

News

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

Athletic Physicals: June 3

Upper Level, Bldg. B, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Awards Night: June 4

Gym, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Department Awards: June 5

Lecture Hall, 2:45 p.m.

Senior Finals: June 5

Periods 2-4-6

Senior Finals: June 6

Periods 1-3-5

Senior Check Out Days: June 5 - 6

Senior Distribution Day: June 7

Pick up Yearbook, Cap & Gown, E & G Bldgs., 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Senior Disneyland Trip: June 9

Finals: June 10, Periods 1 and 5

June 11, Periods 3 and 4

June 12, Periods 2 and 6

(school ends at 12:00 noon)

Graduation: June 12

4:00 p.m., Stadium, No tickets required.

Fall '08 Readiness Days: August 12 - 15

Seniors, August 12, 9 - 12 noon

Juniors, August 13, 9 - 12 noon

Sophomores, August 14, 9 - 12 noon

Freshmen, August 15, 9 - 12 noon

First Day of School: August 25

Single Period Day (1-3-5-2-4-6)

Another Great Year: Torrey Pines by the Numbers

* Torrey Pines seniors averaged **1,771** out of 2,400 on the SAT, with **78%** of our graduating class taking the exam.

* **99%** participation on our STAR exams, one of the highest participation rates in the state — and a factor in our 2007 **API of 852**.

* **95%** pass rate for 1st time test-takers on the California High School Exit Exam, **91%** pass rate overall.

* In the 2008 competition for the prestigious National Merit Scholarship awards, **24** Torrey Pines seniors qualified as semifinalists, **23** qualified as finalists, and **6** won National Merit Scholarships.

* Over **1,100 students** registered to take **2,562 AP Exams** in May, 2008.

* Both the **Freshman and Varsity Academic Teams** went undefeated to win the Coastal championship of NCAL. The **Freshman, JV, and Varsity** teams all reached the NCAL playoffs. Varsity will travel to Chicago at the end of May to compete in the NAQT National Championship against 176 other teams from all over the country. They placed second in the Southern California Championship.

* **100%** of our AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students will be attending college in the fall.

* **The Black Box Theatre** at Torrey Pines High School generated **4** full length plays

from the classical to modern, tragedy to comedy. This student empowered Theatre staged **28** performances, offering roles to over **120** student actors, designers and musicians, **45%** of them being debut artists. The Theatre Department received numerous certificates for outstanding work from CETA, received three 1st place and two 2nd place honors in Design and Acting at Fullerton College Festival, and was selected to perform in Sacramento at California Youth in Theatre Day.

* This year the Torrey Pines **Journalism Department** awards include:

-- The **Falconer newspaper**: 7th place Best in Show at the Fall National High School Journalism convention in November in Philadelphia; 1st place in newspapers from San Diego County Journalism Education Association; 3rd place in the Newspaper Sweepstakes for their individual awards in writing and design at the national conventions and the county write-offs.

-- The **FirstFlight literary magazine** was a national Pacemaker finalist.

-- The **Freeflight yearbook** won 4th place Best in Show at the Spring National High School Journalism Convention in April in Anaheim.

* The Torrey Pines **Music Department** has earned top honors at several competitions. At the LA Music in the Parks Festival, the **Advanced Orchestra** was awarded best overall orchestra; the **Wind Ensemble** was

named best overall band, and the Symphonic Band was awarded 1st place in concert band II Category. At the Heritage Festivals in Seattle, the **Jazz Band** received best overall band (Adjudicators Award) and **Julianne Manalo** (vocalist) received the Maestro Award! At the Southern California School Band & Orchestra Association competition, the **Advanced Orchestra** received a Unanimous Superior rating and has earned the right to compete in the regionals.

* **TPHS Science Department** had **8** students who won awards in the Science Fair, including 2 firsts, 3 seconds, 3 thirds, 17 professional society awards, one special award, and one sweepstakes award -- **Casey Fu**. Three students qualified to take the National exam at the Chemistry Olympiad, and nine students scored in the top 10% in the Biology Olympiad.

* CIF Titles have been won by **Girls Cross Country, Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, and Girls Soccer**. At press time, CIF games for Spring are just beginning, but **Boys Tennis, Boys Track** and **Girls Track** have all won Palomar League Championships. **Casey Allred** and **Ashlin Yahr** have been named Scholar Athletes by the San Diego High School Sports Association.

