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News

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

Back to School Night: September 27

Club and Booster Organization Info: 5:15 p.m.; Classroom Visits: 6:00 - 7:35 p.m.

Progress Period Ends: September 30**PLAN Grade 10: October 12****PSAT Grade 9 & 11: October 12****Homecoming: October 14****Homecoming Dance: October 15****Teacher Mini Grant Night: October 18**

TPHS, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Parent/Principal Meeting: October 19

CCC, 8:00 a.m.

Late Start Days: October 25 & 26

Classes begin at 8:55 a.m.

CAHSEE, Grades 11 & 12: November 1 & 2**First Quarter Ends: November 2**

Celebrations and Improvements

by Brett Killeen, Principal

I am so proud of our students' academic accomplishments. As school began, we received our results from the spring administration of the STAR summative exams, which contribute to our Academic Performance Index (API). Our schoolwide API went up an impressive 10 points from 871 to 881, but the real story is in our subgroup growth:

~Schoolwide	=	881 [+10]
~Asian	=	955 [+6]
~Hispanic	=	744 [+59]
~White	=	871 [+4]
~Low Socio-Economic Status	=	681 [+51]
~English Learners	=	779 [+104]
~Special Education	=	667 [+65]

I don't know of another school with this kind of improvement in subgroup scores. We look forward to using the data to help those students who are still not proficient, and we also look forward to rewarding our students for their efforts. Official statewide results may be found at www.cde.ca.gov.

We also received results from the spring administration of Advanced Placement (AP) exams, and again, the students performed admirably. 1,025 students took 2,452 AP exams, and 84% earned passing marks of 3, 4, or 5. The average score was 4. This pass rate matches our record from the prior year.

Finally, we just learned that 34 students have qualified to be National Merit Semi-Finalists, based upon their performance on the PSAT exam. We wish them all well as they compete to become Finalists!

Physical Improvements to Torrey Pines High School

Our Lecture Hall, which is our "main" meeting place on campus for students, staff, and our community, has new chairs and new carpet is being installed right now. Late last year, students in our National Art Honor Society painted a mural on the back wall of the Lecture Hall and dedicated it to Dee Rich, SDUHSD Board Member for over 20 years. We hope it looks great and serves our community well with these cosmetic upgrades for the next 30 years!

Our Library/Media Center is going to be featuring a new food service area beginning October 4th. It is going to feel like a modern library/bookstore, and nutrition services will be experimenting with new and exciting food offerings. The area will be open to students before school, break, lunch, and after school. It will also be open to students who have an unscheduled period. The special education TAP program will continue selling coffee to staff from this new resource on campus.



Back to School Night Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Club Information: 5:15 p.m.
Classroom visits begin at 6:00 p.m.
Nominate School Site Council
Representatives. (See p. 12.)

Visit www.tphs.net for schedule or see p. 11.

Getting to Know... Cara Couvillion, Assistant Principal



I am thrilled to be the new Assistant Principal at Torrey Pines High School! I come to you most recently from Julian High School, where I worked as an administrator and a teacher for six years. As I enter my 14th year as an educator, I feel lucky to be a part of the staff at a school with a reputation for its outstanding academics, excellent extra-curricular activities, and vibrant community.

I grew up in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where I developed a passion for learning, athletics, and helping others. The combination of these naturally led me to teaching and a brief stint coaching softball. After moving to California, I quickly realized I was drawn to leadership opportunities which allowed me to help students through my whole-school involvement. I attended Cal State San Marcos where I earned my Masters in Educational Administration. As an administrative member, my role is to help Torrey Pines in its work of developing “lifelong learners who make significant contributions in our world.” This job is often challenging and always exciting, but I know it is how I can best help future generations.

The administrative team at Torrey Pines High School is a wonderful group of hard-working, dedicated individuals, including Principal Brett Killeen, Assistant Principals Garry Thornton and Rob Coppo. The opportunity to work with these experienced, supportive gentlemen is one I will cherish. The entire staff has been great in helping me transition smoothly to TPHS. This year, I will be overseeing students with the last names O-Z, the Mathematics department, AP and CAHSEE testing, and student programs including Special Education, English Learners, and AVID. I look forward to a great school year with the Falcons team!

Celebrations and Improvements

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Our “21st Century” classroom is nearing completion, as well. This technology-rich environment for students and staff will also serve the 400 students enrolled in our Independent Studies Online Learning (ISOL) program when complete.

We look forward to showing off these new improvements as they become complete—most within the month.

Communication Through Social Media

We love reporting our celebrations via this outstanding newsletter, but we will also begin to experiment with other forms of communication via tools such as Twitter and Facebook. More information will be forthcoming, but we would like to be able to communicate with our community in “real time” as opposed to waiting to publish our good news. During the power outage, it would have been nice to “tweet” information about the status of our school closure, for example.

Thanks for your continuing support of our students, staff, and school—it’s what makes this place special. See you at Back to School Night on September 27th!

