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A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

DID YOU KNOW?

Final Exam Schedule
January 26th & 27th

Session 0
7:08 - 7:52

Session 1
8:00 - 9:25

Snack
9:25 - 9:35

Session 2
9:40 - 11:05

Snack
11:05 - 11:15

Session 3
11:20 - 12:45

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Presidents Message "Be the Change"

Happy Holidays to all of our Spartan Families!

I hope that everyone can find the time to relax during this busy time!

We, your PTA have been busy! Our main fundraiser is the Football Concession Stand and between Varsity, JV and Frosh home games, our crew was busy making root beer floats, grilling burgers, popping popcorn, making french fries, assembling nachos and chili cheese fries and opening up those endless Cup O'Noodles! Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers, we could never do this without you! All funds raised by the PTA benefit EVERY student at South High. Last year we purchased new art tables – if your student is in an art class, ask him/her how awesome those new tables are!

Students have taken advantage of our Study Skills and SAT/ACT Prep classes. We have one more practice SAT on March 18. Please let us know if your student would like to enroll. The cost is $20 and you can contact Keith Musick for more information, kthmsck@me.com. Our December 7 Parent Ed Night addressed Teen Depression and Anxiety, presented by Tobi Quintiliani, LMFT, Senior Director at the 1736 Family Crisis Center.

Our honorary service committee will be meeting next month. If you know of a volunteer who goes above and beyond, look for the nomination form in this newsletter - fill it out and send it in! Also meeting next month will be our Nominating Committee, who will be assembling a PTA Executive Board slate to present to you all in February. If you have any suggestions for us or if you would

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like to be involved on the PTA board, look for the straw ballot in this newsletter, fill it out and send it in too!

South High PTA awards scholarships to graduating seniors. If you have a senior, look for the scholarship information in this newsletter.

Mark your calendars - February 15 is the South High Art Show in the Library, one of my favorite events! Student talent from all of our classes - ceramics, photography, drawing, even web design will be on display along with our Reflections entries!

Stay informed and stay in touch! Any questions or comments? Give me a shout!

Happy Holidays,

Michele Nadeau, South High PTA President
meechhi5@gmail.com

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE INCREDIBLE SNACK SHACK VOLUNTEERS!

We made almost $7,500 with the help of our wonderful workers and our hungry Spartans! We will let you know how our proceeds are used to benefit ALL South High students!

SHS PTA - Honorary Service Awards

To the South High School Community,

We know there quite a few people in our community who go above and beyond to serve others, but maybe our paths just have not crossed.

The South High PTA is looking to honor some of our selfless volunteers. Would you please help us to learn who some of these extraordinary people are? The Honorary Service Awards Nomination Form can be found on the SHS website.

Thank you!
Laura Savitz
SHS PTA HSA Chair 2016/2017

SHS PTA - Art Show 2016-17

The South High ART SHOW will take place in the Library in February, 2017.

Students' art will be submitted by the Art Teachers and displayed for the PTA meeting the night of 2/15, and for all to see during school hours on 2/16 in the Library. Submissions consist of art from every art class including ceramics, multi-media, fine arts, drawings, and more.

Take time to stop by and see the amazing art created by your fellow S P **ART** A N S!

SHS PTA - Reflections 2016-17

PTA Reflections is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. National PTA Reflections welcomes all grades and abilities to explore and be involved in the arts. Annually, thousands of students reflect on a common theme and create original works of art.

"What Is Your Story?" Winners

Film Production

1st - Deborah Shonack
2nd - Anna Makhota

Music Composition

1st - Andrew Leung
2nd - Tsuyoshi Wu
3rd - Eric Han

Literature

1st - Annie Chen
2nd - (tie) Timothy Lau
2nd - (tie) Andrew Sanchez

Visual Arts

1st - Anna Makhota
2nd - Christine Nanobe
3rd - Sarah Nassery

Photography

1st - Millie Belveal
2nd - Catherine Shonack
3rd - Hannah Kliszewski

ALL entries will be returned after/at the art show in February. Any unclaimed entries will be available in Ms. Bernal's office for a few days following the art show. More to details to follow on the PTA website and daily bulletin.

College & Career ~ Ms. Skipper

Questions about college planning, contact Ms. Skipper: skipper.alyssa@tusd.org

Announcements

- The Torrance Fire Department is recruiting for a Fire Explorer program. If you are a junior or senior, and are at least 16 years old, you can apply. This is a great opportunity for any students who are interested in working in this field one day. Please see Ms. Skipper for more information.

- Seniors don't forget to send in your SAT/ACT scores to the schools you submitted applications.

- Every senior should fill out the FAFSA (or CA Dream Act for non-US Citizens) asap! The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Please check out the links on our school website for more information:

http://shs-torrance-ca.schoolloop.com/cms/page_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1406727843250

- Seniors, you should apply for the Local Scholarship Program! To apply, you must fill out the application and turn in two letters of recommendation. You can also use your PTA membership to be eligible for additional scholarships. For more detailed information, and for the application itself, please visit the Financial Aid & Scholarships page under Counseling on our school website:

http://shs-torrance-ca.schoolloop.com/cms/page_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1406727843250.