* Mathematics teacher **Craig Williams** was named "Torrey Pines Teacher of the Year" and Instructional Assistant **Jacki Raymond** was named "Classified Employee of the Year."

Principal's Corner A MESSAGE FROM BRETT KILLEEN

TRANSITIONS, YES, BUT ONE THING IS CONSTANT: TPHS SUCCESS

Administrative Transitions

It is always challenging when a strong team member leaves, but we are fortunate to have such a deep pool of great people in this district, that we can continue to make progressive strides, even if the team changes. **Peggy Lynch**, Superintendent, has retired, and we wish her well. Beginning July 1, 2008, **Ken Noah** will be our Superintendent. He has made several trips down from his current district, the Gresham-Barlow School District, near Portland, Oregon, and he is beginning to build relationships with our employees and our community. **Terry King**, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources for our district, is serving as the Interim Superintendent. **Rick Ayala**, Assistant Principal, has been promoted to Principal at Sunset / North Coast for the 08/09 school year. We wish him well as he takes on this new challenge in our district. **Elloise Allen**, Assistant Principal, is moving to Canyon Crest Academy to serve as Assistant Principal. Elloise will be missed, too, but she's excited to learn how a 4x4 educational context works, and grow in new professional ways. Finally, **Bev Shone**, Classified Assistant to the Assistant Principal, has been promoted to Assistant to the Principal at Oak Crest Middle School. Our team at Torrey Pines High School for the 08/09 school year includes current Assistant Principal **Mick Perisic** and new to our team, **Garry Thornton**. Garry recently joined us from

San Dieguito Academy, and is working to build relationships with our students, staff, and parents in preparation for a smooth start to next year. Because we have an Assistant Principal vacancy, we are going to be interviewing qualified candidates for the position in a few weeks. We look forward to rounding out the team as we prepare for another successful year. Please wish all of these good people well when you see them.

Transition to 4th Quarter and Preparation for the End of the Year

Right now, our focus is to encourage our students to "finish strong" as we approach the end of the year. It's easy to get distracted when there are a lot of events going on this time of year, coupled with all of the standardized testing. We have concluded our STAR testing, and the students and staff are now gearing up for Advanced Placement (AP) testing. Over 1,100 students will be taking 2562 AP exams in May. This is about the same as last year, but is particularly impressive given that our senior class this year is almost 300 students smaller than last year's record-breaking class. Let's work together to keep our students focused so that they may realize their potential during this busy fourth quarter!

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Message from San Dieguito Union High School District Business Services

Student Attendance is Everyone's Responsibility Tips for Parents 2007-08

Background information:

- July 1, 1998 –California changed the way schools receive state funding. The schools no longer receive funding for "excused" absences. Schools only receive money for students who are actually in class.
 - The San Dieguito Union High School district expects to receive an estimated \$6,337 per student from the state for the 2007-08 school year. This means that for every day you don't send your student to school, the district loses \$52.26.
 - Actual attendance district-wide is about 95-96% of enrollment. By increasing student attendance district-wide by only 1%, district funding would increase by \$760,911.
- Senior Ditch Day – The district lost \$45,405 district-wide for Senior Ditch Day in one year alone!

Compulsory Education Law:

Requires students ages 6 – 18 years of age to attend school all day, therefore attendance is taken every period. In order for the district to receive funding, a student must attend at least one period.

- Legally Excused Absences (E.C. 48205)
 1. Personal illness or injury.
 2. Quarantine under the direction of a county or city health officer.
 3. Medical, dental, optometric, or chiropractic services rendered.
 4. Attendance at funeral services for a member of the immediate family.
 5. Jury duty or court ordered appearance.
 6. Exclusion for failure to present evidence of immunization.
 7. Observation of a holiday or ceremony of his/her religion.
 8. Appearance at SARB or SART hearing.

We do not get funding for any absences!

Attendance is Everyone's Responsibility. Here's how:

Parents and Students

- Arrive to school and class on time.
 - Notify attendance office of student's absence in a timely manner.
 - Plan family vacations during non-school days.
 - Try to schedule doctor appointments for your child after school hours.
 - Allow your child to stay home only when he/she has a contagious illness or is too sick to be comfortable at school.
 - Help prevent child illnesses from spreading at our school by getting your child vaccinated against flu and chicken pox.
- When your child has a doctor's appointment in the middle of the school day, bring him/her to school before the appointment. The district receives full funding if a student attends for part of the day.

