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Back to School!

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FROM THE DESK OF

Nancy Neu
Principal



There is a wonderful Chinese proverb that says: If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people. At Redwood High School, every day is an opportunity to plan for a lifetime.

We – the Redwood staff and parents – work hard to promote a supportive community that provides significant and varied opportunities for students to become active learners and responsible citizens. By fostering a climate of respect, honesty, and accountability, the Redwood experience empowers students to apply academic skills, take creative risks, strive for excellence, and achieve their highest potential.

Education is a wonderful thing. Not only does it help each and every one of us gain knowledge, confidence, and skills, but it also prepares us for the many opportunities that are on the horizon. A high school education is not just about what we learn in the classroom; it is a time of discovery of the world around us. It is a time to develop new interests – perhaps by joining a club or an athletic team, attending a school dance, or volunteering to help with a worthy cause. Redwood is teeming with opportunities to get involved. With

my years of experience as an educator, I know that part of students' success in high school is incumbent upon their involvement in the total high school program. Please encourage your students to get involved in student activities, clubs, or other extracurricular activities, and help your children make their high school experience rich and fulfilling. Check the daily *Twig* and the rest of the website to be informed of all that Redwood offers.

On another note, Redwood High School is part of a neighborhood, and I want to strongly encourage you to remind your students to treat our neighbors and their property with the respect they deserve. Littering and loitering in these areas is disrespectful. In addition, some young drivers are not always considerate of others or mindful of the traffic laws. Please direct your students to drive with caution.

Our children are growing up in a hectic, turbulent, and often frustrating and discouraging world. But it is important to remember that we also live in a world that makes daily progress against disease, social injustice, and the darkness of ignorance. We live in a world that vibrates with promise – the promise of an exciting and fulfilling future. In close and vital cooperation with parents, schools assume the job of educating your children for the world of tomorrow. Working together, we can give our children the tools they'll need to help them succeed in life. As the proverb says, let's educate people to plan for a lifetime. ■

FROM THE PTSA CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear Redwood Families,

Welcome to an exciting new year at Redwood! PTSA has many outstanding events and programs scheduled this year. Please join us on **October 25** at 7 p.m. for the first of our Redwood Lecture Series, when **SF Chronicle Journalist Regan McMahon** will speak about **balancing family life with youth sports**. PTSA volunteers are busy organizing get-togethers for parents of freshmen and sophomores. Our annual parent party/fundraiser **Redwood Rocks!** will take place in the spring.

Please join us at our monthly **PTSA meetings**, and hear informative speakers from the school administration, staff, or the community. The first PTSA meeting is Thursday, Sept. 13, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. in Kreps Conference Center. We especially welcome parents who are new to the school! There are still many volunteer opportunities available. For information about PTSA meetings, activities, or events, go to www.redwoodptsa.org.

We are pleased to have the **newly designed Post**, Redwood's monthly parent newsletter sponsored by the PTSA. In this newsletter, we try to disseminate important information from all areas of the school that impacts a wide cross-section of the community. Please let us know if you would like additional information included in the *Post*.

The best way to get practical daily information about Redwood is to read the *Twig*, the student daily bulletin. Go to www.redwood.org and click on **Twig (The Daily Bulletin)** under "Publications."

We want to thank last year's Executive Board, particularly President Linda Alm, for doing an excellent job. PTSA funds, partially matched by the Redwood Foundation, will help build a **lunch plaza** for students this fall. PTSA funds also paid for a **new walkway** to the east parking lot.

As a recent article in *Forbes Magazine* said, we sure do get a lot of "**bang for our buck**" in our Marin schools!

Sincerely,

Barbara Solomon & Susan Miltner

Redwood PTSA Presidents

PTSA Executive Board

Barbara Solomon and Susan Miltner, *Co-Presidents*

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Calls For Help!

Redwood Campus Improvement Work Party

Saturday, Sept. 15
9 a.m.–12 p.m.

Bring your gardening tools and gloves or use ours. Meet people, have fun, and clean up our campus. Students earn School or Community Service hours, and if they work with their parents, they get credit for their hours too. Meet at the Redwood Amphitheatre. Contact: Lindy Flemming 924-9739, and Maija Norstad 924-7067

Grad Night Committee Informational Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

We need good party people! Interested parents of Juniors and Seniors please email co-chairs Marlene Foster: foster2073@comcast.net and Susan Mitchell: soozem@comcast.net

FALL PTSA MEETINGS 2007–2008

Kreps Conference Center, 8:30–10 a.m.

