

News

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

DFS Applications due: March 5

Deadline for current TPHS students to submit registration packets online through Aeries ABI Portal: March 8

Progress Period Ends: March 9

Student & Parent Registration Night for Incoming 9th Graders: March 16
TPHS Gym, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.

CAHSEE: March 16-17
(all 10th, 11th/12th retakes)

Late Start Days: March 23-24

“Pump up the Volume:” March 27
TPHS Foundation Spring Auction and Dance Event

Spring Break: April 5-9
Have a safe and restful break, and we'll see you back in class on April 12, a 2-4-6 day.

Testing! Testing! Testing! Making the Most of Standardized Testing

By Brett Killeen, Principal

As we begin the new semester, we enter testing season. Our tenth-graders, for example, will be taking the California High School Exit Exam, which is a requirement for graduation in the state of California, on March 16th and 17th. Students take all sorts of formal assessments, in addition to the Exit Exam, such as AP (Advanced Placement), and STAR (Standardized Testing and Reporting). Each formal assessment has its own purposes, sometimes several. For example, the Exit Exam is also used by the federal government as its tool to ensure that our students in this state are meeting the federal standard of Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP). Interestingly, a student can pass the CAHSEE to earn a diploma in our state, but not score high enough on the same test to be considered “proficient” by the federal government. Fortunately, at TPHS, most students pass this exam on the very first try, and we can dedicate our resources to helping the few who need it in order to pass. Students take the AP exams to validate their hard work in these rigorous courses and earn college credit. Again, our students here do an outstanding job. Last year, approximately 1,100 students took about 2,400 AP exams with an 82% pass rate! Finally, our students take the STAR exams in English, math, social science, and science. The purpose of this article is to focus on the STAR assessments, tell you when it is, why it is important, and how we use the results here at TPHS.

When are the STAR Tests?

Tuesday, April 27th = English (grades 9-11)

Wednesday, April 28th = Social Studies and Science (grade 10)

Thursday, April 29th = Math (grades 9-11)

Friday, April 30th = Social Studies (grade 11) and Science (grades 9-11)

We get all of our STAR testing completed in four days, so that our students can return to regular classroom instruction as soon

as possible. In addition, this short window enables many of our students to maximize their study preparation, without disruption, for the Advanced Placement exams.

Why is the STAR Important?

STAR testing measures whether the students in grades 9 through 11 are proficient in the state standards in the four subject areas. The subject area tests are based on the courses in which they are currently enrolled. Students are scored on two scales: A quintile score and a scaled score. The quintile score (1-5) tells us whether a student is proficient or not. A scaled score tells us how close or how far a student is from the next level of proficiency. The goal is for all students to be proficient or higher in the standards. The chart below shows you what the scores mean:

<u>Quintile Score</u>	<u>Scaled Score</u>	<u>Meaning</u>
5	~400 – 600	Advanced
4	350 - ~ 399	Proficient
3	300 – 349	Basic
2	~276 – 299	Below Basic
1	150 - ~275	Far Below Basic

How do you use the STAR Scores?

We want the students to try hard on these tests so that we get legitimate data upon which to make informed educational decisions for our students. If a student tried hard on the English test, for example, and earned a “Below Basic,” we need to do more to help that student in order to become proficient.

What is the Difference between Standardized Testing and Formative Assessment?

The CAHSEE, STAR, and AP exams are all summative assessments, meaning that these tests are given one time per year, (continued on p. 2)

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often toward the end of the year. The data is helpful, but the information we glean from it is often only helpful for the following year. We are currently working on the development of *formative* assessments, by course, by department, in an effort to get data back earlier about students' progress, so that we may help them earlier, if necessary. This does not necessarily mean more testing. Teachers who are teaching the same subject may substitute a common assessment in lieu of another quiz or test to help them engage in meaningful dialogue about how to help students be successful in that particular course.

What is the Academic Performance Index (API)?