—Good attendance benefits your child's education. Every day a student misses school, he/she gets more than two days behind his/her peers, because he/she must make up missed learning and catch up with new learning at the same time.

—Good attendance raises your child's chance to score well on tests.

—Your child learns more about responsibility each day he/she attends school.

School Staff

- Take attendance every period.
 - Notify parents of student absences.
 - Follow-up on uncleared absences.
 - Work with parents of students with "poor" attendance.
- Put together a team of appropriate staff members to assist student to improve attendance.

accolades & Appreciation



Many thanks to **Amy Willcox** and the **Advanced Orchestra** for providing the entertainment for the **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** on April 2nd.

Congratulations to English teacher **Barbara Swovelin**, who has received the Crystal Apple Award from the Del Mar Stake of the Latter Day Saints Church for excellence in teaching. The Crystal Apple Awards are given to outstanding teachers in the San Dieguito and Rancho Santa Fe Unified School Districts and are nominated by middle and high school students who are members of the church. Of Mrs. Swovelin one nominating student said, "She is one of the best teachers I have ever had. She has influenced so many students' lives and she is one of the few teachers that I want to keep in touch with throughout my life." She received her award at a ceremony on May 15th. Great job, **Mrs. Swovelin!**

At the **54th Annual Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair**, Torrey Pines was well represented! We had eight entrants total, and they all were award winners! In addition to their regular science fair placements, they all won professional awards (a total of 17!) from various professional societies! **Casey Fu** won a sweepstakes award, and it is the top award given and allows him to compete nationally in the INTEL Science talent search in Georgia in May! Please congratulate all our winners, and best wishes to **Casey** as he heads to the nationals!

- **Amin Aalipour (10)**, Third Award - Engineering
- **Casey Fu (9)**, First Award - Math
- **Ilya Gaidarov (10)**, Second Award - Biochemistry
- **Sally Gu (10)**, Third Award - Biochemistry
- **Eric Guan (10)**, Second Award - Health & Medicine
- **Jeffrey Lee (10)**, Second Award - Chemistry
- **Natalie Prussak (10)**, Third Award - Microbiology
- **Rafael Send (12)**, First Award - Engineering

The **2007 Freeflight** yearbook won 4th Place Best in Show at the **Spring National High School Journalism Convention** on April 19th in Anaheim. There were 4,500 students in attendance from over 250 schools in 38 states. About 1,900 students competed in Write-Off competitions. In individual competitions, the following students placed:

Haley Glatthorn, Honorable Mention, Newswriting
Allie Ferguson, Excellent, Feature Writing
Paddy Galvin, Honorable Mention, Review Writing
Emily Heaton, Superior, Yearbook Copy and Caption: Sports
Justin Sayarath, Honorable Mention, Literary Magazine Layout
 In addition, the **2007 FirstFlight** literary magazine was a national Pacemaker finalist. The Pacemaker is like the Pulitzer of scholastic journalism. Congratulations to **Mia Smith** and her **Advanced Journalism** and **Yearbook** students!

Kudos to **Parker Clark (11)**, who scored a 36, the highest possible composite score on the ACT. Parker is one of only nine California students out of the 25,000 who took the test in October to accomplish this, and one of 63 nationwide of the 500,000 students who took the exam! Way to go, **Parker!**



< Congratulations to the **Boys' Volleyball Team**, champions of the Scripps Ranch High School Boys' Volleyball Tournament, held in April!

Over the weekend of April 19-20, the entire **TP Music Department** participated in the Music in the Parks Festival in Anaheim. Our Wind Ensemble and Advanced Orchestra received the best overall band and Orchestra at the two day festival! The results: Adv. Orchestra - **Best Overall Orchestra, Ave 98.5/ Superior/1st** Wind Ensemble - **Overall Best Band! Superior/Ave. 93/ 1st Place** Intermediate Orchestra- **Superior Rating/ Ave. 95 - 2nd place** Symphonic Band - **Excellent Rating/Ave. 89 - 1st Place** in C. Band II Mixed Choir - **Superior Rating/Ave. 90.5 - 5th place.**

Congratulations to the **TP Student and Teachers'** teams who participated in the Annual TP vs. LCC **Make-A-Wish Basketball fundraiser** held at LCC in April. Both teams were victorious over their LCC counterparts, and over \$4,000 was raised for the Make-A-Wish charity! (See game pictures



above!) This year's money went toward granting the travel wishes of two children. A young boy and his family will be going to Hawaii, and a teenage girl and her family will be going to Tahiti! Torrey Pines will host this event next year.

