

# News

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

## Back to School Night: September 22

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

## Progress Period Ends: October 1

## Challenge Days: October 4 - 7

## CAHSEE Grades 11 & 12: October 5 & 6

## Homecoming: October 8

JV Game at 4:30 p.m., Varsity Game at 7:00 p.m.

## Homecoming Dance: October 9

## Sammy's Night: October 12

Parents and Students are invited to an evening of food and student entertainment to raise money for the Classroom Teacher Mini Grant Program. Meet Administrators & Teachers and be entertained by the TPHS Dance Team, Theatre, and Cheer Squads. Del Mar Highlands Amphitheatre, 6:30–8:30 p.m.

## PSAT Grades 9 & 11: October 13

## PLAN Grade 10: October 13

## Late Start Days: October 26 & 27

Classes begin at 8:55 a.m.

## First Quarter Ends: November 3

## We're Off!

By Brett Killeen, Principal

I always enjoy Readiness Days and the first weeks of school. In addition to welcoming back our returning students, it's nice to meet the new faces who comprise our incoming freshmen class, and new students who have transferred to our school. It is also fantastic to meet the parents, especially those who have kids in high school for the first time. As a parent, I know what it is like to be anxious for your kids and hope they make a seamless transition and get connected in a positive way to school.

We do have more students than we expected, which was a bit of a surprise. We were projected to have 2,430 students, and we have opened with approximately 2,550 students. The adjustment we are trying to make is to ensure that we have adequate staffing for our classes. Due to budget constraints, we have had to wait longer than we normally would to appropriately staff classes, which means that we must literally count how many students actually show up. This is a common practice in California over the past five years as we all work to be efficient and solvent despite the economic challenges. Our freshman class is just under 600 students, and our classes for grades 10, 11, and 12 are all between 625 and 660, so there is some equity across the grade levels. TPHS was built to house over 3,000 students, so there is plenty of space for our students here.

### *Bell Schedule Changes, Off-Campus Lunch Privileges, and How to Get In and Out of TPHS Efficiently*

Our bell schedule has changed, and most students are adapting nicely to it. We now start 5 minutes earlier (7:40) and get out 5 minutes later (2:35). These adjustments were made to ensure that each instructional block is 120 minutes, and we have been able to reinstate a 15 minute break and a 40 minute lunch. The break gives students and staff time to access restrooms and the lunch makes travel to and from campus (for those who have the privileges) safer.

Students should not be leaving campus during break, and only 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible to leave campus for lunch. During the morning announcements, we have reminded 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students that they must stay on campus during lunch. Failure to do so may result in a citation issued by San Diego Police Department and/or progressive disciplinary interventions issued by the school. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students should not be transporting younger students to lunch, and they must return in time for class during periods 5 and 6. We have been greeting the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students at the end of lunch to remind them of our expectations. Thanks for supporting us with your students in conversations at home so that they understand the expectations with safety in mind.

If you have been stuck in traffic at 7:35 a.m. while trying to drop your student off, you have likely been frustrated with traffic jams and it's certainly an exercise in patience! The best way to avoid this, and get in and out of TPHS efficiently, is to arrive prior to 7:25 a.m., and when picking your student up at the end of the day, consider arriving at 2:45 p.m. Things are significantly quieter around here at those times. In addition, avoid picking-up or dropping-off students in the same areas that drivers are trying to park. We have maps on our website that show you two areas we recommend for pick-up and drop-off.

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### Back to School Night Wednesday, September 22, 2010

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

Visit [www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net) for schedule.

## Getting to know... Brennan Dean, Head Counselor

By Brennan Dean



This is my fifth year as a counselor at Torrey Pines High School, where I am honored to work with our dynamic school community of students, parents, and staff members. As a counselor, I am able to work with students in the academic, college/career, and social/emotional realms. I enjoy getting to know each student as an individual and am proud to assist them in planning their academic curriculum, preparing for post high school goals,

and experiencing the ups and downs of high school life. I am constantly impressed to learn about our students' achievements, future plans, and meaningful contributions to our school and community.

