

# Palos Verdes High School



## *The Wave*



PTSA Newsletter

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### *A Message From The Principal*

We are pleased to announce that our bleachers at the stadium field will finally be replaced. This has been in the works for quite awhile and the funding is coming from district bond money. This has special meaning to staff and parents who have been with us since the school reopened. In 2001-02 we had a year to prepare for the reopening of Palos Verdes High School. While hiring staff and recruiting students we took on the task of working to make the 40 year old bleachers as nice as we could. This involved students and parents helping to scrape and paint the bleachers and weed the entire area. Replacement of these bleachers is the last piece of the puzzle in that area as we have already added our synthetic field and restrooms. The bid for this project will be approved by the Board of Education in early December and we think demolition and construction will follow in January or February.

We just added two new chemistry classrooms this year and on the horizon there are very preliminary plans for the construction of 5 new classrooms to replace some of our oldest portable classrooms on campus. This again will come with bond and possibly parcel tax money from the district. Our classrooms and other facilities are in pretty good shape. There was a major renovation on our campus in 2000-01 with district bond money. This included new tile, carpet, light fixtures and paint inside and outside for the entire school.

We have been creative in returning to a high school campus that was originally built in the late 1950's to be a middle school in the Los Angeles Unified School District. There was a time that classrooms were used for electronics, drafting, cooking and metal shop at PVHS. Today our College and Career Center is in the old cooking room, the drafting and electronics classrooms have been converted into a weight room facility, and the old metal shop now houses our PVIT program as well as scientific research and engineering classes. In addition the old typing room is now used for digital photography, an old home economics classroom has become the computer lab, and what used to be a school newspaper facility is currently used for our video production classes.

In a perfect world the old portables should all be replaced down the line. Thanks for your continuing PTSA and Booster Club support. This funding is vital to help support all the programs which are currently housed on our campus. Our students and staff are the beneficiaries.

~ Chris Bowles, Principal



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## **From the PTSA President:**

When my children were younger, it seemed that December was the month of babysitters. There was always a holiday party, client dinner, company gathering or some event we either looked forward to attending or felt was an obligation. I too often left my decorated house and tree, with two excited little boys wondering why they were not celebrating the season with me. My husband and I realized that we needed a day that was just for the four of us.

Our annual excursion to Disneyland was born. The “Happiest Place on Earth” was always decorated beautifully and, along with the piped in music, parade and light show, we couldn’t help but catch some Holiday Spirit. Here was a special day where my husband and I could cater to our sons and celebrate the season in style...their style. But now, our boys are teenagers. The idea of spending a day at Disneyland with old mom and dad is the last on the list of things they want to do. So, how do parents spend quality time with their teens during the holidays?

Last year, when my youngest son was learning to drive, we spent a lot of our free holiday time in the car, teaching him how to drive. On every errand or trip to the mall, he drove and we talked. My father took 20 minutes from wrapping gifts with my mother to drive with his grandsons to pick up a pizza for dinner. My sons are still talking about that drive and the conversation they had in the car. If a movie came out that the guys wanted to go see, my husband and I would go with them, even if it was a flick about a vampire. (I don’t like movies about vampires.) When the guys wanted to go surfing, even at 6 in the morning, my husband and I grabbed a cup of coffee and jacket and sat on the beach to watch them. Making time for the four of us to do something together, almost anything during the holidays, makes a difference for our family.

The PTSA is quiet during the month of December, but we will be back to business in January, after Winter Break. I hope that you and your family have a very special holiday season and a very happy and healthy New Year. But most of all, I hope that you take the advice of Benjamin Franklin, to sit long, eat much and laugh often. Take time for all things and make some special memories.

~Julie Robinson, PTSA President

**Palos Verdes High School  
PTSA ELECTED OFFICERS  
2010-2011 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**“A Beacon for Success”**

