

News

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

READ! Parent Seminar: September 23
San Dieguito Academy, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Late Start Days: September 25 and 26
Classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

Back to School Night: September 25
Club Information at 5:15 p.m.; Meet Principal Killeen & Board Members at 5:45; Classroom visitations begin at 6:00 p.m.

Staff Development Day: October 6
No Students

Sammy's Night: October 14
Del Mar Highlands Amphitheatre, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Spend a casual evening with Principal Brett Killeen, administration, teachers and friends. Featuring student entertainment, food & fun!

PSAT Test: October 15
9th, 10th, and 11th graders in class

Late Start Day: October 16
Classes begin at 9:00 a.m.

Newsletter Collating: October 23
Meet in the Media Center, Lower level, 8:30 a.m.

Fall is Upon Us and School is Back in Session!

By Principal Brett Killeen

The sycamore and liquidambar are turning color and the stadium lights are shining on Friday nights—school is back in session at Torrey Pines High School! We opened school this year with a few more students than we had anticipated, but we're happy to have each and every one of them. We were projected to have 2,660 students and we opened with about 2,700. Each grade level is just under 700 students—still a far cry from what it was about five years ago when TPHS had over 3,400 students! This unexpected enrollment, coupled with some budget cuts did impact class size in several areas, and we have been working hard to bring relief to those classes most impacted with leveling and extra sections. Things are settling in nicely now, and I'm encouraged by what we see happening in the classroom; our kids are engaged and our teachers and support staff are back in the groove, helping them to achieve at the highest level possible.

We look forward to seeing you all at *Back to School Night* on Thursday, September 25th, beginning at 5:15 p.m. This is an opportunity to get to know more about our school on a "global" scale, as well as provide you with time to get to know your students' teachers and their expectations for the school year.

Our challenge and focus at Torrey Pines High School centers around this question: "How do we engage and challenge our high-achieving students while we simultaneously, aggressively, and systemically work intelligently to support our struggling students to close the academic gaps?" We want all of our kids to thrive and be well-rounded, and we need your help to make this happen. We are encouraged by our most recent API scores that show growth in almost all of our subgroups. TPHS continues to be the highest-performing school in the county when you look at API scores, AP scores, and other indicators, such as our 33 National Merit Semi-Finalists. Should you want more information about our STAR scores, Exit Exam scores, and API scores, please go to www.cde.ca.gov and look under "Testing and Accountability."

When you visit TPHS, take a look around—we're working hard to beautify our campus and enhance our student pride here. Should you want to be a part of our Campus Beautification Team or have connections or gifts related to enhancing our campus environment, we would love to talk to you. We are in the process of ordering and installing interior and exterior bulletin boards to help our students post their information that currently tends to fall on the ground due to our concrete, corrugated walls. This is one example where we can pool some resources

donated through our Foundation to enhance the environment around here.

The Foundation affords any parent the opportunity to get involved in our school. Parent involvement is one of the things that makes our school special and different from most high schools in the United States. Our doors are open to your skills, your gifts, and your ideas.

We have high expectations for another terrific year here at TPHS, and we welcome you as partners to make it happen for our fantastic students! Thanks again for your involvement support!

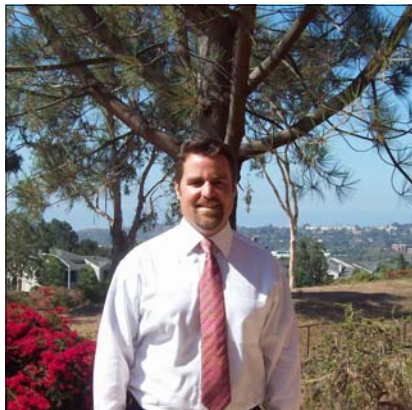


Back to School Night Thursday, September 25

Club Information 5:15 p.m.
Meet Principal Killeen at 5:45 p.m.
Classroom visits begin at 6:00 p.m.
Vote for Site Council Representatives.

Visit www.tphs.net for schedule.

Get to know.... Assistant Principal Rob Coppo



Dear Parents and Students,

As a proud graduate of Torrey Pines High School it is an honor to return to my alma mater as an assistant principal. Just as it did twenty-two years ago, Torrey Pines has a reputation for providing a rigorous curriculum that challenges students at their highest level, and offering unique learning opportunities for students to broaden their understanding of our complex world. As a student here I was lucky enough to take advantage of the varied programs on campus, many of which helped me to succeed later in life. In fact, I credit several of my Torrey Pines teachers for the success I have enjoyed since leaving high school, and thus I know all too well the positive impact a school can have on a student.