Counselors

Jayne Cambra

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Seen Around Torrey Pines ...



Congratulations to our Students with Perfect Attendance 8/31/10 - 6/10/2011!

Class of 2012: Terrance Cao, Tyler Chi, Erin Daly, Harold Fu, Tayler Johns, Joanne Li, and Christine Winteler.

Class of 2013: Claire Chen, Eileen Leonor DeVera, Jennifer Dubowitz, Marisa Luttrell, Chu Nguyen, Samuel Shu, Daniel Stec, and Kenneth Zhang.

Class of 2014: Liana Melissa Allen, Meaghan Baril, Canh Dang, Jennifer Fineman, Seungah Kang, Nurie Kim, Alan Lai, Jason Liaw, Danny Lim, Christina Shubat, Danielle Watson, and Michael Weyant.

TP MARKETING STUDENTS TO RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDIT

Imagine taking a class in high school that not only allowed you to explore the world of Business but gave you three units of college credit for free! Through an articulation agreement with Mira Costa College, eighty 2011 Torrey Pines Marketing students received three units of college credit. Students register with Mira Costa in the fall and upon successful completion of Marketing with a grade of B or better, receive the credit on their transcripts. This elective credit is transferrable and can be used whether the student eventually attends Mira Costa or not. There are no fees involved in the registration process making the three units the best bargain going in education. Students in the past have transferred the elective credit to four year institutions, thereby saving themselves precious time and money. Marketing is taught by **Jim Anthony** of the Business department and is a one-year CTE elective. Questions about his program or the Mira Costa credit can be directed to James.Anthony@SDUHSD.net or extension 2101.

2011 NCA All-American Cheerleaders



Top Row (Varsity) Caiti Lumpkin, Megan Jaffe, Claire Lindsey, Morgan Tibbetts, Emily Wentworth and Sarah Smith.
Bottom Row (Freshman/JV)
Sam Carpowich, Taylor Napier and Natalie Owcharuk.

Nine TPHS Cheerleaders were chosen as part of the 2011 NCA All-American Team at a recent camp at UCSD. Being an All-American is one of the highest individual awards in cheerleading and is given to those that display superior all-around technique during the tryouts. Each year thousands of cheerleaders from all over the country are nominated for All-American but less than 10% are chosen! Congratulations girls on this huge honor.

accolades & Appreciation

Too late to publish in the June newsletter, but too good to miss!

Congratulations to the traveling TP Academic Team!!! The students practiced and studied for weeks before spending the last weekend in May and the first weekend in June competing in national competitions. The first was the NAQT HSNCT in Atlanta, where they placed 49 out of a field of 223. **Sharad Vikram** won honors as the 44th highest scorer out of 1162 students. The second contest was the PACE in Chicago, where they placed 18th in a field of 60. They competed against the very best teams in the country and had a lot of fun doing it. For those of you interested in the statistics, check out the following websites: http://naqt.com/stats/tournament-teams.jsp?tournament_id=3351&playoffs=1 and <http://www.pace-nsc.org/?p=1530>



For the last year, English teacher **Staci Ortiz-Davis** has been filling in on KUSI as a news anchor. No stranger to television, Mrs. Ortiz-Davis worked as a news anchor/reporter for 7 years in Colorado, Texas, and Wyoming before coming to San Diego and landing at KSWB (now Fox.) She left the business in 2001 to return to school to become a teacher. While teaching is now her passion, it still is fun for her to be dabbling in the news again, because she gets to work with her husband, David Davis, the Mon.-Fri. morning anchor at KUSI!



This summer, English teacher **Jennifer Turfler** took some graduated seniors to Greece. They visited Athens, Delphi, Ephesus, Mykonos, Rhodes, Patmos, and Santorini! Congratulations also go to **Jennifer Turfler** as our Star Award winner!



Congratulations to **Chas Doerr**, our new Athletic Director!

Upcoming PVA Meetings with the Principal CCC, 8:00 a.m.

October 19, November 16, January 18,
February 15 and April 18

Thank You Readiness Day Volunteers!

The teachers and staff at TPHS would like to thank all of you for volunteering to help with Readiness Days and the first day of school. It takes a lot of volunteers to make it a success and we couldn't have done it without the help of all the following parents!