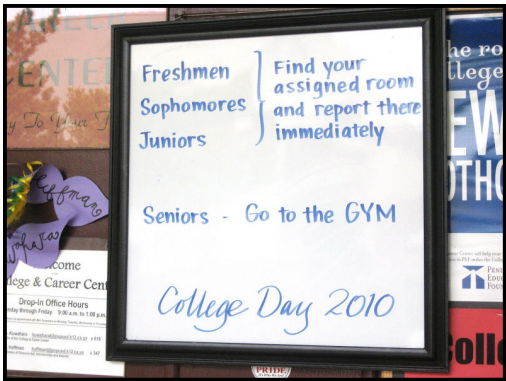
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<b>3<sup>rd</sup> VP: (Education):</b>	Sue Hargrave & Sue Wilkinson
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<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Kathy Hopkins
<b>Legislation:</b>	Sherry Cicchetti & Karen Bird
<b>Historian:</b>	Danièle Boodée & Dolly Reid
<b><u>APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT:</u></b>	
<b>Parliamentarian:</b>	Jill Shoemaker Edwards
<b>Corresponding Secretary:</b>	Eunjoo Pacifici
<b><u>MEMBER AT LARGE:</u> PEF Rep:</b>	Kristin Curren

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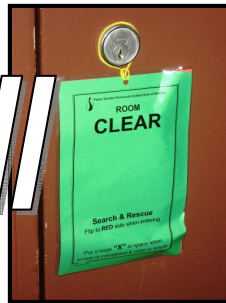
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# Photo Gallery

# College Day



# Disaster Drill



# Red Ribbon Week



**MINUTES OF THE PVHS PTSA GENERAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 26, 2010  
MEETING LOCATION – PVHS MPR  
PRESIDING OFFICER – JULIE ROBINSON, PRESIDENT**

**Welcome and Call to Order:** 9:20am

**Attendance:** 37 present

**Principal's Report - Chris Bowles**

Student Steven Lengyel passed away. He graduated last year and was a member of the baseball team. Baseball families are organizing to support and give sympathy on behalf of the PVHS community.

College Days – Well received by many with overall positive feedback. For some seniors it may have been a little late in the fall as 50 seniors were not in attendance.

Freshman recruiting for Fall 2011 – Glossy card/advertisement featuring bullet points, testimonials and directions to the PVHS website is being produced to go out in early spring.

**College Career Center – Terri Kuwahara**

College Days - great thanks offered to the PTSA for their support

Nov. 3 – Financial Aid Night

Dec. 15 – PSAT give back night

PLAN/Explore test results will be given in January

**Activities Director -**

Red Ribbon Week – speakers and assemblies scheduled (Thursday assembly ‘Living a Straight Edge Life’)

Nov. 10 – First Class Competition

Completing ‘Giving Spirit’ – collecting items for donation

Fundraiser – Holiday portraits with part of funds coming back to PVHS

**Counseling Department – Trista Ramirez**

Will be attending ACT Conference

Representatives will be at various college conferences during this season

2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for college reference letters is Nov. 10

**Peninsula Education Foundation – Kristin Curren**

Pledge raised this year to \$2.5 million

Oct. 24 – Pier-to-Pier Walk, 600 walkers represented

Major Donor function is in November

Non-donor fundraiser flyers will go to families who have not donated

**Membership** – Kristin Curren – Working with Adam Genovese to obtain 100% teacher participation.

**Parliamentarian – Jill Shoemaker Edwards**

**MOTION MADE by Jill Shoemaker Edwards to elect the following to the 2011-2012 Nominating Committee: Tina Quinn, Julie Beckman, Pam Secor, Kathy Compton and Sherry Cicchetti with Daniele Boodee and Sue Shepard as alternates. Seconded and carried.**

Straw Ballot was circulated for 2011-2012 Officers.

(PTSA Minutes continued from page 5)

**Treasurer** – Sarah Stromme

Treasurer's Report was submitted for audit. See attached.

**MOTION MADE by Sarah Stromme to ratify checks #1006-#1051 and other electronic expenditures totaling \$16,203.11. Seconded and carried.**

**MOTION MADE by Sarah Stromme to amend the budget as follows: 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Change 'All College Day' to 'College Fair'; 2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Add 'College Day' - \$1,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> VP – Add College Day - \$5,000. Seconded and carried.**

**MOTION MADE by Sarah Stromme to release the remaining \$1,500 – 4<sup>th</sup> VP – Red Ribbon Week funds as well as all funds for College Days and College Fair. Seconded and carried.**

**Financial Secretary** – Vicki Mar

Nothing to report

**Recording Secretary** – Kathy Hopkins

**MOTION MADE to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2010 General Meeting. Seconded and carried.**

**1<sup>st</sup> VPs** – Mary Ingram and Heidi Kashyap

Giftng – Tina Quinn – Giftng Requests have gone out; meeting scheduled with Department Heads

**Legislation Representatives** – Karen Bird and Sherry Cicchetti

Mock Election results were discussed and are attached.