I come to Torrey Pines from Orange Glen High School where I spent ten years as a film and video teacher and five years as the WASC site coordinator. As a classroom teacher, I loved helping students discover their hidden talents, and now as an administrator I am very much looking forward to helping an entire school discover its hidden talents so it can continue to evolve in order to meet the needs of the students. The work is challenging, exciting, and very personally satisfying. And that's exactly how I like it!

I am fortunate to be working with an amazingly supportive administrative team including Principal Brett Killeen, and Assistant Principals Milan Perisic and Garry Thornton. Thanks to their guidance, and the incredible efforts of our classified staff, I have been able to smoothly transition into my new role as an administrator. This year I will be overseeing students with the last names H-N, the athletic department, the visual and performing arts department, the school web site, AP exams, and our WASC process. However, it is my goal to be a part of as many aspects of the school as possible so I can ensure a rich learning environment for our students.

Returning to this school has special meaning for me and I look forward to working with parents, students, teachers, and all of our support staff to make sure that the 2008-2009 school year is the best year yet!

Falcons Forever!

The work is challenging, exciting, and very personally satisfying. And that's exactly how I like it!

Check out this section in the next newsletter to get to know another one of our amazing assistant principals!

Welcome, New and Returning Falcons!

- Sara Boozer, English**
- Rob Coppo, Assistant Principal**
- Laurel Damm, Special Education**
- Pernell Jones, Custodian**
- Tanner Kortman, English**
- Lynn Leahy, CTE/Home Economics**
- Jessica Matthes, Art**
- Lindsey McVay, Science**
- Goura Perey, English**
- Dave Pillsbury, Math**
- Mike Remington, Business**
- Ryland Wickman, Special Education**
- Tom Wills, Math**



Falcon Gallery

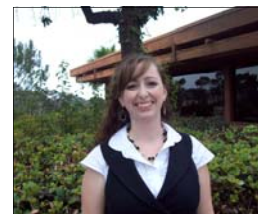
< **Jessica Matthes**

Goura Perey >

Look for more new Falcons pictured in upcoming issues!

< **Laurel Damm**

Lindsey McVay >



accolades & Appreciation

Kudos to the to the **Torrey Pines Varsity Academic Team**, which tied for 11th place among the 176 teams at the 2008 High School National Championship Tournament in Chicago in May. The tournament is run by National Academic Quiz Tournaments. The top 176-team field represented 37 states, plus top teams from China and Korea. The marathon tournament featured 24 rounds of questions, 63 rooms of simultaneous game play, and over 1,000 players. Our team players were **Alice Liang, Auroni Gupta, David Khaw, Gilbert Hsyu, Jeffrey Tsao, Kelly Tang, Philip Lin, Phillip Zhang, and Reyu Sakakibara**. And **Auroni Gupta** placed 7th as individual high scorer. Very impressive! Nona Killmar, Coach.

In May, the **Advanced Orchestra** went to the **state finals** for the SCSBOA (Southern CA School Band and Orchestra Association) at SDSU. Our adv. orchestra received a **Unanimous Superior** for their performance (superiors from all 4 judges)! Ours was the only group to receive a U-Superior and only 1 other group received a superior. Congratulations to **Allen Huang, Jay Kim, Michelle Shin, Justin Uang, Justin Shyu, Alice Fang, Susanna Fenstermacher, Kay Lin, Andrew Faas, Grace Kim, Lauren Tagonan, Daniel Song, Brandon Jones, Tim Kim, Vicky Chien, Helen Liang, and Robert Johnson**.

Also in May, the **TP Jazz Band** received a Superior rating and third place at the Colorado Jazzfest. Out of 29 jazz ensembles, our drummer, **Nikita Ahmad (12)**, won an \$800 scholarship to the UCSD Jazz camp! Bravo, **Nikita!**

In June, the **Academic Team** competed at The Panasonic Academic Challenge in Orlando, Florida, and received **6th place in the nation!** Congratulations to team members **Jeffrey Tsao, Philip Lin, Vivek Bhawe, Mostafa Al-Alusi, Chris Wu, and Stephen Liu!**

Congratulations to Senior Field Hockey player, **Paige Simmons**, who has given a verbal commitment to play Field Hockey at Columbia University in New York. Paige is a 4-year letter earner in field hockey, as well as being named all-league and all-CIF.