The following Torrey Pines students won their respective categories at the **San Diego National History Day Awards** and are being invited to present their projects at the Regional level. Congratulations go to: **Vivek Bhawe** - Senior Historical Research Paper "Conflict & Resolution in El Salvador (1972-92)"; **Jessie Yu** - Senior Individual Exhibits "Conflict, Compromise and Cooperation: The Birth of the Second Front"; and **Maxim Kondratenko** - Senior Individual Performance "A Great Compromiser and a Great Pacificator (Henry Clay in American Politics)." **Maxim** also received the "CA Center for the Performing Arts Special Award for Most Creative Incorporation of Visual and Performing Arts" for his entry.

In the **Knowledge Master Open**, the Torrey Pines **Academic Team** took **FIRST** place in the state, and **SECOND** in the nation out of 703 schools participating! Congratulations on another big win!



Congratulations to **Edward Zhu (11)**, **Casey Fu (9)**, **Eric Guan (10)**, and **Jung Hoon Liu (10)**, who qualified for the United States of America Mathematical Olympiad (USAMO). These students are now competing for positions on the U.S. National team that will travel to Spain this summer!

Over the weekend of April 26 and 27, the **TP Jazz Band** participated in a competition in Seattle. The Jazz Band received a Gold (superior) rating, 94% Average. The band also received the adjudicators' award for being the **best overall ensemble at the festival** out of 21 ensembles from across the country.

Out of approximately 500 students at this festival, our vocalist **Julianne Manalo** received the Maestro Award for her outstanding performance! **TP Jazz Band: Paul Parker, Jeffrey Sweet, Ian Buss, Katy Kelsoe, Michael Ambriz, Matt Davies, Matt Maneval, Lenny Cheah, Jackson Crane, Nikita Ahmad, Skylar Bisom-Rapp, Max Henkart, Michael Dashefsky, Jay Kim, and Julianne Manalo.**

Accolades, (continued on p. 6)

Counseling Corner

By Mary Sanchez-Allwein
Head Counselor

Registration Update

Thank you for all of your help with the registration process for next year. All students completed their registration and course selections and copies of students' course requests were mailed home in May. In some cases, alternate classes replaced electives that will not be offered due to low enrollment or classes that have been limited in enrollment by grade. Students have until **Friday, May 30, 2008** to make changes to their course requests. After May 30th, 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. Schedule changes will be made at that time for students who have completed summer coursework, are missing a class, are enrolled in the wrong class or wish to change the course level, space permitting. Students and/or parents will not be able to select specific teachers and/or periods.

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

Summer School Information

If a student plans to take a class outside the San Dieguito District, she/he must complete an Off Campus Permission form, which is available at www.tphs.net. Non-district schools must be accredited and all courses must be pre-approved by our district. A transcript of completed work must be submitted to the Torrey Pines Registrar immediately after the class has ended. Some colleges may choose to not accept off campus classes that TPHS accepted towards high school graduation requirements. Be sure to

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check with an admissions officer from each campus to which you wish to apply for clarification. Please remember that there is a 30 credit limit for off campus courses.

If a student earns a "D" or "F" in a UC/CSU (college prep) approved class, the class should be repeated. However, the exact class must be repeated in order to have the higher grade used in the TPHS grade point average. Please be aware that many colleges will average *both* the higher and lower grades together.

IMPORTANT! As soon as your student successfully enrolls in a summer school class, her/his counselor will be able to substitute an alternate class in place of the summer class. Please be sure to let the counselor know that she/he is enrolled **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**.

Attention Class of 2009

As your student begins to prepare for her/his exciting senior year, please help them keep a few things in mind.

- Summer is the perfect opportunity to begin to narrow down the list of universities they would like to apply to. Most college applications are due in the fall. The UC and CSU applications are due between November 1st and November 30th.
- For those students who know they will be applying to a private university, summer is a great time to prepare their "Letter of Recommendation Packet," which is required for a counselor to write a letter of recommendation for them. This packet can be found at www.tphs.net, select "Counseling" and then "Letter of Recommendation Request Packet."
- Keep in mind that UC's and CSU's do not accept letters of recommendation.
- "Letter of Recommendation Packets" will be due to their counselor by **October 3rd, 2008** for early decision applications and **November 28th, 2008** for all regular decision applications. The sooner the packet is turned in, the sooner the letter will be written!