**2<sup>nd</sup> VPs** – Julianne Sasso and Ann Thurman

Welcome Back Teachers' Luncheon was huge success

College Day Refreshments were much appreciated

**3<sup>rd</sup> VPs** – Sue Hargrave and Sue Wilkinson

Reflections – Julie Beckman – 58 entries. PVHS has 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners in every category. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> is luncheon with invitations going to winners and their families

**4<sup>th</sup> VPs** – Alyson Decker and Chrysa Brothers

Oct. 21 – Disaster Drill went as planned

Parents on Campus – Janet Barber is organizing this group

Emergency Release Area is now identified with banner at exit behind football field

**5<sup>th</sup> VPs** – Helaine Lopes, Helle Catallo and Liz Duvall

Directory – Now complete and will be distributed Monday

Extra Directories can be bought at student store

**6<sup>th</sup> VPs** – Kathy Compton, Pam Secor and Sheila Kafka

Sea King Merchandise sales have been going well with sales made at BTS night, PTSA meetings and football games

Costume Closet – volunteers needed; \$10 per hour comes back to PVHS

**Auditor** – Michelle Mueller

Next audit period is November. Books need to be closed by month-end.

**Historian** – Dolly Reid and Daniele Boodee

Please post pictures to share with historians on Shutterfly

Log volunteer hours

**Corresponding Secretary** – Eunjoo Pacifici – will send note to family of Steven Lengyel

Executive Board Holiday Brunch – December 9 at the home of Julianne Sasso.

Adjourned at 11:10am

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Hopkins

**Next PTSA Meeting:  
Tuesday, November 23, 2010  
9:15 a.m.—MPR**

## Agenda

PVHS PTSA General Association Meeting  
November 23, 2010  
“A Beacon for Success”

### Welcome and Call to Order

**Executive Vice President**-Sue StDenis

Pledge of Allegiance

**President** – Julie Robinson

- Welcome Chris Bowles
- Announcements
- Kristin Curren- PEF Representative
- **1<sup>st</sup> VPs** – Mary Ingram and Heidi Kashyap
  - Gifting
  - Tina Quinn Gifting Chair Presents Gifting List
  - Motion to Approve Gifting
- **2<sup>nd</sup> VPs** – Julianne Sasso and Ann Thurman
  - PTSA Holiday Gathering
- **3<sup>rd</sup> VPs** –Sue Hargrave and Sue Wilkinson
  - Challenge Day
  - SAT Prep on PVHS Campus
- **4<sup>th</sup> VPs** – Chrysa Brothers and Allyson Decker
  - Red Ribbon Week
- **5<sup>th</sup> VPs** – Helaine Lopes, Helle Catallo and Liz Duvall
  - The Newsletter
  - Directory-all done! Distributed first week of November
  - Website updates
- **6<sup>th</sup> VP** – Kathy Compton, Pam Secor and Sheila Kafka
  - Sea King Merchandise Sales-Make Excellent Holiday Gifts
  - Costume Closet
- **Treasurer** – Sarah Stromme
  - Treasurers Report
- **Financial Secretary**– Vicky Mar
  - Financial Secretaries Report
- **Recording Secretary**-Kathy Hopkins
  - Approval of Minutes
- **Corresponding Secretary** – Eunjoo Pacifici
  - Notes to read
- **Parliamentarians** - Jill Shoemaker Edwards
  - Nomination Committee
- **Historians** – Dolly Reid and Daniéle Boodee
  - Pictures on Shutterfly
- **Auditors** – Stephanie Galletti and Michelle Mueller
  - November Audit Report
- **Legislation Reps** – Sherry Cicchetti and Karen Bird
  - Mock Election follow-up

## **PTSA Gifting Committee Proposes Gifts Large and Small to Benefit PVHS Students**

The PTSA Gifting Committee met on November 8<sup>th</sup> to review staff requests for departmental gifts of supplies, books, materials and equipment to benefit students. The Gifting Committee is recommending that the PTSA membership approve approximately \$75,000 in gifts at its November 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. These gifts are possible due to the tremendous generosity of PVHS PTSA families at this year's registration.