Kudos to the **Counseling Department** for receiving an Academy Award for our Support Personnel Accountability Report Card (SPARC), given at the County Awards Ceremony at USD in May. Only three schools in our district received any recognition! Pictured above are **Brennan Dean and Jayme Cambra** (formerly Williams).



At the annual Awards Ceremony held last May in San Diego, **Ellen Carmody** received two awards for her outstanding performance in the 2008 National French Competition ("Le Grand Concours"). She placed fourth nationally and third regionally in the annual competition, and received a medal and a plaque. Nationally, over 100,600 students participated in this year's competition, which is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of French. Students from all 50 states and abroad participate; the San Diego Chapter alone enrolled over 800 students this year. Ellen studies French with **Anne-Marie Godfrey**.

Congratulations to **Luisa Figueroa**, this year's recipient of the STAR Award. Awarded annually, the Star Award is given by the previous year's award winner to a teacher who has been especially supportive, a professional, an example, a mentor, a friend and much more!



Pictured above are **Leonor Youngblood**, the 2007 Star Award winner presenting this year's award to **Luisa Figueroa**.

At the **Yearbook Tech Yearbook Camp** at SDSU July 25-29, TPHS won Superior (highest) achievement on the Yearbook Theme Packet. Individual awards were won by **Lauren Rowles** - Honorable Mention, Beg. Yearbook Design; **Tara Wu** - Superior, Beg. Yearbook Design; **Derek Barbas** - Excellent, Beg. Photography; **Tawnee Vallar** - Excellent, Beg. Photography; **Leslie McCracken** - Superior, Beg. Photography; **Mary Beth Shrader** - Superior, Beg. Photography; **Tommy Hofman** - Excellent, Adv. Photography. Congratulations, All!



Best wishes to **Helen Granville**, TPHS' beloved Counseling Secretary, who retired on September 12th. Helen spent the last twelve years

with us, and now looks forward to the gift of time. She hopes to return to her hobbies: working with dogs who assist people with handicaps, working as a "cuddler" for neonatal critical care babies, traveling, and spending more time with family and friends. We'll miss you, **Helen!**

From the Attendance Office

Absences: Call Attendance at 858-481-0950 within 48 hours to excuse absences.

Leaving School Early? All students must have an off-campus pass **in hand** to leave school, or their absence will not be excused.

Sick Students see the nurse of their off campus pass.

Other students need parents to call Attendance at (858) 481-0950 (24-hr. line) to request a pass, **before class begins**.

Please call 24 hours before student needs pass so our staff will have time to prepare it. Students pick up their passes in Attendance.

Please check the website for more important information. Thank you!

Science Olympiad is looking for coordinators to coordinate next year. Anyone interested in this exciting opportunity should email us at tpscioly@gmail.com. Thank you!

Counseling Corner

By Jayme Cambra
Head Counselor

October 2008

Welcome to a new year at Torrey Pines! We look forward to helping you with all your counseling and guidance needs in the weeks and months to come. We have gone down from 7 counselors to 6, and had 3 counselors get married over the summer, so we have a few name changes and consequently our alphabet breakdown has changed. Be sure to check out the new alpha breakdown in the column to the right.

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 our counseling secretary at 755-0125 ext. 2296.

Drop Dates

Keep in mind, the last day to drop a class this semester without it appearing on your transcript is September 22nd. 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 20th. After November 20th, students may not drop any class until after the end of the semester. 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

Counselors will begin to visit senior English classes to conduct senior audits on Friday, September 12th. We will discuss transcripts, graduation status and planning for post-high school options including four-year college admissions.

Please note the deadlines to request letters of recommendation. We are unable to meet application deadlines for students who do not turn in their requests by the following:
October 3rd- Early Action/Decision and December 1st- Regular Decision.

We are excited to announce that our NAVIANCE college computer program now has college scattergrams and an exploratory career component! This comprehensive program is a great tool for students and parents who would like to research college options, college visits, careers, and scholarships. Please visit our counseling website to access the NAVIANCE program and input the student ID to register.

Counselors will also be attending the National Association of College Admission Counselors (NACAC) conference in Seattle at the end of September. This is a great opportunity for us to interact directly with college admissions representatives and learn more about their campuses so we can better serve our students.

Who's Your Counselor?