This year I was elected by my peers to be the Torrey Pines High School Head Counselor along with the District Guidance Coordinator. I am very excited about the opportunities and challenges of representing the entire district's counseling staff. I am fortunate to lead an outstanding counseling department that consists of five alpha counselors. All of our counselors are dedicated to the success of their students and take pride in advocating for student achievement. As a counseling department our

goals are to foster student growth, educate our school community about post high school options, and be a positive and reliable sounding board for our students throughout their high school experience. In addition to counseling students, our Torrey Pines counseling team builds and maintains positive relationships with colleges.

For the 2010-2011 school year I am working with students with the last names beginning with Cr-Ha and Wr-Z, grades 9-12. I am honored to be the Department Chair and District Guidance Coordinator of such an innovative and dedicated counseling staff. I look forward to another great year as a member of the Falcon family.

## Welcome New and Returning Falcons!



**Tricia Brown**  
TAP



**Derek Brunkhorst**  
VPA, Video Film



**Don Hollins**  
Business Math  
SUCCESS Program



**Kimberly Huston**  
Math/Algebra



**Catherine Pavnicek**  
Media Center



**Tamara Rey**  
Athletics Secretary



**Cristina Rodriguez**  
Attendance



**Kathy Veraldi**  
Facilities Secretary



**Ron Yantis**  
Computer Science

Photos not available for:

**Lindsay Hern** (Art), **Carla Sands** (American Sign Language), and **Marisa Tirri** (District Program Specialist).

# accolades & Appreciation

## News from May and June

(Too late to publish in the June Newsletter, but too good to miss!!!)

At the 2010 All-USA Japanese Speech contest held at UC Irvine on Saturday, May 29th, **Elly Kim (10)** competed as one of the 15 national finalists, and her speech "Shining as Individuals" took 3rd place! Congratulations, Elly!

Congratulations to the following TP Art students and "Best in Class" Award winners at the San Diego County Fair's Student Showcase:

**Michelle Oberman (9)** - Acrylic Painting 2D

**Roz Gasque (12)** - Jewelry 3D

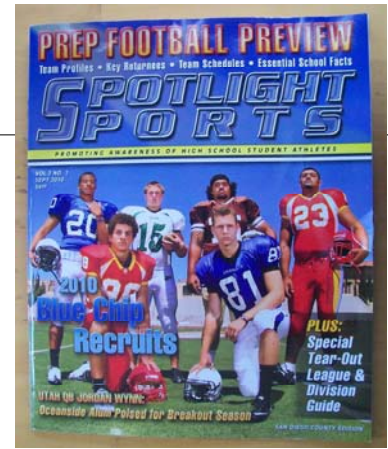
Their work was selected from thousands of entries from all over the county!



**Alice Fang (11)**, participated in the College Board's Young Epidemiology Scholars Competition. She became a Regional Finalist and traveled to Washington, D.C. to present

her research, and was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship! Great job, Alice!

Representing the most outstanding honor band musician at the coastal Communities Concert Band, **Dominique Kim** was awarded the 2010 Don Caneva Memorial Scholarship. Congratulations, Dominique!



Congratulations to Falconer Sports Editor, **Alexa Lomberg**, who wrote the TPHS football preview in this year's Prep Football Preview issue of *Spotlight Sports Magazine*!

More kudos for **Alice Fang**, who was a winner at the California State Science Fair. Alice also won a special award - \$1,500 Air Quality/Climate Change Award, and she was invited to present her project at AQMD's "A World We Can Change" conference in Los Angeles. Congratulations, Alice!

## We're Off!

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### Some Positive Academic News!

API results were released publicly on September 13<sup>th</sup>, and they may be accessed by logging on to [www.cde.ca.gov](http://www.cde.ca.gov) and clicking on Assessment and Accountability. You can look up any public school in California and find out how students performed on the Content Standards Tests in English, math, science, and social science. This test administration is also known as the STAR assessments. These results, along with how students perform on the California High School Exit Exam, are used to determine a school's Academic Performance Index (API). Our score last year was 860 and this year's score is 870—a ten point improvement! We're excited about these results, but we are also focused on subgroups and individual students who are not proficient, and we will be working hard with them to improve their achievement.

We received the results from the spring administration of Advanced Placement

exams, and they were amazing. Over 1,000 students took 2,400 AP exams and our students' pass rate was 84%—a record for us. This data was used by *Newsweek* magazine in their annual rankings of "America's Best Schools," where we ranked #125 out of 30,000 public schools. We were one of the highest ranked among comprehensive, large high schools.