Here is just a small sample of the kinds of items the Committee is proposing the PTSA approve at its November meeting –

- 9 Refurbished Computers for the Library
- Counseling Guide Books
- Math STAR prep materials
- 4 Sets of classroom clickers (English, Science & Math)
- Glass Kiln & Electrical Wiring
- 3 sets of class books for AVID
- 2 Benches and 2 Tables outside the Library
- Open House materials
- College & Career Day materials
- 100 Jumbo Fetal Pigs, Sheep Hearts & Brain
- Camera Tripod and Sound Effects materials
- Maps for Social Studies
- Pens, Paper & Staplers
- DVDs and Speakers for Spanish Dept.
- Tennis Fencing
- And so much more...

Thanks to those committee members who attended our November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and to the Department Chairpeople who worked with us to determine priorities. Members include – Chris Bowles, Nick Stephany, Julie Robinson, Sue St. Denis, Sarah Stromme, Mary Ingram, Heidi Kashyup, Pam Secor, Kathy Compton & Jill Shoemaker.

~Gifting Chair, Tina Quinn



# Reflections 2010

## "Together We Can.."



The Reflections award ceremony took place on campus Thursday. This year's theme was "Together We Can..".

Of the 58 entries received, six first place winners will move on to the district level. The winners were:

### ***Choreography***

1st place- Kimberley Rich  
2nd place- Steven Cunha

### ***Film***

1st place- Peter Kim

### ***Literature***

1st place- Chandler Spelta  
2nd place- Steven Cunha  
3rd place- Cindy Kaneko

### ***Music***

1st place- Ryan Jones  
2nd place- Bethany Brown  
3rd place- Brittany Finney

### ***Photography***

1st place- Harriette Pearce  
2nd place- Claire McBride  
3rd place- Kelly Podesta

### ***Visual Arts***

1st place- Yujin Ryeo  
2nd place- Darien Kim  
3rd place- Ted Lee

**We would like to thank all the participants...everyone who entered is a winner!**

**Thank you to the PTSA for sponsoring this event!**

# ASB Update

ASB conducted a fundraiser for the Giving Spirit Organization. This organization aids the homeless in LA during the winter by providing care packages of items. This is the 3rd year PVHS has participated in helping the Giving Spirit. We collected new socks, hats and gloves.

Donations can still be accepted until Nov 18th to the ASB room.

**Class Competition - PVHS will have our first Class Comp of the year on Nov 10th in the gym. This is a wonderful PVHS tradition where we honor and celebrate the achievements for our students and staff for the quarter. Be sure to ask your students about it!**

**Students of the Quarter are: Erica Capellino, Cameron Bird, Rose Hayden, Annika Berta.**

**Jim Whalen is our Teacher of the Quarter - congrats!**

**Herff Jones will be back on campus Dec 7th for graduation, jacket and ring orders - Senior Park at lunch**

**SAVE THE DATE!!! PVHS is having a fundraiser and we need your support...all you have to do is COME SHOPPING!!!!**

**Dec 2, 2010 - PVHS MPR 9am till 4pm - over 20 fabulous vendors with unique and wonderful holiday gifts! Please come support PVHS!!**



*Save the Date!*

For a

**HOLIDAY  
SHOPPING  
BOUTIQUE!**

A fundraiser to benefit

**PALOS VERDES  
HIGH SCHOOL**

***DECEMBER 2, 2010***

MPR – Palos Verdes High School

9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Featuring over 20 fabulous vendors!



# College Day

by

Trista Ramirez, Head Counselor  
Teri Kuwahara, Director of the College & Career Center



Thanks to all who made College Day a success! The generosity of the PVHS PTSA and Academic Booster Club Committee made it possible for all students to take these preparatory college admission tests free of charge. This was a huge undertaking for PVHS in support of our college-bound culture.

Our testing numbers were as follows:

464 Freshmen took the EXPLORE test  
457 Sophomores took the PLAN test  
370 Juniors took the PSAT

We are awaiting the test results and planning evening “Give-Back” sessions for each of the tests.

PSAT Scores will be distributed on Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m. in the MPR. Score distributions for EXPLORE and PLAN to be announced.

The results of EXPLORE and PLAN will allow the staff at PVHS to compare our students with those on a national level and compare our college readiness standards in English, Mathematics, Reading and Science. It is also good preparation for the ACT, taken at the end of junior year or beginning of senior year. A career interest component in both tests will allow us to guide students to possible college majors and matching colleges. All of the data received from these tests will be very valuable in assisting our students with their prospective college planning.