Jayme Cambra (formerly Williams)
A-Co

Brennan Dean: Cr-Ha

Mary Sanchez-Allwein: He-Ko and EL

Sally Gervasini: Kr-Na and AVID

Ashley Bascom: (formerly Moritz):
Ne-Sh and AVID

Lauren Dowell: Si-Z

PALs Provide Peer Support

By Shaina Conners (12),
and Second Year PAL

High school is a very difficult time for many students and at times students need someone to talk to other than their friends, family and teachers, and the PALs offer a great alternative for those seeking an active listener. The PALs are a trained group of students who are identified by their peers as being people in whom they can place their trust and confidence. The PALs act as a constant friend to those high school students who need someone to talk to, or are interested in asking about a club or activity on campus. PALs are willing to offer a helping hand to every student seeking guidance at Torrey Pines High School, whether they are struggling with school, family issues, friends or relationships. Most everything spoken about remains confidential so students are welcome to share as much or as little as they would like. The PALs are great resources for the abundance of clubs, activities, and sports the school has to offer.

The PALs program annually hosts Red Ribbon Week, Yellow Ribbon Week, Challenge Day, and starting this year, Random Acts of Kindness Week. They also host monthly New Student Lunches in the College and Career Center to make sure new students feel welcome.

The PALs are located in the counseling office every school day, in every period. To get in touch with a PAL, fill out a PALs request form in the counseling office and a PAL will pull the student out that very day. Parents, teachers and friends are also able to request PALs for students who need someone to talk to.

PALs for 2008-2009

Newly Selected PALs: Alexa Armstrong, Tony Cinotto, Jordan Conger, Florence Darnell, Michelle Delapa, Anna Esquibel, Samantha Fabiano, Amber Fields, Jackie Gerwer, Samantha Hardage, John Lee, Brittany Massimino, and Kirsten Page.

Returning PALs: Josh Adler, Lance Bagby, Mariana Carranza, Shaina Conners, Trevor Mells, Sibö Montoya, Tara Mullally, Allie Osinski, Cameron Schwartz, and Mary Beth Shrader.

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Seen Around Torrey Pines in May and June ...



Students and Staff Support **Looks Like Me**



Mr. Drake and Mr. Brockett



Parent Volunteer Luncheon

**Parents: Remember to Vote
for Site Council Representatives at Back to School Night!**



Graduation Rehearsal

Stellar Torrey Pines Students Recognized at Falcon Awards Night

by JoAnn Marino-Schorn

Over 130 outstanding Torrey Pines High School students were recognized on June 4th at the annual Falcon Awards Night. The ceremony began with awards and scholarships presented by community groups and organizations, followed by awards given by various colleges and universities from around the country. The evening concluded with the Torrey Pines Falcon and Golden Falcon Awards.

The pinnacle award for the evening was the Torrey Pines High School Golden Falcon Award in which the top senior female student and the top senior male student received a certificate and their names on a perpetual plaque displayed at the school. The students selected for this award are exemplary in school and community service, ethical behavior, motivation to achieve, success in academics, and well-rounded attributes. Additionally, these students are respected by peers and faculty, display promise for success beyond Torrey Pines and model TP pride and excellence.



**Golden Falcon Award Winners
Sean Tanaka and Erin Doyle,
pictured with Brett Killeen**

The female Golden Falcon Award recipient, **Erin Doyle**, was described as a fine athlete and volunteer who also excels academically. She has been a member of the

Torrey Pines Varsity Softball Team for four seasons. She was selected First Team All Palomar League and All CIF for the past 2 seasons. The three year team captain set many school records including most hits in a season and she holds the career school record for games played, runs scored, and base hits. She has volunteered at the North Shore Softball Clinic for the past four years. Other volunteer work includes being a counselor at the Helen Woodward Animal Shelter and a Pit Stop volunteer for United Cerebral Palsy. The male Golden Falcon Award recipient, **Sean Tanaka**, was selected for being an outstanding academic, a spirited Falcon, and someone who goes above and beyond in terms of school, local and global community. He was described as delivering excellence in the classroom, courteous and respected by peers and staff, and working day and night to make Torrey Pines, the community, and the world, a better place by founding the highly active Amnesty International group as well as the TP Peer Tutoring Network. Principal Brett Killeen stated that "Sean is exactly what we as a staff have in mind when we talk about our TP vision being one to create self-directed learners who are effective collaborators, quality producers, and active participants in a global community."

TORREY PINES HIGH SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

By Garry Thornton, School Improvement Program Coordinator

The Torrey Pines High School Site Council held its first meeting on September 9, 2008. The objective of the Site Council is to support student achievement. Requests for funding LCD projectors, a document camera, a laptop computer, science equipment, conference expenses and tutoring centers for World Language and the Science department were all approved. Additionally, the GATE program and a Library Block Grant were also funded. During our next meeting, the Single Plan for Student Achievement will be presented as a first read.