A school's API is based upon how our students perform on the STAR exams. The state plugs this data into a formula, which also includes students' performance on the CAHSEE, participation rate, and graduation rate, and then a number is assigned to the school. This number is the school's API. The state has established a goal for all schools to earn an API over 800. Torrey Pines High

School's API last year was **861—the highest among large, non-academy, non-charter comprehensive high schools in San Diego County!** We are very proud of our students' performance, and more importantly, because more students tried hard on these tests, we received better data to drive our instruction and learning programs here. Our entire district did very well, as you can see from these API scores:

TPHS	=	861
CCA	=	868
SDA	=	816
LCC	=	817

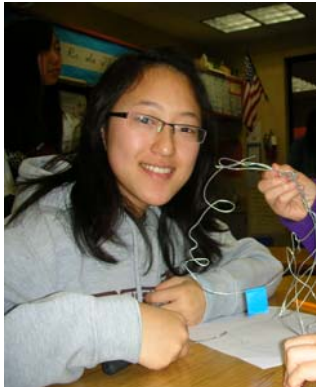
If you want to look at the API score for any public school in the state of California, go to www.cde.ca.gov. Thanks for your support during this season of assessment. We are trying to make it as painless and meaningful as possible for our students while we mutually benefit by receiving some timely and helpful data! Any questions? Give us a call!

Sharing Talents and Imagination to Fund the Arts

by Julie Limerick, TP Visual Arts Teacher and NAHS Advisor

"To wake the soul by tender strokes of art---" *Alexander Pope*. Indeed that is precisely what happened on January 19th, when twenty-two eager students of the newly chartered 44 member TPHA National Art Honor Society spent the morning at Solana Highlands Elementary.

Under the direction of Ms. Julie Limerick, collaborating with a Solana Highlands parent liaison, our NAHS students arrived early and moved in like a stealth army of artists. Their community service goal was to teach 4th grade students how to work with wire and tools to create projects for auction that will enrich their under-funded



visual arts program. Everyone reaped rewards before any money was realized. Students, both young and old, learned the importance of

giving and receiving in a very

big way. The youngest of them were in rapture as the Falconer artists took charge to help them work their magic bending the wire into self portraits and a tree full of leaves and critters, all formed from inexpensive wire and a cache of small tools. Teachers and parent volunteers stood in awe and



gratitude as the projects reached completion. We said our goodbyes, packed up our tools, and headed back to fall in step to a day in the life of another exceptional student at Torrey Pines High School.

News from Nutrition Services

from Rose Hernandez, Nutrition Services Supervisor

Did you know Nutrition Service has a prepaid system for Students and Staff? To start your account, just bring a check payable to SDUHSD to Rose Hernandez. Payment can also be made with a credit card by visiting www.PayPAMS.com. All you will need is your child's ID number to login. Your child will be given a pin number and can go to any line with our point of sale system. You can view your child's daily purchases and schedule automatic payments through this website. Keep your child on campus for lunch. Register now!

Nutrition Service now has 4 point of sale systems on the "Coach" at the west end of campus during lunch, as well as the 7 point of sale systems at Food Court. This means students can use their pin numbers at any of these locations. Our technology department is also working very hard to equip our 4 carts throughout the campus with this system for your convenience

during both break and lunch.

New Staff Members: **Maryann Jungay** has joined our staff, transferring from Carmel Valley M.S., and **Silvia Lamont** has returned to TPHS after a 3 year hiatus. Welcome!

This past summer our food court was painted and we now need some help naming our building. For the time being it's known as Food Court, but we will be getting our students involved in helping us pick out a new name.

We also have seven student workers that cashier for lunch, and rotate days. They



Our friendly Nutrition Services Staff (l to r): Angelita Angeles, Monica Espinoza, Rose Hernandez, Alice Tran, Anna Bray, Jamie Zuniga, Kathy Carrino, Maryann Jungay, Silvia Lamont, Nina Ho, and Moises Espinoza.

earn a lunch and are paid minimum wage at sixteen. Fourteen and fifteen year olds get a free lunch. We are so happy to have our student workers, and we have a student worker sign up sheet for anyone who is interested in working!

got breakfast?