Be Ready for 2008-2009

- May 30th** - Deadline to change course selections for 2008-2009
- June 2nd** - Deadline to sign up for summer school
- June 23rd - July 11** - First Summer School session
- July 14 - Aug 1** - Second Summer School session
- August 12 through 15**—READIness Days for 2008-2009
- August 25** - First day back to school, single period day
- September 1** - Labor Day Holiday
- September 25** - Back to School Night
- September 25 & 26** - First Late Start Days of the Year
- October 6** - Non-student day, Work Day for Teachers/Staff
- October 15** - PSAT exam during school hours

Workability News

by Katherine Shoecraft, Workability Advisor

Finding a job as a high school student is a challenging process. As the school year draws to an end and summer break nears, more students begin this process and the competition gets tougher. For students with mild to moderate disabilities, this challenge can seem overwhelming. WorkAbility provides services that hopefully level the playing field, providing these students with support throughout. Services can range from completing an application to resume writing, interviewing, to professional dress and behavior.

WorkAbility also has some of our students working during the school day at nearby businesses, and doing a great job at that. Eli's, The Daily Pet, Gepetto's and UltraStar are but a few of the local businesses that provide the environment for our TAP and more severely handicapped students to learn job skills and experience success at the same time. One of our business owners, Eli Shemirani, has had up to seven students working in his store two days per week for a few hours. He has found it most gratifying, sharing that he gets a personal boost when the students come in smiling and ready to work. Gepetto's also has two of our students working in the store, and has been very supportive of their efforts to learn job skills that will carry them forward when they transition to other jobs as young adults.

WorkAbility as a program is grateful for the support we receive in the business community. For more information about the program, please contact Katherine.Shocraft@sduhsd.net.

Peter Montalbano straightens merchandise at Gepetto's in Carmel Valley.



Athletic Physicals, Tuesday, June 3, 2008, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Upper Level of the Media Center

\$25 cash or check made payable to TPHS.

Don't forget to bring your completed Athletics Packet with you!

Seen Around Torrey Pines...



Singled Out, April 18th



Prom Fashion Show



^ Mrs. Joy Kummerle and her husband proudly display the baby quilt made for them by the APE students.



Rummage Sale

Guitar Hero Competition, April 14 - 25th

Career Technical Education (CTE) Has Arrived in the Home Ec. Department!

Under the Fashion and Interior Design Industry Sector we will offer the level one Fashion Design ROP class and the level two Fashion Merchandising ROP class. In the Hospitality, Tourism and Recreation sector, we offer the level one Art of Cooking class and the level two Culinary Arts ROP class. These sectors were chosen based on student interest levels in both cooking and fashion classes. Each class will be yearlong in the 2008-2009 school year, which allows for a more thorough and in-depth study of the content area as well as practical application.

Level one Fashion Design ROP: an introductory course covering the elements and principles of fashion design, history of fashion, designers, color, fabrics, textiles, styles, wardrobe coordination, manufacturing and merchandising. Student activities will include designing and marketing their own custom apparel and producing a fashion show. Recommended for Level two course.

Level two Fashion Merchandising ROP: Prepares students for an entry level position in the fashion industry. Topics include business basics related to running a fashion business, coordinating fashion merchandise into complete outfits, learning and applying window display techniques, and advertising, promotion, and selling techniques. Student activities will include working off campus at local boutiques as a "community classroom" and producing and starring in their own fashion show production using retail merchandise from the boutique in which they work.

Level one Art of Cooking: hands-on introductory class into the world of cooking, presentation, and nutrition. Topics will include making pasta from scratch, pies, appetizers, etc. Students will create their own personalized cookbook. Pre-requisite for Culinary Arts ROP class.

Level two Culinary Arts ROP class: will prepare students for taking and passing a food handlers' card exam, the card that allows them to work in the food service industry. Students will plan menus for a vari-

ety of events, including planning for special dietary needs such as diabetes. Advanced cooking techniques such as elaborate garnishes, cake decorating, sauces, and sushi will be covered. Student activities will include job interview preparation (including resume and cover letter writing), Chef of the Year Competition, and the possible opening and operating of the Falcon Coffee and Smoothie Shop for the TP student body and faculty.