We also recently learned that we have 41 National Merit Semi-Finalists, based upon our students' performance on the PSAT administration. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row that we have had more than 40. Congratulations and best wishes to these students as they work toward becoming Finalists!

### Upcoming Activities that Support, Engage and Inspire our Students, Staff, and You!

Our fall sports season is underway, and we are back in the Palomar League, playing against solid competition from Poway High School, Rancho Bernardo High School, Westview High School, Ramona High School, and Mt. Carmel

High School. We will still compete with natural rivals, such as La Costa Canyon High School through mandatory cross-league competition, as well as in CIF play-off competition.

Back-to-School Night is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>—we look forward to meeting you and sharing ways in which you may be informed and involved in supporting your child at school. Other exciting events in the coming weeks include Red Ribbon Week, Justice 101 for senior students, Homecoming Dance on October 9<sup>th</sup>, Challenge Days, Sammy's Night on October 12<sup>th</sup>, and a Teen Driver Fair that is free and being held at Torrey Pines High School on October 16<sup>th</sup>. You may also be interested in supporting our Shared Vision for Excellence through the TPHS Foundation. Fulfillment of the Shared Vision enriches the lives of all students at Torrey Pines High School and we are very grateful for our community support! For updated information on these events and opportunities, enjoy this newsletter and we encourage you to check our website, [www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net), frequently. Thank you!

# Counseling Corner

by Brennan Dean  
Head Counselor

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year at Torrey Pines! We look forward to helping you with all of your counseling and guidance needs in the weeks and months to come.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have. You can reach us via email, voice mail, or with a personal appointment. Generally, email is our preferred method because we are able to check our emails throughout the day and provide a timely response. If you need to schedule an appointment, please contact Joanne Day, our counseling secretary at 755-0125 ext. 2295.

## Class changes/ Drop Dates

Keep in mind, the last day to drop a class this semester without it appearing on your transcript is **September 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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 **December 2<sup>th</sup>**. After December 2<sup>th</sup>, 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/ Letter of Recommendation

Counselors will begin to visit senior English classes to conduct senior audits on Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss transcripts, graduation status, NAVIANCE and planning for post-high school options including four-year college admissions.

For those of you planning to apply to a 4 year college/ University that requires a counselor letter of recommendation, please remember to first contact your counselor to ask them if they could write you a

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letter of recommendation. Next, complete the counselor brag packet in NAVIANCE. This can be found under the "about me" tab on your NAVIANCE Family Connection page.

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

October 1st, 2010 is the deadline to request and submit your brag packet for a LOR for all colleges/scholarships with an application deadline that is Dec. 1st 2010 or before.

November 1st, 2010 is the deadline to request and submit your brag packet for a LOR for all colleges/scholarships with an application deadline that is Dec. 2nd 2010 or after.

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

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

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

## National Merit Semi-Finalists

The counseling department would also like to congratulate our 41 National Merit Semi-Finalists; this is an outstanding number of high scoring seniors! Good luck on becoming National Merit Finalists!

## Who's Your Counselor?

A-CO	Cambra, Jayme	x2213
CR-HA	Dean, Brennan	x2214
HE-KO	Sanchez-Allwein, Mary	x2017
KR-NA	Gervasini, Sally	x2200
NE-ST	Bascom, Ashley	x2012
SU-TU	Gervasini, Sally	x2200
TY-WO	Sanchez-Allwein, Mary	x2017
WR-Z	Dean, Brennan	x2214
ELL	Sanchez-Allwein, Mary	x2017
AVID	Bascom, Ashley	x2012

## Following up with WASC...

### Parent Survey

Attention Parents! We want to know what you think. Please help us in our ongoing efforts at school improvement by participating in our fall 2010 Parent Survey. Simply visit [www.tphs.net](http://www.tphs.net) and complete our brief survey any time between September 22 and October 5. Your input is important. We thank you in advance for your participation.