COMBO BREAKFAST \$2.25
 includes any entrée, milk and fruit

Fresh Baked Muffin	\$1.00
Cereal	\$1.50
Bagel & Cream Cheese	\$1.50
PBJ	\$1.50
Yogurt & Granola	\$1.75

A LA CARTE

Breakfast Burrito	\$3.00
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Your free or reduced price lunch number entitles you to a FREE Breakfast!



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got lunch?

COMBO MEALS \$3.75
 All Combo Meals Include Milk, Fruit and a Snack.
 Entrees may be purchased at a la carte price

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Tacos, \$2.75	Cheese Enchiladas, \$2.75	Bean & Cheese Burrito, \$2.75	BRC Burrito, \$3.00	Cheese Quesadilla, \$2.75
Papa John's Pizza, \$3.00	Papa John's Pizza, \$3.00	Papa John's Pizza, \$3.00	Papa John's Pizza, \$3.00	Papa John's Pizza, \$3.00
Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl, \$3.25	Southwest Chicken Salad, \$3.25	Turkey Wrap, \$3.00	Chinese Chicken Salad, \$3.25	Orange Chicken Rice Bowl, \$3.25
Homestyle Chicken Sandwich, \$3.00	Cheeseburger, \$2.75/ with fries \$3.75	Spicy Chicken Sandwich, \$3.00	Cheeseburger, \$2.75/ with fries \$3.75	Homestyle Chicken Sandwich, \$3.00
Deli Turkey Sandwich on Wheat, \$3.00	Popcorn Chicken, \$2.75	Chow Mein Noodle Bowl, \$3.25	Ziti with Meatballs, \$2.75	Deli Turkey Sandwich on Wheat, \$3.00
Hummus, \$3.25	Hummus, \$3.25	Hummus, \$3.25	Hummus, \$3.25	Hummus, \$3.25
PBJ, \$2.75	PBJ, \$2.75	PBJ, \$2.75	PBJ, \$2.75	PBJ, \$2.75

A LA CARTE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Little Caesars Breadsticks, \$3.00	Pollo & Rice Grande Burrito, \$3.50	Cheeseburger Sliders, one \$1.25; two \$2.00	Little Caesars Breadsticks, \$3.00	Cheeseburger Sliders, one \$1.25; two \$2.00
Chicken Caesar Salad, \$4.00	Chicken Caesar Salad, \$4.00	Pan Pizza, \$3.75	Chicken Caesar Salad, \$4.00	Pan Pizza, \$3.75
Sub Sandwich, \$3.75	Sub Sandwich, \$3.75	Chicken Caesar Salad, \$4.00	Sub Sandwich, \$3.75	Chicken Caesar Salad, \$4.00
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VALUE MENU

Cup of Noodles, \$1.50	Side Salad, \$1.00	Pancakes, \$1.00
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WATCH FOR NEW \$5.00 MEAL DEAL

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accolades & Appreciation

News from Girls State: **Marci Rosenberg** was selected as the 2010 TPHS Girls State Representative, and **Elora Lopez** was selected as the alternate. Please congratulate all our TPHS nominees. We had an extraordinary group this year!

Finalist: **Marci Rosenberg**
 Alternate: **Elora Lopez**
 Nominees: **Caitlin Mackey, Katherine Ingersoll, and Lindsay Dale.**

Congratulations to **Ashley Lo (12)**, who won Honorable Mention in a National Essay contest with the Bill of Rights Foundation. There were over 50,000 essays submitted and she was one of a handful of students whose essays were selected from the western states. She won \$250 for her submission! Way to go, **Ashley!**

Congratulations to **Dominique Kim**, who was named "Most Promising Young Talent" at the La Jolla Symphony's 50th Anniversary Young Artist Competition held January 23, 2010. In February, Dominique and her sister Valerie also performed at a fundraising dinner concert for the Orange County Korean Cultural Center, and received a standing ovation from over 250 donors in attendance!

Bravo to the **cast and crew of *Les Miserables!*** This outstanding show ended its run with several sold out performances!

Congratulations to all our **student performers, crew, staff of VPA Day, and VPA teachers** for another crowd-pleasing event! Our students showcased unbelievable talent in many areas including music, song, and dance, to the delight and appreciation of their fellow students! (see pictures below!)