Sophia Alsadek, Elyse Babtkis, Nancy Bailey, Lynne Bath, Melissa Brewster, Kathleen Bryan, Connie Cannon, Lisa Casella, Michelle Cazares, Susan Chaffin, Anna Chamberlin, Dawn Chang, Alisa Chin, Rachel Clayton, Linda Colbert, Holly Coughlin, Debra Dawe, Dalal Dhanens, Li Zhu Dong, Kelly Doyle, Candy Drolson, Marge Duckett, Clifford Durgana, Michelle Escala, Heidi Emery, Bryn Emkjer, Jennifer Eveleth, Sue Freel,

Dana Frieauf, Susan Garfein, Susie Hadley, Victoria Hanlon, Camille Hastings, Lisa Havlik, Doreen Hom, Laurie Horton, Tricia Huppert, Susan Johnson, Monica Joynt, Michelle Klein, Yvonne Koehler, Susan Larson, Dinnell LaBarbara, Samie Lizarraga, Tiffany Lu, Hilary MacPhail, Susan McCabe, Sharon McKinnon, Wendy Montini, Bev Murray, Mary Neal, Yong Hui Olson, Linette Page, Carol Patek, Mary Perez, Connie Pittard, Andrea Rankin, Debbie Regottaz, Jackie Remick, Kim Richards, Sarah Shang, Jieling Sheng, Namita Singh, Aparna Srirangam, Ros Susman, Audrey Teshima, Lynne Walker, Jenn Walleen, Linda Wiener, Jill Wright, Peggy Yamamoto, Joell Yazzolino and Lori Jo Zehner.

Special thanks to Tasha Manzano and her team at Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage for their help with Freshman Readiness Day!

Counseling Corner

by Brennan Dean, Head Counselor

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at Torrey Pines! We look forward to helping you with all your counseling and guidance needs in the weeks and months to come. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. You can reach us via email, voice mail, or with a personal appointment. Generally, email is our preferred method because we are able to check our emails throughout the day and provide a timely response. If you need to schedule an appointment, please contact Joanne Day, our counseling secretary at 755-0125 ext. 2295.

Class changes/ Drop Dates

Keep in mind, the last day to drop a class this semester without it appearing on your transcript is **September 27th**. After that, students may drop a class for a "W," Withdrawn, on their transcript and may not add any other class. This option is available until **November 30th**. Please have your student see their counselor as soon as possible if they are looking to drop a class this semester as changes can only be made if space is available.

Senior Information/ Letter of Recommendation

Counselors began visiting senior English classes to conduct senior audits on Thursday, September 15th. We discussed transcripts, graduation status, NAVIANCE and planning for post-high school options including four-year college admissions.

For those of you planning to apply to a 4 year college/ University that requires a counselor letter of recommendation, please remember to first contact your counselor to ask them if they could write you a letter of recommendation. Next, provide your counselor with a copy of the FERPA agreement and complete the counselor brag packet in NAVIANCE. Both can be found under the "about me" tab on your NAVIANCE Family Connection page.

October, 2011

Once you have completed the letter of recommendation packet, please go to the "colleges" tab on your NAVIANCE Family Connection Page, and click on the "colleges I'm applying to" link and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on "add teacher requests." Select your counselor's name and this will allow your counselor to be notified of your request.

September 30th, 2011 is the deadline to request and submit your brag packet for a LOR for all colleges/ scholarships with an application deadline that is Dec. 1st, 2011 or before.

October 31, 2011 is the deadline to request and submit your brag packet for a LOR for all colleges/scholarships with an application deadline that is Dec. 2nd 2011 or after.

Please email your counselor with any specific questions you may have regarding your letter of recommendation.

Senior Parent Night: This is a special night for parents of seniors! We invite you to join the TP Counselors for an informative night to discuss college admissions, testing, letters of recommendation process, NAVIANCE and much more! **Wednesday, October 5th 2011 at 6:30pm in the TP Lecture Hall.**

Remember, NAVIANCE is a great tool to research college options, view college visits and scholarships, interpret college scattergrams, and take career inventories! Please visit our counseling website to access the NAVIANCE program and input the student ID to register.

Counselors will also be attending various college and University programs this fall to keep us up to date on college admission information. Check our website for more specific information!

National Merit Semi-Finalists

The counseling department would also like to congratulate our 34 National Merit Semi-Finalists; this is an outstanding number of high scoring seniors! Good luck on becoming National Merit Finalists!

News from the College & Career Center!

by Jayme Cambra, Counselor

Visit the CCC!

If you are on campus and have a minute, stop by the CCC and visit our many resources available to students and parents. We have updated our college files, and are checking out test prep and college reference book to students and parents.

College Visits

College visits have begun! Juniors and Seniors, sign up for college visits on NAVIANCE and join us in welcoming over 100 college reps to TPHS. Please remember to print off your admission ticket before each visit, and ask your teacher for permission to leave your class. Visit schedule and times are posted on NAVIANCE. Notes are taken at all college visits, so if you are unable to attend a visit, stop by and ask for a copy of the notes.

UC/CSU Online Application Workshop: Wednesday, October 12th during the school wide PSAT and PLAN tests. Seniors are invited to meet with a UC representative to assist students with the UC online application. Counselors will also be helping students with the CSU and commonapp applications.

College Resources- a great opportunity to recycle!

The CCC is accepting any gently used college catalogs, and test prep books to share with our student population. If you are interested in donating any materials, please drop them off in the CCC. We thank you for your generosity!

New Computers are arriving soon!