Applications are due December 16th by 3 pm!

- Seniors, you can sign up to take the El Camino College placement test on our campus. You can either take this on January 26th or January 27th at 1 pm in the library computer lab. You cannot sign up for this placement test unless you have already applied to El Camino AND have already received an El Camino student ID number. Space is limited, so sign up asap on Naviance.

- Seniors, are you in need of community college math placement test prep? If you are over 18 years old, you can enroll in a prep class at the Hamilton Adult Center. Please see your counselor asap if you're interested.

College visits are coming up!

You can sign up for these through your Naviance account. Please note that you will receive a pass 24-48 hours in advance, which will need to be signed by your teacher. All visits will be held in the College/Career Center (R-4) unless otherwise noted. Upcoming visits include:

12/7- **Mount Saint Mary's University** at 10 am, 3rd period
12/8- **The Art Institutes** at 11 am, 4th period
1/10- **Harvard University** at 10:55 am, 3rd period

Check out these scholarship opportunities!

- **APIASF Scholarship**- for Asian America, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander students, apply at https://portal.apiasf.org/; Deadline January 11th
- **Aspiring Animation Professional Scholarship Program**- for students who are interested in pursuing an animation career path at an accredited post-secondary school or college, apply at http://www.animationcareerreview.com/; Deadline June 1st
- **Aspiring Business Professional Scholarship**- for students who are interested in pursuing a business degree at any accredited post-secondary school or college, apply at http://www.onlinembareport.com/; Deadline June 1st
- **Aspiring Fashion Professional Scholarship**- for students who are interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited post-secondary school or college, apply at www.fashion-schools.org; Deadline June 1st
- **Aspiring Nurse Scholarship**- for students who are interested in pursuing a college education in nursing, including LPN / LVN, ADN, and BSN programs, apply at www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com; Deadline June 30th
- **California Association of Collectors Educational Scholarship Foundation**- for juniors and seniors, apply at cacesf.org; Deadline March 30th
- **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority LA Alumnae Chapter Scholarship**- for African-American students, apply at www.dstlachapter.com; Deadline February 10th
- **Distinguished Young Women Scholarship**- for female juniors, apply at www.distinguishedyw.org; Deadline January 27th
- **Italian Catholic Federation Scholarship**- must be Catholic and of Italian descent, or have a parent/guardian/grandparent who is a member of the Italian Catholic Federation, apply at www.icf.org; Deadline March 15th
- **Milken Scholars Program**- for students with financial need, minimum 3.6 unweighted GPA, minimum 1250 SAT/28 ACT, leadership/community service, see Ms. Skipper if you would like to be nominated; Deadline December 2nd
- **National College Resources Foundation Scholarships**- must apply and attend the expo, apply at www.thecollegeexpo.org/events; Deadline January 13th (Black College Expo)
- **Ronald McDonald House Charities U.S. Scholarship Program**- apply at https://aim.applyISTS.net/RMHC; Deadline January 18th
- **Sons of Italy Western Foundation Scholarship-** must be of Italian descent, see Ms. Skipper for the application; Deadline March 1st

Student Activites Highlights ~ Vicki Hildreth, Activities Director

As Fall comes to a close, so does a busy activities program. Homecoming, Red Ribbon Week, Canned Food Drive, and our first Class Competition took center stage and were all very successful. In particular, our efforts to gather thousands of cans that went directly to South High School and South Bay families made quite an impact on our students as they learned the valuable lesson of helping others in need. Truly amazing! Words cannot express just how proud we are of all of our students for caring so deeply about providing food for those less fortunate.

December and January are right around the corner, and many other activities have been planned. Our annual Headstart Program will be held on Tuesday, December 13th in our main gym from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This year, we will have more than one hundred 3-year-olds take over our gym, as South High students host a Christmas celebration for underprivileged children that is always a highlight for our campus. Don't miss out on all the events that our Performing Arts department has to offer! Our Vocal Music program will have its annual Holiday Choral Concert in the SHS Café on Tuesday, December 13th and Instrumental Music Programs will be having their annual concert on Wednesday, December 15th at the Armstrong Theater. Our Advanced Dance Team will host their Winter Dance Show "Clarity in Motion" on Dec. 8-9 in the Main Gym and our Drama Dept. just completed their Winter Drama Production "Subtext" that was a huge success.

As January and February unfold, we will be looking forward to Freshmen Class Council Elections, our Winter Sports Pep Rally and our Boys & Girls State selection process. In addition, our Winter Sports season will begin as we cheer on our Boys & Girls Basketball, Boys & Girls Soccer, Wrestling and Surf programs. Go South!

From the Activities Office to our South High Community, we'd like to wish you a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Class of 2017 Class Council

Justin Chai, President
Evan Tookey, Vice-President
Kenny Lin, Commissioner of Activities & Finance
Vivian Song, Commissioner of Spirit & Assemblies
Ashley Kim, Commissioner of Fine Arts & Historian
Trevor Satow, Commissioner of Public Relations & Publicity
Paige Matsumoto, Secretary
Miah Illescas-Kang, Class Representative
Noah Mahood, Class Representative
Samantha Matsubara, Class Representative
Niko Peters, Class Representative
Jessica Trammel, Class Representative

CONGRATULATIONS!