## Bell Schedule for Late Start Days

**Staff Collaboration Time 7:40 - 8:40**  
(no students)

<b>Period 1 or 2</b>	<b>8:55 - 10:30</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>10:30 - 10:40</b>
<b>Period 3 or 4</b>	<b>10:45 - 12:20</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12:20 - 12:55</b>
<b>Period 5 or 6</b>	<b>1:00 - 2:35</b>

### Late Start Days for 2010 - 2011

**September 14, 15**  
**October 26, 27**  
**November 30, December 1**  
**March 22, 23**  
**May 24, 25**

# News from the College and Career Center!

By Jayme Cambra, Counselor

We are excited to announce that our new CCC is now up and running! We welcome you to visit the CCC during school hours- we are located in the TPHS Counseling office. Below is a list of resources that students and parents can find in the CCC:

## CCC Services for STUDENTS:

- Attend College visits
- Pick up information and access resources about:
  - ★ SAT/ACT/AP exams
  - ★ Individual Colleges
  - ★ Testing Calendars
  - ★ NAVIANCE
  - ★ Financial Aid
  - ★ Career Resources
  - ★ Military options
  - ★ Community College
  - ★ UC/CSU resources
- Meet with Mira Costa Community College representatives
- Use computers to access NAVIANCE program

## CCC Services for Parents:

- Attend presentations on NAVIANCE, financial aid, college application process
- Pick up information and access resources about:
  - ★ SAT/ACT/AP exams
  - ★ Individual Colleges
  - ★ Testing Calendars
  - ★ NAVIANCE
  - ★ Financial Aid
  - ★ Career Resources
  - ★ Military options
  - ★ Community College
  - ★ UC/CSU resources

**Did you know?:** In an admissions report from Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Education Council the following reminder was given to future applicants:

"People do not apply to colleges: folders do. The folder and application are the single opportunity to influence the process. Approach each aspect of the application as an opportunity. Devote time and thought to each of the various portions."

## Common Myths about College Admissions:

- All Colleges are alike, so there is no point in doing any research.  
*All colleges are different, be sure to use NAVIANCE to research which college is the best fit for you!*
- There is only one college that is exactly right for me  
*Wrong again! Many colleges offer similar programs and opportunities that appeal to your individual needs.*

-If I don't recognize the college's name, it's probably not a good school.

*Super wrong! There are over 4200 colleges and Universities, and there is no way that you could possibly know all of them. As long as they are accredited, they are an option- and many offer different programs for different needs.*

-Test scores are the most important criteria in college admission.

*Colleges look at high school grades, rigor of courses, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation and essay in ADDITION to test scores. Don't stress too much over one day!*

\* Source: The ABC's of College Planning, Bernice Hornchak.

## NAVIANCE Updates & Reminders:

Student Password= Student ID (TPHS ID)

Parent Password= Student IDp (555555p)

We strongly encourage all students and parents to log onto NAVIANCE- this is a great resource for college searches, college information, scattergrams, college contacts, college visit schedule, scholarship list, and more! Here are the TPHS Counselor recommendations for NAVIANCE usage per grade level:

**12<sup>th</sup> grade:** Start/ add to college lists, complete brag packet for counselors and teachers, sign up for college visits, access scholarship list (winter/spring).

**11<sup>th</sup> grade:** Research college options, sign up for college visits, explore favorite careers and clusters (in "about me" section), add to Resume.

**10<sup>th</sup> grade:** Complete "Do what you are" Personality Style indicator, add to Resume, become familiar with college search program.

**9<sup>th</sup> grade:** Complete "Learning Styles Inventory" (a student skills assessor), create Resume, become familiar with NAVIANCE program.

**College Visits in the CCC: Be sure to check NAVIANCE for the latest college visit schedule!**

## Upcoming events in the CCC:

**Senior Parent College Admission Night:** Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 6-8pm in the TPHS Lecture Hall.

**Senior UC/ CSU Application Session:** Wednesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am in the CCC.

**Private College/ University Financial Aid Night:** Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm in the TPHS Lecture Hall.

## **Falcon Taking Flight...**

Best wishes to **Lori Wilson**, as she assumes her new position of Administrative Asst./ Registrar at Sunset High School. Lori has worked in the district for 12 years, and all of them at Torrey Pines as an Asst. Principal's Assistant. During that time, she worked with ASB, Clubs, Readiness Days, Graduation, Testing, and Back to School Night among other duties. We'll miss her, but wish her much happiness in her new position at Sunset!