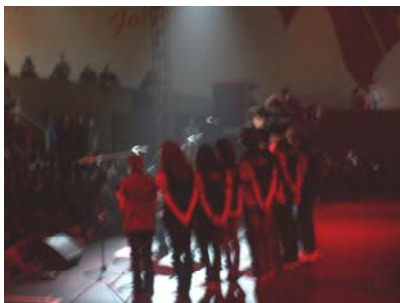


Dominique Kim (12), accompanied by her sister **Valerie (6)**
Photo by Jung Kim



Visions from VPA Day (Visual Performing Arts Day)

February 16, 2010



NAVIANCE NEWS

Seniors: Check out NAVIANCE for additional Scholarships such as these!

- **Asian Pacific Islanders for Professional and Community Advancement**
 --Due March 1, \$1,500
 --You don't have to be Asian to apply.
- **Athena Pinnacle Scholarships**
 --Due March 12, \$2,500
 --For girls only
- **BECA** --Due March 2, \$2,000
- **Bill Berrier Scholarship Fund**
 --Due April 12th
 --Open only to SDUHSD students
- **Bill Merritt Memorial Scholarship**
 --Due May 14, \$4,000
- **Brad Fowler Memorial Scholarship Fund**
 --Due April 5, \$3,500
- **Dollars for Scholars**
 --Due March 5, \$500 - \$2,000
 --Open only to Torrey Pines Students

NAVIANCE TRAINING SESSIONS FOR PARENTS in the CCC

- March 1 for Junior Parents, 10 - 11:00 a.m.
- March 2 for Sophomore Parents, 9 - 10:00 a.m.
- March 3 for Freshman Parents, 8 - 9:00 a.m.
- March 4 for All Parents, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

By Jayme Cambra
Head Counselor

March, 2010

09-10 Class Registration

We have kicked off our 3rd year of online class registration! Students have until Friday, March 8th to make changes to their online course requests. After this date they can visit their counselor to make changes in person until Friday, May 28th. Please visit our counseling website to access registration materials, view the registration PowerPoint and the registration tutorial video!

Senior Responses

Spring is here! If you have heard back from your college and decided that's where you will be attending in the Fall, come by the Counseling Office and let us know! We'd love to hear from you!

News from our College & Career Center

- Visit NAVIANCE to view the FAFSA presentation PowerPoint.
- We will be offering more NAVIANCE training sessions! See NAVIANCE NEWS on p. 4 for dates and times.

College Night

Is coming to TPHS! Join us on Monday, April 19th in welcoming over 50 college representatives to present a variety of topics including:

- UC/CSU college admission/application process
- Planning for a "Gap Year"
- Private college/University admissions
- Community college programs
- TPHS class of 2010 panel

College night will begin at 6:00pm and will offer 4 sessions, concluding at 8:30pm.

See you there!

Juniors: ACT and SAT Registration

Important ACT and SAT registration information can be found on www.collegeboard.com and www.act.org. Find links on how to register, testing dates, fees, test preparation, and much more! Please do your best to register and prepare early for these tests. For additional questions, stop by the Counseling Office.

Cutting Edge Conversation with Josiah Diallo

In celebration of African American Month, musician, composer, storyteller, and poet Josiah Diallo was TP's very special guest for the first Cutting-Edge Conversation of the year. Josiah combined his African-Cherokee background, multi-instrumental talent and singing to bring our students two very special presentations on February 4th. In his message, he highlighted centuries of African American struggles for equality, personal dignity, and respect, as well as achievements in science, education, sports, music and entertainment.



Josiah Diallo and Lisa Goldberg

Many thanks to Friends of the Library/TP Foundation for making our Cutting-Edge Conversations possible.