Future Plans for CTE within the Department are a level three Fashion Careers/Community Classroom where students will learn hands-on job skills through a classroom and internship combination in various fashion careers such as fashion show production, fashion journalism, alterations, retail sales, etc. **A level three Restaurant Class/Community Classroom** where students would run and operate an on-campus Falcon Restaurant to service the Torrey Pines faculty is also proposed. Students will also further their skill development through an internship in various culinary careers such as baker, nutritionist, chef, food stylist/photographer, caterer, etc.

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 and 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 HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

By Rick Ayala, School Improvement Program Coordinator

The Site Council met on April 1.

Mr. Killeen updated the Council on the upcoming STAR test. He announced his plans to visit all of the English classes to explain the importance of students participating in and doing well on the tests. Last year, TPHS earned the highest Academic performance Index (API) score among large comprehensive high schools in San Diego County.

Mr. Killeen shared that our new Superintendent, **Ken Noah**, visited TPHS last month. He officially takes over his new position on July 1.

The Council reviewed and approved two proposals totaling \$590. Two teachers received funding to attend an AP Language workshop.

The Site Council met on May 6. This was the last meeting for the 2007-2008 school year.

Mr. Killeen's report covered a variety of topics including the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), STAR testing, AP exams, and end-of-the-year activities.

The CAHSEE was administered at TPHS on May 6 and 7. Nearly 95 percent of 10th-grade students at TPHS students pass this exam on the first attempt.

STAR testing took place from April 22 through April 25. 99% of TPHS students participated in the STAR. The leadership students were instrumental in promoting the STAR with their "Rock the STAR" campaign. We are optimistic that we will be able to improve on last year's API score of 852, which was the highest among large comprehensive high schools in the county.

AP exams were administered May 5 - 16th. Approximately 1,100 students from TPHS took about 2,600 exams. We are hoping to beat last year's 80 percent pass rate when the results are in.

There were no requests for funds this month.

The next Site Council meeting will be in September.

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Transition to Next Year and Budget Implications

Our school should be about the same size next year as it was this year. We should have about 2,650 students, and no grade level will be larger than 700 students. We are currently working on our master schedule for next year, and it's going well given that almost all of the students have already registered for their classes. The budget has made our staffing tighter, so we may all experience slightly larger classes next year across the district. We are fortunate to have a caring, dedicated, and talented group of professionals who will do great things for our students, despite the budget implications. We can continue to grow professionally by making shrewd decisions about how we spend our educational funds. As a District, we are thankful that we have been conservative in our spending over the past several years, and as a result, this budget situation is not as dire for us as it could have been.

Thanks so much for your ongoing support of education, and Torrey Pines High School, specifically. We appreciate you and your students! Any questions? Give me a call!
-- Brett Killeen

Summer Office Hours

8:00 - 11:45 a.m., Monday - Friday
Closed July 4th

AVID Students Excel within Program

by Francisco Lona, AVID Instructor

As the school year is quickly coming to an end, another group of wonderful AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) seniors will be graduating and continuing their education in college. **Like last year, 100% of the seniors will be attending college next fall.** The AVID program serves those students that are under-represented in colleges and universities across the country. So rich and diverse, AVID has taught students from various ethnic backgrounds such as Mexican, Vietnamese, Israeli, South African, Jamaican, Chinese, Filipino, etc. Many of these students have parents that never attended college and/or graduated from high school and are very thankful for the knowledge that AVID has provided them about college, careers, financial aid, and over-all healthy, productive living.

Current AVID students note that they have gained new friendships through the program, and it has motivated them to challenge themselves and work towards attending an institution of higher education. The AVID program has taught students the skills necessary to be a successful high school student as well as a successful college student. We are very proud of all our AVID students.

Accolades, (continued from p. 3)

Please congratulate the following students for taking **1st Place** in the **51st Annual Honors Mathematics Contest** sponsored by UCSD, the Greater San Diego Mathematics Council, and the San Diego County Office of Education. Our team scored more points than any other team in recent history at this event. Also, the County Board of Education recognized our team during their televised board meeting on May 14 on ITV Channel 16. Team Members: **Amin Aalipour, Parker Clark, Jacob Cole, Casey Fu** (Award winner for placing in top 25 overall), **Ilya Gaidarov, Eric Guan** (Third Place overall), **Stephen Liu** (Second Place overall), **Larry Wang**, and **Edward Zhu** (Award winner for placing in top 10 overall). **Eric** and **Stephen** won \$50 gift certificates and brand-new TI-Inspire graphing calculators. Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Rachel Kao (11)** and her synchronized ice skating team, *Team Del Sol*, for placing 2nd at the U.S. National Championships, and bringing home a silver medal in their division earlier this year!