We thank our AMAZING TPHS foundation for their generous donation of 12 new computers to the CCC! We are so excited to have up to date computers that our students can use to log onto NAVIANCE, research colleges, and work on college applications. Thank you Foundation!

Upcoming Deadlines:

- UC/CSU online Application: November 30th
- Be sure to check your college application deadlines! Some regular decision deadlines will begin December 1st.
- FASFA: Can begin accessing application: January 1, 2012

TPHS Financial Aid Night- We are planning a nighttime event for early November 2011. Stay tuned for more details!

AVID Corner

By Anastasia Kokkinis
AVID Senior Seminar Teacher

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a pre-collegiate program on our campus whose mission is to ensure that ALL students, and most especially the least served students who are in the middle, will succeed in rigorous curriculum, complete a rigorous college preparatory path, enter mainstream activities of the school, increase their enrollment in four-year colleges, and become educated and responsible participants and leaders in a democratic society. The AVID elective teachers, **Sara Boozer (9/10)**, **Heather Lopez (11)**, and **Anastasia Kokkinis (12)**, work diligently with our students so they can be successful in their college prep, honors, and AP courses in order to ensure college eligibility and readiness into the four-year university system. The students are eager to get to know their new AVID Administrator, **Cara Couvillion**, and counselor **Jennifer McCann**, and we look forward to their involvement in the program.

Congratulations to our 38 Students who were Re-Classified at the end of last year!

The following currently-enrolled students have met the criteria to be reclassified to Fluent English Proficient!

Jung Hoon Cho, Merle Jeromin, Brian Kim (10), Lin Wei Li, Minjia Luo, Trisha Mendez, Lisa Shingo, Junyoung Suh, Camelia Tirandazi and Kelly Wu.

Advanced Math Open House in May was a Huge Success!



TPHS Student Directories & Grad Yard Signs For Sale at Back-to-School Night



It's not too late to order your TPHS Student Directory from Dollars For Scholars. Priced at \$25 (includes mail delivery), this back to school staple is an essential reference source for TPHS students and parents alike. In addition to the student address and phone listings, the directory also includes the TPHS Calendar for 2011-2012, the bell schedule, TPHS teacher phone extensions and email listings, and a map of the campus.

Additionally, you can pre-order a Yard Sign for your favorite senior. The signs and balloons are available for delivery (\$50) or for pick-up (\$25) during the week before graduation.

Also available at BTSN will be a limited number of TPHS reusable shopping bags and spirit earrings for sale.

All proceeds go to support TPHS Dollars For Scholars Senior Scholarships.



Timely Reminders from the S.D.P.D.

By Officer Adrian Lee,

Greetings everyone. As we begin a new school year at Torrey Pines H.S., I first want to wish everyone a fun and safe school year. Let's start the year off right by becoming familiar with a few minor laws that always seem to be overlooked by new students.

First, I want to remind all under classmen (Freshmen and Sophomores), that you are not permitted off campus during lunch period without a WRITTEN PASS from the school staff.

Second, ALL STUDENTS are required to have their Student ID cards in their possession while off campus. If you choose not to carry your ID, don't be surprised if you are taken back to campus to verify your identity if you are contacted by the police. (I know it's hard to believe, but sometimes people lie to the police).

Finally, if you are an upper classmen and decide to drive off campus for lunch, please obey all traffic laws such as stops signs (hint hint) and speed limits, and watch out for pedestrians. If you have a Provisional license, below is the California vehicle code law you should already know.

Facts to know about Provisional licenses:

For the first 12 months of a provisional license, unless accompanied by a PARENT or GUARDIAN or a LICENSED DRIVER NOT on probation that is 25 OR OLDER, you MAY NOT drive any passenger under the age of 20. So what this simply means, if you have a provisional license and decide to drive off the campus for lunch, it is AGAINST THE LAW to have any passenger under the age of 20 in your car unless you are accompanied by a person who qualifies under rule #1. Your best bet is to take your friends' lunch orders and bring it back to them! Or simply walk! It's not worth the trouble! If you are stopped, you will be CITED and your vehicle could be TOWED.

All Officers in Northwestern Division know the lunch hours for juniors and seniors at T.P.H.S! We are familiar on where you go to eat. Follow the rules and you'll have a great day! Drive Safe!

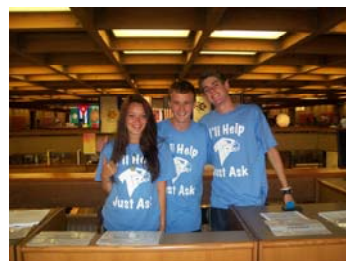
One final note, to help reduce thefts and recover your property in a timely fashion, take a few moments to write down SERIAL #'s of electronic devices like I-Pods, cell phones and laptops! You will have them readily available if needed. A few seconds of your time could help you in the event you're the victim of a crime.

I hope these tips help,

Officer Adrian Lee



Scenes from Readiness Days...



Welcome New and Returning Falcons!