## Bringing the Change – How the Challenge Day Movement is Taking Change to a Whole New Level

by Chris Rellas (10), Co-president of Be the Change Club

Challenge Day is a powerful program that enables students to break down social barriers and gain a higher respect for their peers and for themselves. The all day program teaches kids how to step out of their comfort zones and accept who they really are. From fun musical chair exercises, to more serious speeches, these activities challenge the kids to see their peers in a more meaningful light, while contributing to a positive and moving environment. Challenge Day addresses issues related to drug and alcohol use, violence, harassment, racism, suicide, and peer pressure. Challenge Day dares students to break the social divide that creates so many problems, and provides a way for students to branch out. With various activities and speeches, each student gets an opportunity to focus on their own personal struggles, with the support and understanding of the kids and adults in their group. Students have claimed Challenge Day to be life-changing, and the buzz heard on campus about the event has given rise to a demand for an extra day. With the addition of another day of Challenge Day this year, more students are able to participate and share in the movement. Even so, many kids feel that the problem with Challenge Day is its lack of continuation throughout the year. But, with the recent

addition of the Be the Change club, students can attend monthly meetings that focus on the ideas of Challenge Day. With these meetings, students find a more uplifting environment where they are comfortable to be who they really are. For the past year, the Be the Change Club has taken an active role in attracting students to the club in hopes of not only getting them to join Challenge Day, but also to work on improving the school's environment. With movie nights, guest speakers, and events in the quad on the way, the Be the Change Club is fostering a new environment for students. The club's success has helped make Challenge Day a valuable event, and has united the student body. Be the Change hopes to attract as many students as possible, in order to create a school-wide understanding of the ideals and teaching of Challenge Day. Now, with the new MTV show "If You Really Knew Me," which focuses on Challenge Day, students can take a glimpse into the power the event creates. The increased publicity of the event has given rise to a greater understanding and respect for Challenge Day, and has also enabled students to know what to expect before attending Challenge Day. With its effect on each student that attends, we are confident that Challenge Day will provide a new and improved way of thinking about others.

### Math Students Present at Conference in China

In July, math teacher **Abby Brown** attended the 2010 International *Mathematica* Symposium at Tsinghua University in Beijing, China as an invited keynote speaker. **Murong He (12)** and **Catherine Lee (12)** joined Brown for the presentation and shared their experiences using *Mathematica* in Calculus. **Eric Guan** (2010 graduate) participated in the whole conference and shared his work from the Advanced Topics in Math class during two presentations. The conference drew an international audience of about 200 people. The symposium is an opportunity for professionals and educators around the world to share how they use *Mathematica*. The audience was particularly impressed by the work of the young students. Additional speaking opportunities will be available to students in the Advanced Topics in Math class during this school year.



### Academic Team Garners Awards in Chicago and Washington, D.C.

By Nona Killmar, Varsity Coach

The TPHS Academic Team attended the NAQT National High School Championship in Chicago over Memorial weekend last May, and placed seventh in the country. **Stephen Liu, Chris Wu, Sharad Vikram, Howon Lee, Michelle Chen, Ashley Lo** and **Allison Zhao** competed.



A week later they attended the PACE National High School Tournament in Washington D.C. and again placed seventh. The students competing were **Stephen Liu, Chris Wu, Sharad Vikram, Howon Lee,**

**Amin Aalipour, Allison Zhao, Praneet Mylavaram** and **Albert Chen**. Somehow with all that travel they still managed to complete all their assignments, take their final exams and (for some) attend graduation. It was a grand finale for a grand year!

This fall the team is gearing up to compete at various NAQT contests at UCSD, UCLA, CalTech and UCI before tryouts in November, when we welcome new members. We are anticipating another stellar year.

# Seen Around Torrey Pines in May and June...



**Battle of the Bands**



**Celebrating Loveena Bhagwat**



**Sophomores vs. Freshmen Dodgeball**



**Signing Yearbooks**



**^National Art Honor Society fundraiser >**



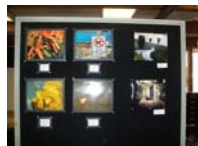
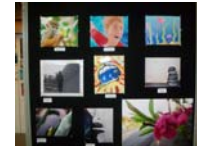
**Twins Day (and one set of triplets!)**



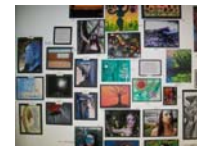
**Classified Appreciation Week Breakfast**



**Parent Volunteer Luncheon  
May 27, 2010**



**For Art's Sake**



**< Senior ^ Breakfast**



**^ Graduation  
< Staff Barbecue**



**< Mr. Bodas' AP Environmental class at work.**

## Perfect Attendance for 2009–2010!

Congratulations to our **31** students  
with Perfect Attendance for the Year!