Alex Chang has placed in the top 20 on the National Chemistry Olympiad test which has qualified him for the U.S. Chemistry Team. He will be at the chemistry training camp this summer. Those that qualify at the camp will represent the U.S. to compete internationally.



Senior To-Do List



- June 5** -- Senior Finals/Senior Check-Out (Period 2-4-6 classes)
- June 6** -- Senior Finals/Senior Check-Out (Period 1-3-5 classes)
- June 9-12** -- Senior Week (Details on www.tphs.net > Students)
- June 11** -- Mandatory Graduation Rehearsal, 10:45 a.m.
- June 12** -- Graduation Commencement Ceremony, 4:00 p.m., Stadium. No tickets required. First come, first served seating. Handicapped seating and parking available.
- June 12** -- Grad Nite



Falcon Migrations

RETIREMENTS, WELCOMES, AND CHANGES OF VENUE

Best wishes to our two retiring Falcons, Mrs. Santiesteban and Mrs. Morton

Rosa Santiesteban was hired at TPHS thirty-four years ago, when the school first opened. She taught Spanish I, Business Law, Accounting, Shorthand and Typing in her first year, and over her career has now taught every subject in the World Language Dept. except Spanish for Spanish Speakers.

Over the years Mrs. Santiesteban has noted many changes, but also that some things remain constant. "Fashion has changed, technology has changed, but teenagers will be teenagers. They still need to be guided and they need high expectations to succeed."

Her most memorable year of teaching came in 2005, when she had 23 students in her AP Spanish Literature class, and they all passed the very tough AP exam.

Of her long career at Torrey Pines, Mrs. Santiesteban says, "I feel



I have been part of a family for 34 years. I like the students that come to TPHS and the professional colleagues I work with. TPHS has been a meaningful part of my life. My daughter graduated from this school and my husband, Fred Lee, was the second music director at TPHS."

Priscilla Morton: "It has been a great privilege and pleasure to work with students and staff at Torrey Pines High School for the past twenty years. With the exceptional quality and character of the students, supported by the finest staff, parents and community, Torrey Pines has built a deserved reputation as an outstanding school. The teamwork within the science department has produced valued friendships and well-prepared students. I have always believed that I was the luckiest person in the world to teach chemistry in this wonderful environment. Many happy memories and friendships with both students and colleagues will be a lasting part of the future."

New to the Nest... Welcome, New Falcons!

We are pleased to welcome two new Falcons to Torrey Pines!

Vicki de Jesus will join us as a new counselor next school year. She is currently a counselor at La Costa Canyon High School, and has also served as a counselor in the Poway Unified School District. Before moving to counseling, she spent three years in the classroom teaching Health, Introduction to Computers, Marketing, and Economics at Vista and Poway High Schools. Welcome to our staff, **Vicki!**

Also new to our staff is **Garry Thornton**. "I join the Torrey Pines High School staff with a great deal of excitement; having enjoyed the privilege of serving in the San Dieguito Union High School District for the past five years. During this time, I served as an assistant principal at La Costa Canyon and San Dieguito Academy High Schools, learning many things along the way. My new assignment as a member of the Torrey Pines High School administrative team is one I view as a great opportunity. I look forward to serving the staff, students, and parents in this school community. I am delighted to join the TPHS team and look forward to getting to know you and serving you." Welcome, **Garry!**

Falcons Taking Flight... We'll miss you!

Elloise Allen, TP Assistant Principal, has accepted the position of Assistant Principal at Canyon Crest Academy.

Rick Ayala, TP Assistant Principal, has been appointed the principal for Sunset/North Coast high school for 08/09 school year.

Bev Shone, TP Assistant to Elloise Allen, has accepted the position of Principal's Administrative Assistant at Oak Crest Middle School.