Our seniors attended a variety of workshops on college applications. Thanks to the following individuals for sharing their knowledge with our students:

Kevin McMullin (Collegewise): College Essays  
Ruth Rodriguez (UCLA): UC Applications  
Kim Larson (Cal State Dominguez Hills): CSU Applications  
Pam Schachter (Transfer Specialist), Robby Barker (Harbor College) and Julieta Ortiz (El Camino College): California Community Colleges  
Patricia Morrow (SCROC) and Pat Colin: Career Technical Education  
Paula Stapleton, Merika McHugh and Andrea Pellicane: The Common Application  
Adam Genovese: Jumpstart to College Admission  
Teresa Hoffman: Scholarships and Financial Aid

In response to the senior comments, we are planning offer some of this information in the junior year. On March 8 and 9, 2011 we will be offering College and Career workshops from 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. It is a late start schedule both days and all juniors will be encouraged to attend. More information to follow.

# SAT Prep Winter and Spring Programs

A fundraiser for  
the PVHS PTSA!  
Provided by DB Academics

## The Best In SAT Prep!

- ✓ **Highest consistent score increases!**
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- ✓ **Professional teachers with over 20 years of experience and expertise in teaching and designing SAT Prep**
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It's good stuff!**
- ✓ **Many of our examples are extremely similar to questions that appear on subsequent SAT exams.**

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- **37 Instructional hours and 4 practice tests**
- Free SAT tutoring throughout program
- Class size limited to 20 students per program
- Classes held at Palos Verdes High School

## About DB Academics

DB Academics is a professional test prep and tutoring company located in Rolling Hills Estates. Led by Dave Berger, a credentialed educator with over 25 years of teaching experience, they have been providing SAT Prep Programs in Palos Verdes for the past 20 years.

# SAT Workshop - DB Academics (cont.)

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULES

### *Workshop 1*

January 9 - March 9

Prep for March SAT

#### *Days & Times:*

Saturdays 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Wednesday 3:15pm-5:15pm

Note: There are a few Monday classes as well.

### *Workshop 2*

January 9-March 10

Prep for the March SAT

#### *Days & Times:*

Sundays 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Tuesdays 6pm-8pm

Note: There are a few Thursday classes as well.

### *Workshop 3*

February 27 - May 5

Prep for the May or June SAT

#### *Days & Times:*

Sundays 10am-12pm & 1pm-3pm

Tuesday 6:00pm-8:00pm

Note: There are a few Thursday classes as well.

**Note: Testing is on Sundays from 9am-1:30pm**

**Please go to [dbacademics.com](http://dbacademics.com) for complete workshop schedules.**

QUESTIONS? Please contact DB Academics at 310.377.4509 or [daacad777@yahoo.com](mailto:daacad777@yahoo.com) or check out their website at [dbacademics.com](http://dbacademics.com)

TO ENROLL: Mail a check payable to PVHS PTSA with the form below to:

**Kerbanu Pudumjee, 2672 Via Olivera • P.V.E., CA 90274**

*Payment is non-refundable*

*An email confirmation will be sent to students who supply a legible email address.*

*PVHS and PTSA do not endorse any one SAT prep program over another.*

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## SAT WORKSHOP

Enclose a check payable to PVHS PTSA - Payment is non-refundable.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

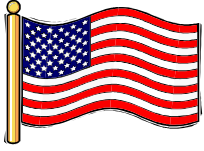
Parent's email address (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Fall Math Class \_\_\_\_\_

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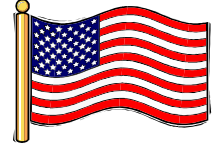
Workshop 1 \$695.00     Workshop 2 \$695.00     Workshop 3 \$695.00

# Mock Election Results

Palos Verdes High School held its Mock Election in October. There was an 87% voter turnout with the following results:



**US Senate - Barbara Boxer**  
**Governor - Meg Whitman**  
**Lt Governor - Abel Maldonado**  
**Superintendent of Education - Tom Torlakson** *(by 7 votes)*



and the outcomes on the propositions/measures are:

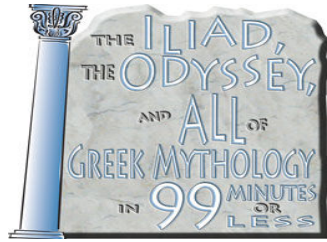
**Prop 19 - Passed**      871(yes) votes to 623 (no)  
**Prop 23 - Defeated**    857 (no) votes to 608 (yes)  
**Measure P - Passed**    792 (yes) votes to 659 (no)