**Class of 2011:** Shunsuke Imura, Hong Joo Kim, Deanna Lau, Jieming Li, Kristen Lim, Robert Luttrell, Kira Watkins, and Congwei Zhao.

**Class of 2012:** Kayvan Barekatin, Garrett Braun, and Nathan Labaye.

**Class of 2013:** Rui Adachi, Hyeimin Ahn, Michael Dao, Jennifer Dubowitz, Sean Elliott, Rachel Harbison, Megan Ho, James Lee, Seung Hwan Lee, Quinton Mells, Molly Millar, Sujith Nalabolu, Neal Nathan, Chu Nguyen, Crystal Park, Austin Shyu, and Katharine Yang.

## TPHS Student Directories and Reusable Shopping Bags

### For Sale at Back-To-School Night

By Laura Farjood, Dollars For Scholars President

It's not too late to order your **TPHS Student Directory** from Dollars For Scholars, and you can place your order at Back-To-School Night! Priced at \$25 (includes postage), 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 2010-2011, the bell schedule, TPHS teacher phone extensions and email listings, and a map of the campus.

As a reminder, Torrey Pines High School student directories will NOT be available for pick-up at Back-To-School Night. This year the books will be mailed to those purchasing the directory. Mailings can be expected to arrive in early October. Orders were taken on Readiness Days and pre-orders will again be taken on Back-To-School Night (September 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Additionally, this year the Dollars For Scholars Board will be selling a TPHS reusable shopping bag and pouch. The high quality bag is 100% nylon and holds 25lbs+. This is a great bag for books or groceries. This BAGGU brand bag is designed and sold by former TPHS alumnus, Emily Sugihara. The artwork on the bag was designed by 2011 TPHS senior, Zoey ZoBell. Look for Dollars For Scholars sales tables and blue-aproned sellers in the gym area, near Counseling and in the Media Center during Back-To-School Night.



The DFS Board will also have a limited supply of TPHS Spirit earrings for sale. Samples will be available for viewing and earrings will be available for purchase on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Sales of the directories, TPHS eco-bags, and spirit earrings will help fund scholarships distributed by the Torrey Pines High School chapter of Dollars For Scholars to graduating TPHS seniors. Last spring, the TPHS Dollars For Scholars Program awarded 70 scholarships totaling more than \$46,000 to deserving Torrey Pines seniors.

## Falconium Looks Forward to a New Year!

By Alice Fang (12), President of *Falconium*

*Falconium* Science Journal is beginning its third year as an ASB-sponsored club this August! Founded in 2008 as TPHS's science journal under **Mr. Belyea**, Club Advisor, *Falconium* has since expanded to national contribution and distribution, with Torrey Pines High School students at the heart of the leadership and administrative initiative. In 2009-2010 alone, **over 50 students** joined the *Falconium* staff, contributing **more than 100 articles, 90 blogs, and 80 graphics** to quarterly issues and online specials.



### 2009-2010 Distinctions

- *Falconium* was awarded the grand prize in the national Young Professionals in Publishing Competition, winning \$1,000 and 3,000 printed copies of its 2010 Special Issue. *Falconium* was complimented for its advanced design, unique concept, well done and clearly edited writing, and cohesiveness of issue. (<http://cias.rit.edu/~contest/gallery/>)

- *Falconium* was written about in ScienceBuddies.org, the leading science project help site. *Falconium* was described as "savvy" and "engaging," "giving science students a rare opportunity," and allowing "emerging scientists to share their research and ideas and to learn important lessons about the process of communicating scientific research to a community of readers." (<http://www.sciencebuddies.org/blog/2010/04/student-journal-spreads-science.php>)



- *Falconium* was exhibited at the San Diego Science Festival Expo, along with more than 150 of the top science companies and organizations in San Diego. Attendance topped 75,000.