On September 25, 2008 (Back to School Night), School Site Council elections will be held for two new representatives.

This year I will serve as the administrative liaison for the Site Council, I am looking forward to serving with everyone.

In the future, our meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of the month at 2:45 p.m. in Room 203. If you would like to be involved in School Site Council, contact me at garry.thornton@sduhsd.net.

Perfect Attendance!

Please congratulate the following students for their perfect attendance record for the 2007-2008 school year!

Seniors: Paul Parker

Juniors: Elisabeth Ko, Zhongyuan Lu, James Peng, and Kevin Tran.

Sophomores: Justin Chen, Heesun Chough, Ryan Hang,

Anlan Jiang, Jeffrey Lee, David Lin, Elizabeth Luu, Daniel Rim, and David Smith.

Freshmen: Nicole Cazares, Peter Chu, Denise Du, Justin Fu, Sean Ha, Anurag Kalavakunta, Michelle Kao, Hong Joo Kim, Kevin Kim, Deanna Lau, Catherine Lee, Jaeheui Park, Kyle Schmitt, Miles Skinner, Yuri Taketomi, Samantha Tu, Sharad Vikram, Shannon Wang, and Andy Zhao.

Important Reminder from the District Office

The governing board of the SDUHSD pursuant to Section 44808.5 of the Education Code, has decided to permit the pupils enrolled in grades 11 and 12 at Torrey Pines High School to leave the school grounds during the lunch period. Section 44808.5 of the Education Code further states: "Neither the school district nor any officer or employee thereof shall be liable for the conduct or safety of any pupil during such time as the pupil has left the school grounds pursuant to this section."



Senior To-Do List



September 30th -- Deadline for Senior Yearbook Pictures.

Contact Keane Studios at (858) 259-1900 or keanestudios.com.

October 7th -- Senior Ads due at 3:00 p.m.

Announcing the 2008-2009 Freelflight Yearbook Editorial Staff

Editor-in-Chief: **Vivek Bhagwat**

Assistant Editor in Chief: **Irene Cheng**

Design Assistants: **Clint Hall, Amanda Yuan**

Copy Editors: **Emily Heaton, Amanda Licato**

Senior Ads Editors: **Casey Marshall, Kate Cutting**

Student Life Editors: **Lara Brill, Si-nae Jung**

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Senior Editor: **Hayden Colbert**

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Clubs Editors: **Peri Gunalp, Patrice Watson**

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Academics Editor: **Trisha Weiss**

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Staff Coordinator: **Casey Marshall**

2008-2009 Freelflight Yearbook Staff

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Congratulations to the 2008-2009 Falconer Editorial Staff

Editor-in-Chief: **Christine Auwarter**

Assistant Editor-in-Chief: **Justin Sayarath**

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Have you Moved?

Don't miss report cards and other school mail!
Provide proof of your new address, so we can change your address in our database.

For details, call **Danna Gunther** in Attendance at (858) 755-0125, ext. 2228.

TPHS Tutoring Network IS AT YOUR SERVICE!!!

Thanks to special permission from the Torrey Pines staff, TPHS Tutoring Network is now beginning again and will be available to ALL TPHS students. Staffed by peer TPHS students, assistance with schoolwork will be available for: Foreign Languages, English, Math, Science, History and many other subjects. Please do take advantage of this program! Tutoring will be held in the Media Center:

Monday - Friday ~ 2:30 - 3:30

For more information about needing a tutor or wanting to become one, please contact us at:
tphstutoring@gmail.com

GO FALCONS!!!

TPHS Student Directories on Sale at Back-To-School Night

Torrey Pines High School student directories will be available for purchase during Back To School Night on September 25th. Priced at \$20, 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 2008-2009, the bell schedule, TPHS teacher phone extensions and email listings and a map of the campus.**

Look for student directory sales tables and blue-aproned sellers in the quad area, near counseling and in the media center during Back-To-School Night.

Sales of the directories help fund scholarships distributed by the Torrey Pines High School chapter of Dollars for Scholars, a nationally affiliated scholarship organization, which last spring awarded 60 scholarships totaling more than \$48,500 to deserving Torrey Pines seniors.



TP teachers Joanne Serrano, Jennifer Turfler, Marie Black, Paige Pennock and their children enjoy a summer outing.

