17,000 each month. Through the funding available to the Council, programs such as the Counseling Department, ROP Drafting, the College Career Center, EL teachers and programs, GATE courses and programs, and our Media Center have received support for materials, staff development and more.

If you'd like to become involved, contact **Elloise Bennett** at [elloise.bennett@sduhsd.net](mailto:elloise.bennett@sduhsd.net) or join us for our meetings held every first Tuesday of the month, Room 205, at 2:45 p.m.

# Torrey Pines Foundation

New Address:

P.O. Box 2489, Del Mar, CA 92014-1789

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## Upcoming Events

- March 3** – “An Evening with David Hume Kennerly” - Friends of the Library fundraiser  
Contact (858) 793-3551 for more information.
- March 4** – A Performing Arts “High Tea” – Morgan Run, 2:00 p.m.  
Call (858) 759-0994 or email [shoes4su@aol.com](mailto:shoes4su@aol.com) for reservations or ticket information.
- March 7** – In-home Boutique fundraiser  
9:00 - 2:00 and 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the home of Michael & Lori Essrig.
- March 24** – “A Black & White Affaire” Annual Dinner & Auction Gala, Torrey Pines Hilton, 6:00 p.m.
- April 28** – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Rummage Sale, 7:00 – 11:00 a.m.
- May 3** – Sunset Soiree Volunteer Recognition, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Tager Residence
- May 23** – End of year Music Dept. Awards Ceremony – 6:30 p.m. TPHS Quad
- June 5 -7** - Spring Concerts

## Accolades *continued from p. 6*



### Gino Campisano - Mathematics Teacher:

Gino has always been an asset to the school and to the math department because of his professionalism, compassion, ability to make math relevant to his students' lives, dedication and conscientiousness. We are lucky to have him on our team!

### Jan Hueners - Receptionist:

Jan is always pleasant, resourceful and available for assistance. She diligently answers the phones, provides our school community with up to date information, is always willing to perform myriad tasks and greets everyone with a warm smile. We appreciate Jan's dedicated service to our staff, students and parents.

### January

#### Jim Harrah -Social Studies Teacher/ Girls' Volleyball Coach:

Jim Harrah is admired by both his peers and his students. He is a dedicated coach who has had lots of success with the TPHS volleyball program. He is a big part of the TPHS team.

#### Terry Wolter - Clerical Assistant:

Terry is a behind-the-scenes treasure. She is the parent of TPHS alumni and has remained to support our school long after her own students are gone. She now works in a variety of tasks, including processing requisitions, helping administration set up CAHSEE, PSAT, SAT, ACT and STAR testing and still finds time to volunteer and work with the Parent Volunteer Association.

### Dexter Harvey - Social Studies Teacher:

Dexter takes pride in being organized, being knowledgeable in his content area, being meticulously prepared to deliver instruction and being accessible to his students. Dexter, thanks for your hard work and dedication.

### Amy Willcox - Music and Band Teacher :

Amy Willcox is an outstanding musician and teacher. When you visit her classes as they prepare for performances, you appreciate the terrific rapport she has with her students. Thank you, Amy, for caring so much about our kids and for fostering growth and enthusiasm in our music program!

**Thank you for creating a positive learning environment for our students each day !**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# March 2007

**March is Healthy Kids Month!**

Underlined dates indicate 1-3-5 block period

				<u>1</u> Late Start SDUHSD DWA School Board Mtg., Dist. Office, 6:30 p.m.	<u>2</u> Progress Reports SDUHSD DWA Cal Grant and FAFSA deadline APE Soccer Tourn., 10:00–12:30	<u>3</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u> Site Council Meeting, 2:45, Room 205 Calif. Healthy Kids Survey	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> Campus Tour, Admin. Bldg., 8:15 a.m.	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> SAT (SAT I only) on campus
AP Registration, Student Center, March 5–16						
<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> Applications for 9th graders and Declarations for returning students due.	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u> Parent Vol. Assn. 9:00, Admin College Night, Media Center, 6:30–8:30	<u>15</u> School Board Mtg., Dist. Office, 6:30 p.m.	<u>16</u> Dollars For Scholars Appli- cations due	<u>17</u> Senior Boat Dance
AP Registration, Student Center, March 5 - 16.						
<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> Last day to regis- ter for GATEway Workshop, 3/24	<u>22</u> Newsletter col- lating, 8:30 a.m. Parent/Student Night for English Learners, EWMS, 6:30–8:30 p.m.	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> GATEway Wksh. TPHS Founda- tion Dinner Auction at Tor- rey Pines Hilton, 6:00 p.m.
<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Parent/Student Night for incom- ing 9th graders, TPHS, 6:00 p.m.  Fundraiser at White House/Black Mkt., DM Plaza, 10 - 8:00 p.m., 3/26	<u>27</u> Parent/Student Night for incom- ing 9th graders, TPHS, 6:00 p.m.	<u>28</u> Parent/Student Night for incoming 9th graders, TPHS, 6:00 p.m. Late Start GRAD Nite mtg., CCC, 6:30 p.m.	<u>29</u> Parent/Student Night for incoming 9th graders, TPHS, 6:00 p.m. Late Start Last day to sign up for May 5th SAT	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>

## Adaptive P.E. Soccer Tournament March 2

TPHS will host the second APE sports soccer tournament for special education students who are also in adaptive P.E. at CVMS, TPHS, EWMS, LCC, and

OCMS on March 2nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The students will play against other students their age and ability level. There will also be music, food, games, dancing and prizes. Parents, teachers, administrators and students are welcome

to come to the stadium and cheer on students from our school and from other schools in the district!



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