*The complete results are listed below:*

	<u>Number of Votes*</u>		<u>Number of Votes*</u>
US SENATE		Prop 19	
	<b>Barbara Boxer</b>		<b>Yes</b> 871
	Marsha Feinland		No            623
	Carly Fiorina		
	Gail K. Lightfoot		
	Edward C. Noonan		
	Duane Roberts		
Governor		Prop 23	
	Carlos Alvarez		Yes            608
	Jerry Brown		<b>No</b> 857
	Chelene Nightingale		
	Dale F. Ogden		
	Laura Wells		
	<b>Meg Whitman</b>		
Lt. Governor		Measure P	
	Pamela Brown		<b>Yes</b> 792
	James "Jimi" Castillo		No            659
	Jim King		
	<b>Abel Maldonado</b>		
	Gavin Newsom		
	C.T. Weber		
Superintendent of Education			
	Larry Aceves		
	<b>Tom Torlakson</b>		

\* - Total Number of Student Ballots Distributed      1,772  
 Total Number of Student Ballots Returned            1,532

87% Voted



## PV DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS A COMEDY OF MYTHICAL PROPORTIONS

**November 12-20**

A comical play about the great Greek myths, "The Iliad, The Odyssey, and all of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less," will be presented by the drama department November 12-14 and 17-20. The play pokes fun at all of classic mythology, from the tragic love stories and follies of the gods, to the epic tales of famous heroes such as Hercules, Achilles and Odysseus.

Set on a simple stage, with the clock ticking in front of everyone's eyes, the cast of this offbeat play will race through updated, easy to understand and completely absurd versions of the famous Greek myths, including "The Iliad" and "The Odyssey," in just 99 minutes. Playwrights Jay Hopkins and John Hunter deliver sidesplitting comedy in every scene as the Greek tragedies are shown as sports highlights; vain gods walk the red carpet; great lovers appear on a dating show; and the creation of mankind becomes a botched subcontractor's job. All the silly decisions, outlandish destinies, and goofy characters are presented lightning-bolt fast with hysterical results, as the clock is stopped with only seconds to spare.

Since early mythology contains a multitude of characters, each actor in the production plays many roles, and all must quickly transition between as many as 15 different characters. Drama teacher Nicole Thompson directs the eight versatile cast members, which include Gillian Bozajian, Chris Chenoweth, Matt Fiedler, Annie Pfohl, Jeff Pielago, Allie Reidy, Monica Siouty and Spencer Tanner.

"Greek Mythology is the foundation of all storytelling, and everyone will recognize these timeless stories, even though they are told in a modern, hysterically funny tongue-in-cheek style in the play," says Nicole Thompson. "This will be a wild and zany evening of theater unlike anything audiences have ever seen before, and every age group will be in stitches."

Performances of "The Iliad, The Odyssey, and all of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less," are **November 12 – 13 and 17 – 20 at 7 p.m. and November 14 at 2 p.m.** Tickets can be purchased online at the drama department website [www.pvhsdrama.com](http://www.pvhsdrama.com) after October 18 and they will also be available at the door. **Prices are \$12 for students and \$15 for adults. For further information visit the website, or call (310) 378-8471, ext. 237.**



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## COLLEGE COUNSELING GUIDEBOOK

Sophomore through Senior Year

Head Counselor Trista Ramirez and CCC Director Teri Kuwahara have compiled a guidebook for Palos Verdes High School students and parents on the college admission process. This guidebook was made possible with funding from the PVHS Academic Committee of the Booster Club.

Included in the guidebook are monthly checklists by grade level and 15 detailed sections that include Testing (PLAN, PSAT, SAT, ACT and Subject Tests), Course Selection, Searching for Colleges, Visiting Colleges, How to Apply to College, Writing Your Essay and much more.

To access the College Counseling Guidebook, go to the school website: [www.pvhigh.com](http://www.pvhigh.com)  
The guidebook is found under Counseling and CCC.

The PVHS Booster Club is looking in to printing the guidebook alleviating users the task of printing out over 100 pages. If you are interested in obtaining a copy, please email: [pvhsccc@pvpusd.k12.ca.us](mailto:pvhsccc@pvpusd.k12.ca.us) or call Robin Millar at x 239. Your name will be added to an email list and information will be sent out as soon as details are finalized.