< **Pandora
Johnson**
Health Tech

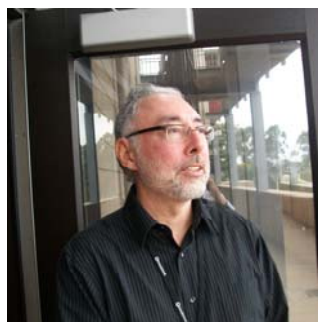
Dwayne Buth >
Business
Math



Misty Johnson
Home Ec



Jeffrey Kwong
Chinese



Chet Hall
Computer Science



Casey Billingsley
Social Sciences



Angela Willden
Science



Courtney Rock
Registrar



< **Cara Couvillion**
Assistant Principal

Jenn McCann >
Counseling



Angie Englebert
English

Celebrating Visual and Performing Arts at TPHS — May 24 - 27, 2011

by Julie Limerick, Visual Arts Teacher

What were previously only two days of “VPA Day” and “For Art’s Sake,” is now an entire week for the 2600 plus students and staff of the Torrey Pines High School community who are celebrating the Arts. Kicking off the week prior to Memorial Day they had the opportunity to experience and repeat the word “WOW” over and over as an impressive number of Visual and Performing Arts students of this talented student body strutted their stuff under the direction of a diverse but incredibly talented group of teachers. On Tuesday, May 24th the Visual Artists held an opening reception in the magically transformed gallery space of what is normally the aging, but vibrant Fine Arts building classrooms. The “For

Art’s Sake” exhibit showcased artwork throughout the week from over 200 student artists with proceeds from sales enriching the visual arts program. On Thursday the talented performing artists of award winning dancers, musicians, singers and actors packed the Torrey Pines gymnasium for 3 energetic shows throughout the day. This ASB, staff, and artists’ collaboration to present such an amazing level of entertainment, took months to pull together. With limited resources but no limit to talent the week of May 24-27 was serendipitous and appreciated by everyone who had the privilege of experiencing this growing community of exceptional talent at Torrey Pines High School.

21 Years of Excellence at TPHS

After twenty-one years of extraordinary service as Athletic Director, Anne Meigs stepped down from this position last spring. When asked to write this article reflecting on her accomplishments, I went to Anne to ask about the specifics regarding her personal win/loss record as a varsity coach and unmatched number of championships attained by our school under her leadership. After a moment's thought, she replied "I have no idea!" Anne went on to explain that she does not measure success on win or loss records. Neither do I, but I do know that she has been recognized as the "winningest coach" in the entire history of the San Diego section CIF. Her 40 men's and women's tennis championships is a record that has never been equaled...and never will be. As Athletic Director, the number of CIF and State Championships earned by your students and coaches these past 21 years are also unmatched in

our county. Why such remarkable success? Anne knows that greatness cannot be fully measured quantitatively. The qualities of honor, honesty, integrity and dedication that have been imbued in our athletic program transcend numbers. Anne has labored earnestly, energetically and humbly in our school's athletic arena for the past two decades. In doing so she has made TPHS a better place. Anne, on behalf of all of your admirers: Thank You!

Sincerely,

Simeon Greenstein

Former Principal and Permanent Falcon



Notes from the Music Department...

Torrey Pines Music Department Earns Top Awards

The Torrey Pines High School Music Department brought home many new trophies during last year's competitive season, highlighting the talent and dedication of the music students and music director Amy Willcox.

In March both orchestras qualified for the Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association regional festival by receiving superior ratings at the local festival in Oceanside. The orchestras traveled to Ontario for the regional competition on May 20. The Advanced Orchestra received a unanimous superior (superiors from all four judges) in the AA (collegiate) level for the 8th year in a row. They were the only high school orchestra to receive a unanimous superior. The Intermediate Orchestra received an excellent rating in the Class B (high school) level. Both groups performed a prepared program and were also judged on their sight reading.

"The Advanced Orchestra has exceptionally talented musicians this year and they really play well together," said Amy Willcox.

The orchestras went straight from the competition in Ontario to meet the Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band students in Valencia for the Music in the Parks festival where all five of the Torrey Pines ensembles came in first place for a clean sweep. The Wind Ensemble was judged overall best band. **Nicci Cazares**, vocalist in the Jazz Band, received the Overall Best Soloist award.

The Jazz Band competed in the Coronado Jazz Fest on April 30, receiving second place and a unanimous superior rating in the advanced category. Outstanding Musician-ship awards went to **Will Shi, Omron Hassan, Lenny Cheah, Andy Zhao & Nicci Cazares**.

In March, the Jazz Band also performed in the Irvine Jazz Fest, receiving the "Best Trombone Section" award and earning Outstanding Soloist awards for **Nicci Cazares, Lenny Cheah & Jaeyoung Kim**.

"It's been a very busy competitive season and all of the ensembles have done very well," said Ms. Willcox. "We were thrilled to come out of Music in the Parks with five first place finishes. Every year our program grows stronger."