Golden State Seal Merit Diploma Winners

Bradley Abell, Sara Achour, Sean Ahdi, Nikita Ahmad, Hunter Alzate, Joy Backer, Katherine Bai, Thomas Bang, Tehya Baxter, Adam Biddlecome, Skylar Bisom-Rapp, Julian Blaseio, Brita Bookser, Jenna Borok, Elona Brage, Hayley Brooks, Jacob Brotman, Anna Buehler, Nicholas Burbaum, Alexander Burley, Justin Carson, Vikram Chauhan, Albert Chen, David Chen, Joyce Cheng, Kinsen Choy, Albert Chung, Robert Clopine, Alexander Cohen, Brett Crawford, Daniel Crawford, Elizabeth Cully, David Dang, Shanthi Devasirvatham, Katy Dhanens, Jamie Ding, Andrew Dinh, Brian Djavaherian, Lauren Doucette, Verena Eckstein, Victor Fan, Vivian Feig, Robert Gallagher, Jillian Gerbracht, Robert Gettinger,

Stephen Goodman, Xuelin Gu, Auroni Gupta, Benjamin Gustafson, Allison Haney, Joseph Hegener, Derek Hegyi, Paul Hein, Ted Hentschke, Olivia Heunis, Gilbert Hsyu, Haruka Imura, Anne Carroll Ingersoll, Garrett Johns, Connor Johnson, Alan Joyce, Hoon Kang, David Khaw, Andrew Kim, MyungHoon Kim, Savannah Lake, Regina Lam, Madeline Larue, Eric Lavis, Tucker Lawrence, Ernest Lee, Hanson Lee, Joyce Lee, Matthew Lenert, Heidi Leonard, Bryce Lewis, Allison Liaw, Haijie Lin, Philip Lin, Jeffrey Lio, Kevin Liu, Gregor Lloyd-Smith, Elizabeth Loza, Wesley Luc, Arden Madsen, Allison McDonald, Tanner McEntee, Anthony Mells, Stephen Miter, Natalie Moffett, Kiran Natarajan, Samuel Neuendorf, Katherine Newport Forbes, Jessica Nguyen, Rachel Ohman, Ali Palida, Amit Pandey, David Pardo, James Park, Paul Parker, Robbie Parrish, Samantha Parry, Zarko Perovic, Taylor

Pfingst, Anna-Liisa Pold, Melanie Pollack, Irina Potapova, Linda Rassenti, Fahim Rasul, Timothy Rhodes, Irving Ruan, Kendra Rusinek, Nooshin Saadatmand, Reyu Sakakibara, Shida Salehi, Spencer Scott, Alyssa Semerdjian, Rafael Send, Ivan Sergeev, George Shafer, Branden Shine, Anna Shtengelova, Heimdall Siao, Nicholas Sidney, Alan Sit, Rachel Smith, Dien Sun, Nita Sunder, Eliza Sussman, Max Sutton-Smolins, Jeffrey Sweet, Elisabeth Symczak, Sean Tanaka, Kelly Tang, Natalie Taylor, Jeffrey Tsao, Angela Tseng, Chi Shing Tsui, Kevin Vance, Kathryn Ward, Julia Weinberg, Arielle Weisgrau, Julie Westover, Olivia White, Taylor Wildeson, Ellen Willis-Norton, Andrew Wilson, Adamson Wood, Ashlin Yahr, Harrison Yang, Kevin Yang, Jian Yeung, Brandon Young, Russell Zen, James Zhang, Phillip Zhang, Xiao Yu Zhang, and Vivian Zou.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25 May	26 Underlined dates indicate 1-3-5 block period days.	27	28	29 Newsletter Collating, 8:30 a.m.	30 Deadline for changing course selections for 08-09	31

1 June	2 Deadline to sign up for summer school	3 Athletic Physicals, Upper Level, Bldg. B, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	4 Awards Night, Gym, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.	5 School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.; Senior Finals, Periods 2-4-6	6 Senior Finals, Periods 1-3-5	7 SAT Off Campus; Senior Yearbook, Cap & Gown Distribution, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Senior Finals & Check Out Days						

8	9 Seniors to Disneyland	10 Finals (1-5)	11 Finals (3-4)	12 Finals (2-6); Last Day of School; Graduation 4:00 p.m. , Stadium; Grad Nite	13 Parent Assoc. mtg., Off Campus	14 ACT Off Campus
Final Exam Days (End at 12:00 noon), June 10-12						


August	11	12 Readiness Day for Seniors, 9 - 12 noon	13 Readiness Day for Juniors, 9 - 12 noon	14 Readiness Day for Sophomores, 9 - 12 noon	15 Freshman Orientation & Freshmen Readiness Day 9 - 12 noon	16
Readiness Days, August 12 - 15						

17	18	19	20	21 School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	22	23
Teacher Inservice Days, August 19 - 21						
24	25 First Day of School, single period day	26 1-3-5 Day	27 2-4-6 Day	28	29	30

31	1 Sept.	2	3	4 School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	5	6
H Labor Day Holiday						

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