## **COSTUME CLOSET HAS A SUCCESSFUL HALLOWEEN SEASON !**

The Costume Closet Board thanks the PTA/PTSA members who volunteered their time for the three week Halloween “rush.” We thank **you** for supporting the Costume Closet for your Halloween needs!

**Thank you again volunteers and customers!**

**Reserve your Santa costume** and don't forget all the holiday season characters!

**Closed during the Winter Break December 18, 2010 through January 1, 2011**

**Closed for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday January 15 and January 17, 2011**

### ***Facts to remember for the Costume Closet***

- Cash and checks only, **no** credit cards.
- Hours: Monday, Thursday and Friday- 1-5 p.m.  
Closed Tuesday and Sunday  
Wednesday- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Location- 300 “D” Paseo Del Mar, Palos Verdes Estates, CA 90274
- The funds raised benefit the PVPUSD schools via the PTA/PTSA Units.

Contact Judy or Peggy at **310-378-5005** for questions regarding the Costume Closet or speak with your school's Costume Closet representative.

# looking for volunteer hours?

*join the . . .*

# Peninsula Teen Activity Council

**PTAC** is a group of teens ages 14-18 who meet to share their opinions and feedback on library services and materials for teens, assist with projects to enhance teen involvement in the library, and help promote reading to all members of the community.

**Come to one of our next meetings!**

*Tuesday, November 16th 4-5 pm*

*Tuesday, December 14th 4-5 pm*

*Tuesday, January 11th 4-5 pm*

All meetings are held in the Peninsula Center Library Conference Room



Check us out on Facebook  
"Peninsula Teen Activity Council"



[www.pvld.org](http://www.pvld.org)

Or on our website:

<http://www.pvld.mobi/teens/peninsula-teen-activity-council/>

Here are JUST SOME OF THE THINGS PTAC VOLUNTEERS DO:

- ASSIST WITH CHILDREN'S CRAFT PROGRAMS
- ASSIST WITH OTHER SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
- ASSIST WITH THE CHILDREN'S SUMMER READING PROGRAM
- PLAN TEEN PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY
- ADVISE THE LIBRARIAN ON BOOKS TO PURCHASE FOR THE YOUNG ADULT AREA IN THE LIBRARY
- PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAMS RUN BY TEENS FOR CHILDREN
- HELP OUT AT VARIOUS OTHER LIBRARY PROGRAMS

*... AND OUR NEWEST PROGRAM*

## Homework Helpers!

THIS PROGRAM INVOLVES PTAC VOLUNTEERS ASSISTING STUDENTS IN GRADES K-8 WITH THEIR HOMEWORK QUESTIONS IN THE LIBRARY. HOMEWORK HELPERS WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE YOUNG READERS AREA AT THE PENINSULA CENTER LIBRARY FROM 3:30-5:30 ONCE A WEEK. WE HOPE TO EXPAND TO TWICE A WEEK. THIS WILL LOOK GREAT ON YOUR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS AND IT'S A GOOD WAY TO GET EXPERIENCE HELPING KIDS IF YOU THINK YOU WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A TUTOR.

*COMING SOON!*

## Pajamarama!

a FUN-FILLED EVENING PROGRAM PUT ON BY PTAC VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR SPECIAL PLUSHY FRIEND.  
COME TO A MEETING TO FIND OUT MORE!

Questions? Call or email me, Louise Beebe, High School Services Librarian  
310-377-9584 x240 [lbeebe@pvld.org](mailto:lbeebe@pvld.org)



# GIVE YOUR CHILD A BRIGHTER FUTURE.



These are dark days for education.

Fortunately, there's hope.

Your donation to PEF is the one thing that can help our great PV schools stay great.

It will help us pay for choral and classroom music. Language instruction. College and career counselors. Academic counselors. The Safe Schools program. Not to mention PVIT and SMERT, the award-winning science, engineering and technology programs that help PV schools stay head and shoulders above the rest.

Most of all, it will help keep your child's class sizes smaller. And nothing is more important than that.

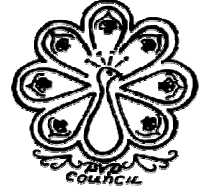
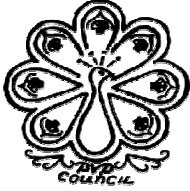
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## Palos Verdes High School PTSA STRAW BALLOT for 2011-2012 OFFICERS

The PVHS PTSA Nominating Committee needs your suggestions for next year's officers.  
**Please** submit your nominations by **12/3/10** to the PVHS PTSA Parliamentarian Jill Shoemaker Edwards. (email) [jill.shoe.edwards@gmail.com](mailto:jill.shoe.edwards@gmail.com) or (mail) 2621 Via Ramon, PVE, CA 90274.