For more information about the Torrey Pines Music Department visit <http://teachers.sduhsd.net/awillcox/>.

Pre-holiday Art Workshops scheduled for November 3rd!

Join the Torrey Pines Visual Arts faculty, Thursday evening November 3rd from 6:15-8:15 for pre-holiday workshops! These talented teachers are donating their time and expertise to offer creative gift-making workshops in their areas of expertise, with proceeds supporting the visual arts department. Open to ages 16 to adult. Registration forms can be found on the TP website or picked up at the TP Foundation office.

*Jewelry – Make Something Old New Again

Instructor: Ms. Julie Limerick

Have a piece of jewelry you just don't wear anymore but can't imagine giving up? Learn how to create a new look with

old or broken jewelry. Torrey Pines Sculpture teacher, will teach you design techniques, basic wire bending and jewelry making skills to give your old and tired jewelry a new and fun look. Or create something totally new to take home in this exciting workshop. Bring your jewelry odds and ends. This is a really fun class that fills up quickly so don't miss out.

*Painting - Watercolor Holiday Cards

Instructor: Ms. Emily Moran

In this workshop, TPHS's excellent painting teacher will introduce you to the wonderful world of watercolors! Discover and explore a variety of painting techniques and create your very own personalized set of holiday cards to give to family and

friends this holiday season! No previous art experience necessary!

*Photoshop - Make Your Own Holiday Cards

Instructors: Mrs. Jennifer King Doerrer & Mrs. Sarah Morawa

This Photoshop workshop is an introduction to Adobe Photoshop CS5 providing instruction in basic Photoshop tools and manipulation of color, and black and white images. Learn to edit, transform and manipulate your own photographs to create beautiful personalized holiday cards and photographic montages!

Topics include using selection tools, paintbrushes, gradients, layers, photo adjustments, and creative typography.

Reminders from the Attendance Office

Torrey Pines High School Attendance Policies

- * To excuse a student's absence or tardy, parent may call (858-481-0950), email, or send a parent or doctor note. Please note that excuses will only be accepted within 3 days of original absence or tardy.
- * Students should have an off-campus pass to leave school during school hours. **To request an off-campus pass, parent should call (858-481-0950), email, send a note or doctor appointment card, at least 24 hours in advance of student departure** so that the Attendance Staff can prepare the pass in advance. Students are to pick up passes in Attendance Office and carry on their person when they leave school.
- * **Students are required to pick up their off-campus passes from the Attendance Office.** If your student is leaving during class, have them pick up their off-campus pass *before* going to class. Parents should call ahead so the off-campus pass will be ready when student needs it.
- * Students who need to leave school due to illness should go to the Health Office for their off-campus passes.
- * Our school Health Tech is Pandora Johnson, phone (858)755-0125 x 2235.
- * When a student is late to class due to participation in a school activity such as PALS, field trip, ASB, a test, etc., he/she should bring a pass from the teacher who supervises that activity to the Attendance Office before returning to class. Without a note, the student will likely be marked unexcused tardy or absent.

Our 24-hour phone number is (858)481-0950
Or you can email Danna.Gunther@sduhsd.net

(Messages can be left in English or Spanish)
 Evening is the best time to call,
 as the phones are very busy in the morning.

Parents, when you call, please spell your student's name and leave a contact phone number. It is also helpful if you give their school ID number so that our staff is able to correctly identify your student, since we do have some duplication of student names.

See school website, TPHS.net, to set up an AERIES Portal online account to view student attendance, grades, etc.

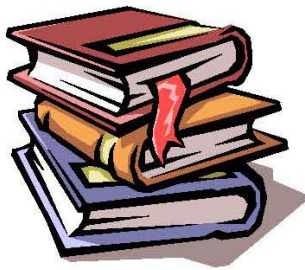


From the Student Store...

Attention Falcon Parents:

It's time to order Class Rings, Cap & Gowns, Graduation Announcements, and other Graduation items. Check out Jostens.com for ring

options and designs. Graduation Packets will be mailed home in October, so be on the lookout! In addition, your Jostens Rep will be on campus to take orders Thursday, November 3rd and Friday, November 4th or order online at Jostens.com.