September 13, October 11, November 8, January 10, February 14, March 6, April 3, May 8 (room120)

Filling the Funding Gap

REDWOOD FOUNDATION AIMS FOR \$700,000 THIS YEAR

Welcome to the 2007-08 school year! As your student settles into the “back to school” routine, it’s time to think about *your* support and involvement in the Redwood community. For all the new freshman parents, there are many parent support groups which would appreciate your time and talent. The Redwood Foundation serves as the umbrella organization to coordinate fundraising for the Support Fund, Benchwarmers, Scholarship Fund, Campus Improvement and the Sequoians. You can enhance your student’s high school experience by contributing to our ’07-’08 campaign when you receive the fall solicitation brochure. And if you are interested in helping out we have many volunteer jobs including: administration, community and alumni liaison, donation solicitation, event planning, or just hands-on help with the fall mailer.



Academic (including Technology)	43%
Art, Music, Drama	21%
Athletics	20%
Lunch Plaza	5%
Scholarship	5%
Sequoians, PTSA, Misc	2%
Postage, Printing, Credit card Expenses	4%

Our goal is to get the Lunch Plaza underway and be able to support the wide range of departments, programs, and sports teams that have come to depend upon Foundation support. Look for your fall annual campaign brochure this month to see all the areas in which the Foundation made a difference last year as well as our goals for this year. If you have questions please go to our website: www.redwoodsfoundation.com

Please stop by our brand new Foundation office at Redwood (right by the *Bark* office) and meet Veronica Tunucci, our new Development Specialist. She will be able to help you with any and all Foundation questions and will be working on developing our database of parents and community supporters.

Highlights of Last Year

With not only a successful annual campaign but a record breaking PTSA Redwood Rocks event, we met our \$600,000 goal and have put money aside for the Lunch Plaza. Parent support of Redwood is making a real difference to the academic, athletic, and artistic development of all students. Last year we awarded grants in the following areas:

Thank You to the Foundation’s ’06-’07 Parent Contributors

It’s because of the generous support of Redwood parents and their corporate matching gifts that the Foundation was able to meet the requests of teachers, coaches, students, and administrators last year. We are committed to raising the bar this year by increasing our fundraising goal to \$700,000 and increasing the team of parents dedicated to the Annual Campaign under Bob Whelan’s new leadership. If you are interested in joining his team, let us know. And please consider how your tax deductible contribution to the Foundation can make a difference to Redwood this year. ■

– Sara McGhie, Redwood Foundation President

Redwood Scholarship Fund Is Looking for a Few Good Board Members

The Redwood Scholarship Fund is seeking qualified individuals (especially parents of incoming freshman!) to serve on its board. The board grants scholarships to graduating Redwood High School seniors of demonstrated character and ability who need financial aid to pursue post secondary education. This is

a great way to get involved at Redwood and meet other parents, faculty, and staff. You will be inspired by our scholarship grantees. For more information, please contact Debby Sagues at 455-9915 or dlsagues@aol.com ■

CALIFORNIA SCHOLARSHIP FEDERATION & REDWOOD HONOR SOCIETY

Fall Membership Drive: September 17–21

The fall membership drive is announced daily in the *TWIG*, and posters are placed in all school hallways notifying students of the deadlines. It is the responsibility of the student to apply during the membership drive.

Redwood sponsors two academic achievement recognition organizations, the California Scholarship Federation (CSF) and The Redwood Honor Society (RHS); membership to both societies is open to all qualifying students. Incoming ninth grade students are not eligible to apply for the Fall of 2007 because the grade report used to qualify is from the Spring of 2007.

The fall membership drive for both is being held for one week only beginning Monday, Sept. 17, at 7:30 a.m., and ending Friday, Sept. 21, at 3:30 p.m. **No late applications will be accepted.**

Applicants will need to provide a copy of their transcript from the previous semester for each application. CSF applicants need to return the application with one dollar and RHS applications need to be accompanied by evidence of ten hours of school service during the previous semester. Students should pick up CSF applications and return them to Ms. Murk in room 257 and RHS applications to Mr. Kaun in the Library. Any questions about these procedures should be directed to Ms. Murk or Mr. Kaun respectively.

Important: If you lost your report card, the counseling office will accept requests for copies until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20. Please respect this deadline. Students who try to obtain a copy Friday, Sept. 21, may not have time to turn in the application by the deadline since the counseling office is not always able to make copies right away.