Falcon Cheerleaders Soar at Summer Cheer Camp

Seventy-four **TPHS Cheerleaders** attended the NCA Elite Summer Cheer Camp at UCSD August 15th - 18th. The camp was attended by 400 Cheerleaders, and TPHS garnered many awards! They received 45 All-American Nominations (the most from any one school), and 9 were selected as All-American Team Members (also the most from any one school!) Pictured are: Front row left to right - **Caitlin Falk, Lauren Krieger, Olivia Melikan, and MacKenzie Stroesser.** Back row left to right - **Charlotte Wen, Jacqueline Coden, Kelsey Ra-hon, Devin Dilday, and Whitney Dilday.**



Other awards for the **Varsity** include a bid to Nationals, Champion Chant Winners, Spirit Stick Winners, and Elite Top Team Performance Nominee. The **JV** team earned a bid to Nationals, Top Team Performance Winners, and Spirit Stick Winners. The **Freshmen** team earned a bid to Nationals, Top Team Game Day Winners, and Spirit Stick Winners. Congratulations to our entire **TPHS Cheer Program!**



Visiting Japanese Football Team and Ms. Umabe's Japanese classes engage in Cultural Exchange



Parents:

**Remember to vote for
Site Council
Representatives at
Back to School Night!**



**Sra. Youngblood's
1st period AP Spanish Students**

World Language AP Students Thrive

by Luisa Figueroa, World Languages Dept.

World Language AP students excelled in the AP 2008 exams in Spanish, French and Japanese. Hard work, determination and a strong motivation are the common characteristics of these students.

Mrs. Youngblood, AP Spanish teacher comments that the recent changes in the AP Spanish Language exam present greater demands in all four skills in the language - listening, speaking, reading, and writing. However, despite these modifications, larger classes and a wider diversity in the student population, students reached their goals in mastering the language with a high degree of proficiency. Students are also aware of the importance of becoming bilingual in a global economy and that the skills they develop are valuable in their future jobs, traveling abroad and the academic world.

From the teacher's perspective, Mrs. Youngblood believes that the success in this program is a concerted effort of language teachers at all levels in high school and the feeder schools. Consistency and articulation throughout language courses offer the necessary conditions for students to succeed.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
21 Sept.	22 Underlined dates indicate 1-3-5 block period days.	23 READI seminar at SDA, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	24 Progress Period Ends	25 Late Start Day; Back to School Night, 5:15 p.m.; Classroom visits 6:00 p.m.	26 Late Start Day	27
28	29	30 Deadline for Senior Yearbook Pictures; Science O. Info. Mtg., LH, 7:00 p.m.	1 Oct.	2 School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	3	4 SAT, TPHS
5	6 Staff Development Day – No Students	7 Senior Ads due at 3:00 p.m.; School Site Council, Room 203, 2:45 p.m.	8	9 Campus Tour, Admin Bldg, 8:15 a.m.	10	11
12	13	14 Sammy's Night, DM Highlands Amphitheater, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.	15 PSAT (9th - 11th Grade, during school day); Parent Assn. Mtg., CCC, 8:00 a.m.	16 Late Start Day; School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Newsletter Collating, 8:30 a.m. lower level Bldg. B	24	25 ACT, Off Campus
26	27	28 1st Quarter Ends; Varsity Academic Team Tryouts	29 Varsity Academic Team Tryouts	30	31	1 SAT, Off Campus Nov.
2	3 Winter Athletic Packets Due	4 JV Academic Team Tryouts (also Nov. 12 & 13); School Site Council, Room 203, 2:45 p.m.	5	6	7	8

WORK IN YOUR SCHOOLS — FAMILY FRIENDLY HOURS

Instructional Assistants SpEd - PT, \$16.05 hr + paid holidays or On call, \$15.32 hr

Nutrition Assistants - 2 to 3 hrs/day, \$12.84 hr or On call, \$12.24 hr morning – lunch

Interpreter-Hearing Impaired – 8:15am – 3:15pm, Canyon Crest Academy, \$26.13 - \$30.32 hr (depends on RID score) + benefits

TO APPLY: San Dieguito UHSD office
710 Encinitas Blvd. Suite #100
Call 760 753-6491 x 5515
donnacrosby@sduhsd.net



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Reminders for Home Football Games

- Backpacks are NOT ALLOWED in the stadium.
- Purses may be searched.
- Once you enter, there is no exit and re-entry.
- No open containers.
- Students under high school age must be accompanied by a parent.
- Service dogs are the only dogs allowed on campus.