Mark Your Calendars Back to School Night Tuesday, September 27, 2011

Sponsored by the TPHS Parent Association

5:15 p.m. – Visit outdoor tables for Clubs and
Booster Organizations information

6:00 – 7:35 p.m. – Classroom Visitation

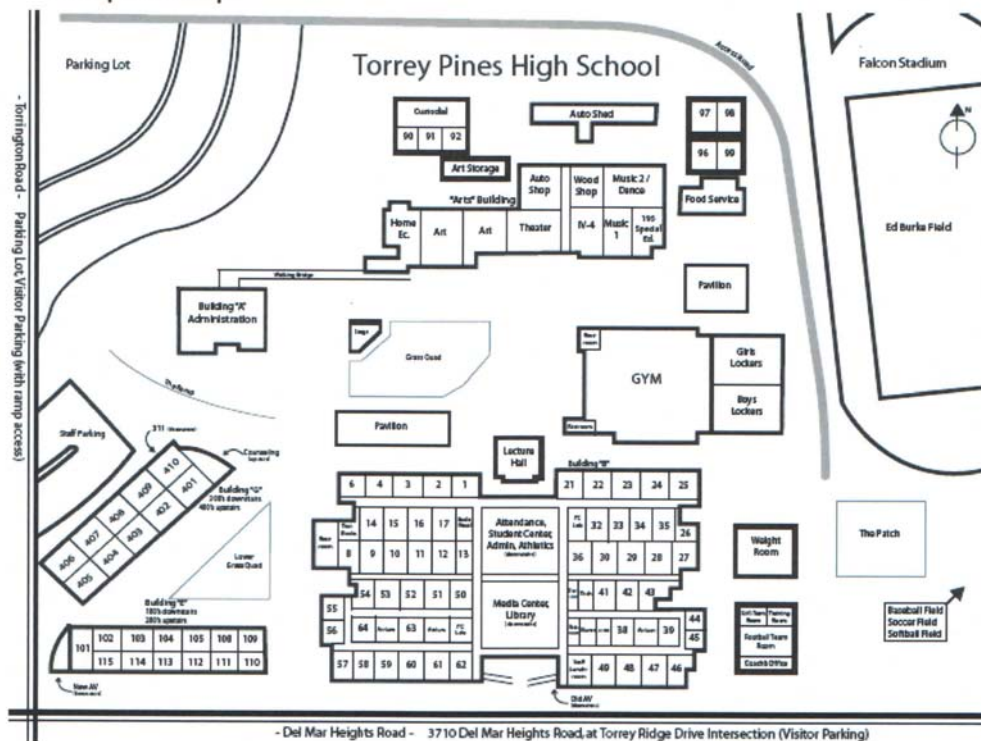
Classroom Visitation Schedule

Please have your son or daughter complete the Classroom Visitation Schedule.

Period	Time	Room #	Class	Teacher
1	6:00 – 6:10			
2	6:17 – 6:27			
3	6:34 – 6:44			
4	6:51 – 7:01			
5	7:08 – 7:18			
6	7:25 – 7:35			
0*	7:42 – 7:52			

*Internship, Work Experience, Period 0, and Period 7 classes.

Campus Map



- Del Mar Heights Road - 3710 Del Mar Heights Road, at Torrey Ridge Drive Intersection (Visitor Parking)

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

WHAT IS THE TORREY PINES HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL?

The School Site Council is an elected group of parents, teachers, students and staff working together to improve our school’s educational programs. School site councils were developed in response to California law, which requires them to allocate and monitor the School Improvement Grant, Gifted and Talented Education funding, as well as to develop and oversee the Single Plan for Student Achievement.

“I always felt incredibly well-informed about my student’s education by being on the Site Council. And as a parent, I really felt my voice was heard whenever I had questions or concerns.”
--Former Site Council member

At Torrey Pines High School, Site Council members are also responsible for keeping informed on legislative changes affecting education and advising the administration on important campus issues.

HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE?

Self-nominations can be made by submitting this form to Cara Couvillion, Assistant Principal, or dropping it off in the Ballot Box at **Back to School Night** located in the Student Information Center. Quarterly meetings are open to all parents who wish to attend.

PARENT NOMINATION FORM

I am interested in being a parent representative on the Torrey Pines High School Site Council, and I request my name be placed on the ballot for election. If elected, I understand that my term of office will begin in October 2011 and will run for two years. Furthermore, I understand that the Site Council meets quarterly after school.

Signature: _____

Print name: _____

Student’s name(s): _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please provide a brief statement (75 words maximum) regarding your background, experience, and reasons for wanting to serve on the School Site Council.

News from Varsity Boys Water Polo...

TPHS wins Poway Invitational!

Torrey Pines High School Varsity Boys Water Polo team took the trophy in the Poway Invitational Tournament on September 10 with a 7-5 victory over Granite Hills High School in the finals held at the Del Norte High School pool. The Poway Invitational is a popular tournament held annually to bring together teams from all over San Diego for competition early in the high school season before league and CIF competition starts. With Torrey Pines' strong performance this weekend, the season looks promising. Congratulations to Falcon Water Polo!



PSAT/PLAN REGISTRATION FORM

Administration Date: Wednesday, October 12, 2011

The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and the Practice ACT will be offered at Torrey Pines High School during school hours on **Wednesday, October 12, 2011**. All 9th and 11th grade students are offered the opportunity to take the PSAT Test and all 10th grade students are offered the opportunity to take the PLAN Test. All students 9th-11th grade students will report to their 2nd **period class**. In addition, all students must come prepared with several #2 pencils and a four-function scientific or graphic calculator.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures critical reading, verbal reasoning, math-problem solving and writing skills. The test has four 25-minute sections (two verbal and two math) and one 30-minute section (writing skills).