Senior Reminders



- Laser Tag at Ultrazone in Point Loma, **February 25th** from 8:00-10:00 p.m.
- Ordered your cap and gown? If not, contact Josten's at (619) 421-4578.
- The deadline to file a Cal Grant is **March 2nd**. If you provided a release of information, your Cal Grant will be transmitted electronically. If you do not have a SS# on file with the Registrar or you did not sign the release last Fall, then you will need to fill out the Cal Grant & come to the Registrar's office to have your GPA verified. DON'T wait until the last minute!
- Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Applications due **March 5th**.
- AP Registration continues through **March 12th**. Late registration is **March 15th - 19th**.
- MiraCosta "Matriculation in a Day", **March 12th**. Sign up by **March 8th**.
- Roller Disco at Skateworld, 6907 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, **March 15th, 8:00 - 10:00 p.m.**
- Senioreed Out tickets go on sale **April 1st**. The game is **April 19th - 23rd**.
- Prom tickets go on sale **April 19th**.
- Senior Boat Dance aboard the *Point Loma*, San Diego Harbor Excursion, S. Broadway Pier, **April 24th** from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. We will begin check-in and boarding at 7:00 p.m.
- AP Testing, **May 3rd - 14th**.
- Junior/Senior Prom, **May 8th**.
- Graduation performance audition applications available **May 3rd**, and are due **May 18th**.
- Performance auditions, **May 19th**.
- Speech auditions, **May 20th**.
- Senior Passports go on sale **May 24th**.
- Cap & Gown and Senior Yearbook distribution day, Saturday, **June 12th**.
- **Graduation Day** – **Friday, June 18th**, Falcon Stadium, 4:00 p.m. No tickets required.
- Grad Night, **Friday, June 18th**.

Seen Around Torrey Pines ...



...and out and about



Classified In-service Day, February 2, 2010



2010 Winter Formal, "A Sweet Escape," Air and Space Museum, February 6, 2010

Did You Know?

by Officer Adrian Lee, Juvenile Service Team, SDPD

Facts to know about Possession of "Obscene Matter" on cellular devices:

There is a popular trend occurring across the nation among high school students called "Sexting". Students are sending and receiving photos of themselves and others, exposing their bodies parts to one another. **Most students are unaware** that if you take a photograph of **YOURSELF** or **ANYONE** else's private body areas, (breasts or areas below the belt line), you have just produced **CHILD PORNOGRAPHY**.

California Penal Code 311.1. (a) states:

Every person who knowingly **sends** or causes to be sent, or brings or causes to be brought, into this state for sale or distribution, or in this state **possesses, prepares,** publishes, produces, develops, duplicates, or prints any representation of information, data, or image, including, but not limited to, any film, filmstrip, photograph, negative, slide, photocopy, videotape, video laser disc, computer hardware, computer software, computer floppy disc, **data storage media,** CD-ROM, or computer-generated equipment or any other computer-generated image that contains or incorporates in any manner, any film or filmstrip, **with intent**

to distribute or to **exhibit to, or to exchange with, others,** or who offers to distribute, **distributes, or exhibits to, or exchanges with,** others, any **obscene matter,** knowing that the matter depicts a person under the age of 18 years **personally engaging in or personally simulating sexual conduct,** as defined in Section 311.4, **shall be punished** either by **imprisonment** in the county jail for up to one year, by a fine not to exceed **one thousand dollars (\$1,000),** or by both the fine and imprisonment, **or by imprisonment in the state prison,** by a fine not to exceed **ten thousand dollars (\$10,000),** or by the fine and imprisonment.

So if you have any of these images on your cell phones, computers, I-Pods etc... you are in possession of Child Pornography. If you are arrested and convicted in court, you could become a registered **SEX OFFENDER for life!** Don't ruin your lives because of something so silly as a picture. It's not worth it! Do the right thing and delete the pictures if someone sends them to you. Think about if it was your picture being sent around, would you want others looking at them? Have respect for yourself, because once you give that away, its very hard to get back..

Integrity is doing the right thing when no one else is watching. — Officer Lee.



Torrey Pines High School Foundation Update



SILENT ONLINE AUCTION OPENS – MARCH 6TH!!!

www.torreyhigh.org

PUMP UP THE VOLUME

**Spring Auction & Dance Event MARCH 27TH
at the *BELLY UP* in Solana Beach**

This is a casual, jean-attire, easy night filled with music, food and fun. ***Atomic Groove & Fly Girlz*** will entertain you and celebrity auctioneer **Steve Hamann** will auction trips and entertainment packages.