- *Falconium* was exhibited at the "A World We Can Change" conference. Over 8,000 students were in attendance.

- *Falconium* was distributed to students at Torrey Pines High School, high school competitors at the Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair, the UCSD COSMOS program, and many more.

### Student Quotes

"I joined *Falconium* primarily because of how amazing the concept was - kids getting published in such an accredited field? It was unheard of! Once I got involved, I realized that not only do you have fun and learn lots of science, but you also gain leadership skills and develop an appreciation for your peers." -Parul Pubbi

"*Falconium* gives me the unique opportunity to combine my passion for science with my interests in writing and art. Through *Falconium*, I get the chance to research topics that I'm interested in, but that aren't generally covered in a normal school science course." - Michelle Oberman

"I love science, and for me, *Falconium* is a way to share my love with other students while broadening my own interests in the field. *Falconium* shows exactly how and why science rocks!" - Melodyanne Cheng



Visit [www.falconium.org](http://www.falconium.org) to read back issues, learn more, and get involved! To join our mailing list, please email [info@falconium.org](mailto:info@falconium.org).

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# Torrey Pines High School Foundation Update



## The Torrey Pines High School Foundation

cordially invites you to the

### **2010 Sammy's Night**

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**Tuesday, October 12, 2010**

**6:30 pm to 8:30 pm**

**Del Mar Highlands Amphitheater**



Join us for a casual evening with Principal Brett Killeen, administrators, teachers and friends. This event directly benefits the Classroom Teacher Mini Grant Program. You will have the opportunity to donate directly to your student's classrooms. Donations will be used to purchase classroom enhancement materials requested by teachers.

*Featuring performances by the TPHS Dance Team, Theatre & Cheer Squads.*

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Number of adult reservations \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of student reservations \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

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Check payable to TPHSF enclosed.

Am Ex, Discover, MasterCard or Visa # \_\_\_\_\_

Exp# \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code# \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to attend but would like to donate to the Teacher Mini Grant Program in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

This is a tax-deductible donation. No ticket will be sent; your name will be held on a "paid" list at the door.

Mail or FAX reservation by **October 8<sup>th</sup>**

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

Questions? Call the Foundation at (858) 793-3551, FAX (858) 793-3405

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
12	13	14 Late Start Day, school begins at 8:55 a.m.	15 Late Start Day, school begins at 8:55 a.m.	16	17	18
<b>Sept.</b>						
19	20	21	22 Back to School Night, Club Info 5:15 p.m., Classroom visits 6:00 - 7:35 p.m.	23	24	25
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content;">                     Underlined dates indicate 1-3-5 block period days.                 </div> <div style="background-color: #e67e22; text-align: center; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;">                     Red Ribbon Week                 </div>						
26	27	28	29	30	<b>1 Oct.</b> 2	
						Senior "Brag Packets" due to Counselors; Progress Period Ends
3	4	5	6	7 School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	8 Homecoming, JV game 4:30 p.m., Varsity Game 7:00 p.m.	9 SAT and SAT Subject Tests at TPHS; Homecoming Dance, 8:00 - 11:00 p.m., TPHS
			CAHSEE/Grades 11-12			
			Challenge Days			
10	11	12 Sammy's Night, Del Mar Highlands Amphitheatre, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	13 PSAT Grades 9 & 11; PLAN Grade 10	14	15	16 PSAT/NMSQT
17	18	19	20	21 School Board Mtg., D.O., 6:30 p.m.	22	23 ACT
24	25	26 Late Start Day, school begins at 8:55 a.m.	27 Late Start Day, school begins at 8:55 a.m.	28	29	30
31	<b>1 Nov.</b>		2	3 1st Quarter Ends	4	5
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TP Players present "As You Like It", Nov. 3-6, 9-10, & 17-19, The Black Box, 7:30 p.m.

### TPHS Peer Tutoring

Drop by the Media Center for quick questions or visit us @ [www.tphstutoring.tk](http://www.tphstutoring.tk) and schedule an appointment for one-to-one Peer Tutoring.

**Monday - Thursday, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.**



### Red Ribbon Week September 20 - 24 Presented by PALs

Speakers, Displays, Assembly, Grade Level Competitions, Aerial Photo, and more.