The PLAN (commonly known as the Practice ACT) is composed of multiple-choice tests covering four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading, and science. Tests range from 20 to 40 minutes in length. The PLAN also includes an in-depth interest inventory that provides detailed college and career guidance information.

These test results will be a helpful tool to you as you discuss future education options with your parents and guidance counselor. The results also serve as a diagnostic preview to the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), and the ACT which are required as part of the application process by many colleges. The PSAT and the PLAN will help you identify areas of strength, as well as areas to focus on in your preparation for taking the SAT and the ACT. When taking the PSAT/NMSQT it also serves as the qualifying exam for the National Merit Scholarship Foundation for juniors.

The donation for the PSAT and the PLAN is **\$23.00**. To register for the test, submit a completed registration form and check or cash by October 7th **to the Student Store located in the Student Center in the lower level of the "B" Building**. Please make the check payable to: Torrey Pines High School and reference your Student Identification Number and Grade.

2011 PSAT/PLAN REGISTRATION FORM

Name (Print) _____
(Last) (First)

Grade _____ Student ID # _____

****Make check for \$23 payable to Torrey Pines High School**



Torrey Pines High School *From the Foundation...*

TPHS FOUNDATION

Help Us Raise Dollars For Classroom Learning Materials

Tuesday, October 18, 2011, 6:30 to 8:30 PM



You are invited to a casual evening with Principal Brett Killeen, administrators, teachers, and friends.

The evening features entertainment by incredibly talented Art Classes, Dance Teams, Jazz Band, Cheer Squads and Theatre.

Formerly known as Sammy's Night, this annual event helps fund each request for classroom learning materials by our teachers.

Please join us for a sampling of delicious Sammy's cuisine and fun!

Sammy's Woodfired Pizza is sponsoring this evening—so you know the food will be great!

**Admission
\$10**



RSVP by October 16th

Number of reservations _____ X \$10

Guest name/s _____

Check enclosed payable to TPHS Foundation

Amex, Disc, MC Visa _____

Exp# _____ Sec Code# _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Zip _____

I am unable to attend but would like to donate

\$ _____ to the Teacher Mini Grant Program.

Mail rsvp to:

TPHSF

P.O. Box 2489

Del Mar, CA 92014

or fax (858) 793-3405

MINI Grants

The TPHS Foundation's Parent Association is once again launching their annual Teacher Classroom Mini Grant Program. Parent donations made to the Torrey Pines High School Foundation will fund grant requests for much needed classroom supplies and/or educational enrichments. Grants of up to \$200.00 per teacher are available to enhance the classroom. The Teacher Grant requests will be displayed at Back to School Night on Sept. 27th and at Teacher Mini Grant Night in October sponsored by Sammy's Woodfired Pizza. **Every dollar raised will benefit classrooms through the Mini Grant Program.**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS –

This year Teacher Mini Grant Night (formerly Sammy's Night) will be held on the Torrey Pines Campus, Tuesday, October 18th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. All proceeds benefit the Teacher Mini Grant Program. Once again the Jazz Band, Dance team and talented Torrey Pines students will perform. Watch for additional information!

Other Items

Falcon Cards are available in the Foundation Office (Admin Bldg.) for \$20.00. The Falcon Card buys discounts to 53 area restaurants and services.

Tired of sitting on concrete bleachers to cheer on your Torrey Pines athlete? Stadium chairs can be purchased in the Foundation Office (Admin Bldg.) for \$50.00.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 Underlined dates indicate 1-3-5 block period days.	19 Sept.	<u>20</u>	21	<u>22</u>	23	24
25	26	<u>27</u> Back to School Night	28	<u>29</u>	30 Progress Period Ends	1 Oct.
2	<u>3</u>	4	<u>5</u>	6 School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	<u>7</u>	8
9	10	11	12 PLAN, Grade 10; PSAT, Grades 9 & 11	13	14	15
16	17	<u>18</u> Teacher Mini Grant Night	19 Parent/Principal Meeting, CCC, 8:00 a.m.	<u>20</u> School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	21	22
23	24	25 Late Start Day; classes begin at 8:55 a.m.	26 Late Start Day; classes begin at 8:55 a.m.	27	28	29
30	31	1 CAHSEE, Grades 11 & 12	2 CAHSEE, Grades 11 & 12 1st Quarter Ends	3 Visual Arts Faculty Pre-holiday Workshops, Art rooms, 6:15- 8:15 p.m.	4	5
Nov.						

Coming to Torrey Pines HS Media Center Oct. 4th

"Torrey Eatery"

Cereal Bar ~ add your favorite toppings
Fresh Muffins
Bagels and cookies

Specialty Packs Hummus
Yogurts
Sushi

Fresh fruit and veggie options,
Assorted Deli style sandwiches and salads

Upcoming Start Smart Driver Education Class Dates:

November 17, 2011

January 19, 2012

February 23, 2012

May 17, 2012