Invitations were mailed on February 19th, and the deadline for reservations is March 22nd. You may also purchase your reservations online! Why not bring your favorite coach or teacher?

\$20 of your ticket price can be designated to the Booster Group of your choice. Proceeds from this event will be used to purchase computers for the Mac Lab and other vital programs that benefit every (YOUR) student. **Please join us!**



**17th ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
SATURDAY * APRIL 24, 2010
7 AM – 11 AM**



Spring is here. It's time to clean out your garage and closets for items that you can donate to the TPHS Rummage Sale. You can receive tax credit for any gently used items. Deliver items to campus Friday, April 23, 2010 between 4pm & 7pm. We can turn your donation into cash for school programs!

The SAT is right around the corner!

Learn everything you need to know to outsmart the test!

Catalyst SAT Bootcamp will be offered at TP.

Be prepared for the March 13th SAT!

Cost for the 2 day Bootcamp is \$165

Torrey Pines sessions will take place Saturday and Sunday, March 6 & March 7 from 9 am to 1pm. Students attend both sessions. Each session features a mix of interactive exercises and strategy sessions.

To register call (800) 235-0056 or

www.CatalystPrep.com

**See's
CANDIES**

Support Grad Nite by making a spring purchase of delicious See's Candies. To have a candy flyer order form emailed or faxed, call the Foundation Office at (858) 793-3551. Order deadline is March 12, 2010.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Underlined dates indicate 1-3-5 block period days.	<u>1</u> Mar.	2 Site Council, Room 203, 2:45 p.m.; Cal Grant applications due	<u>3</u>	4 School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	<u>5</u> Dollars for Scholars Applications due	6
7	8 Deadline for current TPHS students to submit course requests online through Aeries ABI Portal	9 Progress Period Ends	10	11	12	13 SAT ONLY, TPHS
14	<u>15</u>	16 Student & Parent Registration Night for incoming 9th graders, Gym, 5:00 - 8:30 p.m.	17 Parent Volunteer Assn., CCC, 8:00 a.m.	18 School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	<u>19</u>	20
CAHSEE						
21	22	23 Late Start Day	24 Late Start Day	25	26	27 "Pump Up the Volume", TPHS Foundation Spring Auction and Dance Event
Incoming 9th graders' individual registration meetings						
28	<u>29</u>	30 Campus Tour, Admin. Bldg., 8:15 a.m.	<u>31</u>	1 Apr.	<u>2</u>	3
4	5 H	6 H	7 H	8 H	9 H	10 ACT, TPHS
Spring Break, April 5th - 9th.						
11	12	13 Site Council, Room 203, 2:45 p.m.	14 Parent Volunteer Assn., CCC, 8:00 a.m.	15 School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	16 3rd Quarter Ends	17

Scrapbooking Supplies Needed!



The **TPHS Miracle Makers club** is collecting scrapbooking supplies for the neo-natal intensive care unit at Rady Children's

Hospital, at the request of the unit. Parents and other family members spend long hours, days, weeks, and sometimes months in the unit with their sick newborns and often stay busy and alleviate the stress by documenting their family experience in scrapbooks. Please bring albums, paper, tape, and other decorative scrapbooking supplies to **Mia Smith's** room, 102.



DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Is your senior student's application completed? There is still time. Dozens of Torrey Pines High School seniors will receive thousands of dollars in scholarships this year for use in their post-high school studies. Applications can be downloaded from the TPHS website and are due Wednesday, March 5th. The applications will be collected in front of the counseling office at lunch. (No late applications will be accepted).



TPHS Math Tutoring 2009-2010

The **TPHS Tutoring Network** offers free math tutoring from a Torrey Pines Math Teacher. Drop in tutoring is available for any Algebra I, Algebra II or Geometry student. For other Math classes you must make an appointment. To make an appointment, just email **Ms. Huston** at Kimberly.Huston@SDUHSD.net.

Location: Media Center
Time: After School from 2:30-3:30
Days: Monday-Thursday, every week.