If the individual(s) you nominate have expressed an interest in the position, it would be very helpful if you would indicate that. **THANK YOU!**

PRESIDENT \_\_\_\_\_

EXECUTIVE V.P. \_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> VP (Organization) \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> VP (Hospitality) \_\_\_\_\_

3<sup>rd</sup> VP (Education) \_\_\_\_\_

4<sup>th</sup> VP (Community Service, Safety) \_\_\_\_\_

5<sup>th</sup> VP (Communications) \_\_\_\_\_

6<sup>th</sup> VP (Ways & Means, Merchandise) \_\_\_\_\_

TREASURER \_\_\_\_\_

FINANCIAL SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

AUDITOR \_\_\_\_\_

RECORDING SECRETARY \_\_\_\_\_

HISTORIAN \_\_\_\_\_

Your name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in serving in the  
following position(s) \_\_\_\_\_.



**Palos Verdes Peninsula Council of PTAs**  
**STRAW BALLOT for 2011-2012 COUNCIL OFFICERS**



The PTA **Council** Nominating committee needs/wants your suggestions for next year's officers.  
**Please** return by mail or e-mail by **1/3/11** to the Council Parliamentarian Chris Campbell (phone) 310-373-4710, (email) campbellchris123@msn.com, (mail) 5319 Ironwood ST, Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275.

PLEASE LIST ONE OR MORE NAMES ON EACH LINE. If possible, include the nominees' school. If the individual(s) you nominate have expressed an interest in the position, it would be very helpful if you would so indicate that. **THANK YOU!**

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LEGISLATION \_\_\_\_\_

HISTORIAN \_\_\_\_\_

Your name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ I am interested in serving in the following position(s): \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR OFFICERS OR CHAIRMEN: Please list area(s) of interest and school, if known \_\_\_\_\_

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\*Standing Rule #13-Qualifications for Council President: Must have served two years on the PVP Council Executive Board, one of which must have been as a Unit President, or Executive Vice President and one of which must have been as an elected officer of PVP Council.\*

# Palos Verdes High School Calendar of PTSA Events

2010-2011

Subject to Change

Nov 9	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter Report Cards given out in 2 <sup>nd</sup> period classes
Nov 10	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 9:15am, FDR
Nov 11	Veteran's Day Holiday-No School
Nov 15	Wave Articles Due (Dec)
Nov 23	PTSA General meeting, 9:15am, MPR (If needed)
Nov 24	Minimum Day
Nov 25	Happy Thanksgiving!
Dec 10	PTSA Executive Board Holiday Brunch, 9:15am, location TBD
Dec 20-31	Winter recess
Jan 3	Back to School
Jan 13	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 9:15am, FDR
Jan 15	Wave Articles Due (Feb) PTSA Nominations for 2012 Executive Board begin.
Jan 17	Martin Luther King Holiday-No School
Jan 25	PTSA General Meeting, 9:15am, MPR
Jan 28	Minimum Day
Jan 29	Winter Formal
Feb 1	Report cards mailed home
Feb 10	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 9:15am, FDR
Feb 15	Wave Articles Due (March)
Feb 21-25	Presidents Holiday Week
Feb	***No General Meeting in February***
March 10	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 9:15am, FDR
March 15	Wave Articles Due (April)
March 16	Last Day to Level Down (not on transcript)
March 22	PTSA General Meeting, 9:15am, MPR. Slate for New PTSA Executive Board presented.
April	Capitol Convoy student legislative lobbying trip, dates TDB
April 4-8	Spring Break
April 14	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 9:15am, FDR
April 15	Wave Articles Due (May)
April 19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter Report Cards given out in 2 <sup>nd</sup> period classes
April 26	PTSA General Meeting, 9:15am, MPR New board election.
May 12	PTSA In/Out Executive Board Meeting, 9:15am, location TBD
May 15	Wave Articles Due (June)
May 20	PTSA HSA/Installation Luncheon, 10:00am MPR
June 4	Prom
June 7	PTSA Executive Board Meeting, 9:15 a.m., FDR (if needed)
June 7-9	Finals
June 9	Last Day of School and Class of 2011 Graduation-Minimum Day
June 15	Report Cards in the Mail