SHS Marching Band & Colorguard

CSBC DIVISION 5A FINALS - 2nd Place Division 5a Finish

SAN CLEMENTE FIELD SHOW TOURNAMENT - 1st Place Division 5 Finish

Click here to watch the Spartans in action:

"See Me, Hear Me, Heal Me" CSBC Open Finals

GRAD NIGHT 2017:

Graduates Resisting Alcohol & Drugs

GRAD Night 2017!

Thursday June 22nd., 9pm - Friday, June 23rd., 5am

All seniors are invited to take part in this memorable, all-night celebration with their classmates!

TICKETS $175 each

Includes transportation, unlimited food & drink, entertainment, t-shirts, senior gifts, and raffle prizes!

*Payment forms and permission slips can be found on the SHS website (under "Seniors") and in K1

*Full payment must be received by May 31st

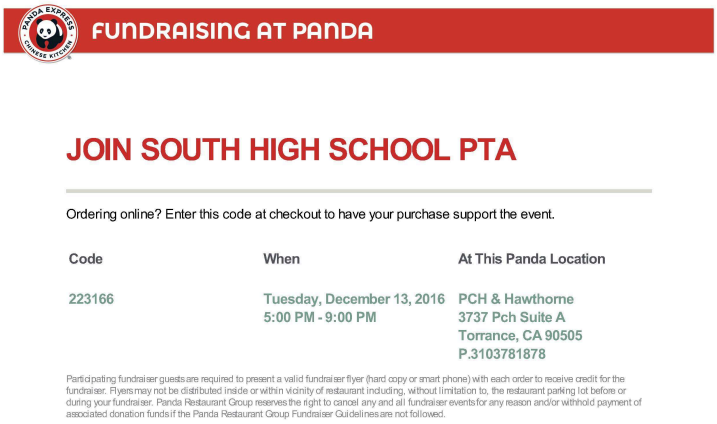
*Cash or check made payable to SHS PTA

*Full refunds available until 12/16; 50% refund available until 2/16/17

Questions about GRAD Night or your student's balance?
Contact GRAD Night Chair, Deanna Diederich at:
dcdiederich@aol.com

Support the Class of 2017's GRAD Night!

Panda Express Fundraiser
December 13th 5-9pm
PCH & Hawthorne location



FUNDRAISING AT PANDA

JOIN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL PTA

Ordering online? Enter this code at checkout to have your purchase support the event.

Code	When	At This Panda Location
223166	Tuesday, December 13, 2016 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	PCH & Hawthorne 3737 Pch Suite A Torrance, CA 90505 P.3103781878

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (hard copy or smart phone) with each order to receive credit for the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within vicinity of restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during your fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation funds if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.

YEARBOOK ~ Senior Ads!

South High School Class of 2017 Senior Ads

Size	Deadline Fri. March 31, 2017
Full Page 8.5" wide x 11" tall (portrait)	$305
Half Page 8.5" wide x 5.5" tall (landscape)	$180
Quarter Page 4.5" wide x 5.5" tall (portrait)	$85

Olympiad 2017 Yearbook Senior Ad Purchase Information

https://yearbookforever.com/ - school/9131/2017

Yearbook Senior Ad Contract

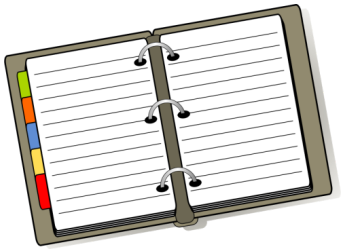
SOUTH HIGH PLANNERS ARE STILL AVAILABLE!

If you missed out on purchasing your SHS planner at Registration, a limited number are still available in the library.

Each 12-month planner features:
*Plenty of space to keep track of school assignments & special events
*South High's calendar, campus map, bell schedule & more

ALL FOR THE LOW PRICE OF $8 EACH!

Cash or check (made payable to "SHS PTA").
This is a fundraiser for the SHS Class of 2017 GRAD Night.



SHS WEBSITE

http://shs-torrance-ca.schoolloop.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

December

6	Tues	SHS PTA Holiday Dinner
7	Wed	PTA Assoc. Meeting, Cafeteria 6:15pm Parent Ed. Night, Library 6:30pm
19	**Mon**	**Winter Break Begins - No School**

January

3	**Tues**	**School Resumes**
4	Wed	Chat with the Principal, R-4 6:00pm PTA Board Meeting, R-4 7:00pm
16	**Mon**	**MLK Day - No School**
26-27	Th-F	Semester Finals
27	Fri	Last Day of the 2nd Quarter/1st Semester

February

1	Wed	Torrance Council Association Meeting
8	Wed	Chat with the Principal, R-4 6:00pm PTA Board Meeting, R-4 7:00pm
15	15	PTA Assoc. Mtg: Reflections, Honorary Service Library 6:15pm Art Show 6:30 pm Library
25	Sat	College Fair @ South High 10am-2pm