California Scholarship Federation (CSF) provides an opportunity for recognition of academic excellence for students carrying four or more subjects (not counting PE and repeated subjects) and who earn a minimum of ten CSF points, seven of which must be in academic subjects. **Students may use a maximum of five courses to earn the ten points needed for membership.**

A=3 points (4 points for up to two honors or AP courses)

B=1 point (2 points for AP or honors course)

A grade of D or F in any subject, including PE, or repeated subjects disqualifies a student from CSF membership for the semester. The student who is otherwise eligible but who in the judgment of the adviser and principal is an unworthy citizen may be disqualified

from semester membership. Our definition of unworthy citizen includes having been suspended during the eligibility period, cheating, and violations of the computer use policy that resulted in administrative action.

Redwood Honor Society (RHS) is a local organization **open to students who have at least a B (3.0) average** in the semester for which they are applying. The grade in PE does not count in determining GPA. A grade lower than a C (C-, D or F) in any subject, including PE, disqualifies a student from membership for the semester. In determining GPA, AP classes and honors grades are given one extra point each but a C- or below in an AP class is grounds for disqualification.

Besides the grade requirement, **RHS also requires that the student contribute ten hours of school service** in the semester for which they are applying. Only service which is given directly to the school, including but not limited to extracurricular athletics, drama productions, club meetings and participation, school publications, musical concerts, helping at extracurricular school events, peer tutoring, and student leadership and peer resource hours beyond regular class time, and service to teachers and other school employees outside of regular class time is counted. Students will need to supply adequate evidence of school service hours when filling out their Honor Society application. The student activities secretary can verify students who participated in extracurricular activities, including sports teams and clubs, if lists of participants are maintained for that activity.

For both organizations, **semester membership is by application only** and shall not be automatic or compulsory. Retroactive membership will not be granted to any student who has failed to submit an application to become a member by the deadline.

Students are invited to apply during a one-week membership drive at the beginning of each semester. First semester ninth graders can apply in January for their first semester.

Life membership in CSF is achieved by earning membership FOUR of the last six semesters in school, one semester of which must be based on senior grades. Membership privileges will be granted ninth graders; however, ninth grade membership

California Scholarship Foundation and Honor Society, cont.

does NOT count toward life membership. At graduation, life members are entitled to wear gold cords awarded by the Sequoians.

Life membership in the RHS is achieved by fulfilling the qualifications for membership for six semesters for students attending Redwood for four years, five semesters for those attending for three years, and four semesters for those attending for two years. One semester's qualification must be earned in the senior year in the

first two instances, two senior semesters for the last. Because RHS is a local organization honor society credits earned at other schools do not apply to life membership.

The Sequoians are the parents who run the honor society programs and they would be happy to have your participation. In June we have a recognition banquet for seniors who have achieved life membership in one or both organizations. ■

Library Resources

The Bessie Chin Library would like to welcome parents new to the school community as well as veteran parents to take a close look at the library's website (www.rhsweb.org/library) which provides 24/7 access to many resources for you and your students. Even though you may not be able to come to the library during the school day, the online resources are always available. Starting with the library catalog (click on "Search the Library Catalog from Home") you will be able to peruse the rich resources of the Redwood library. The library has over 30,000 cataloged items, including books, magazines, websites, pamphlet files, videos, and audiobooks.

The library also subscribes to a rich collection of online resources which are accessed from the home page. Click on the link which says DATABASE PASSWORDS and enter the word "giants" when prompted. That will bring you to a page which has all of the usernames and passwords listed.

The library's main magazine and newspaper database is provided by Ebsco, which also has NoveList, Advanced Placement Search, TopicSearch, and professional journals for teachers. We have two online encyclopedias, Britannica and World Book, and many other reference e-books through Oxford Reference Online and the Gale Virtual Reference Library.

The library subscribes to the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, and several magazines which have online editions. The access information is listed on the same page. Another really useful database for students is Questia, "the first online library that provides... access to the world's largest online collection of books and journal articles in the humanities and social sciences, plus maga-



zine and newspaper articles." This year each student will have individual access to Questia via a personal ID and password. Students will be informed of their login information as soon as it's available from Questia. Take the time to check out all the databases available from the library's website.

To find out the latest in library news go to the library's web log *Bessie Chin Library Leaves* at www.libraryleaves.blogspot.com. This summer I went to an international school library conference in Taipei, Taiwan, and posted several articles with photos about the conference, school libraries in Taiwan, and other interesting experiences.

I would like to encourage parents who have time to volunteer in the library. Last year we had about fifteen parent volunteers who were able to give a couple hours every week or so. Volunteers perform a variety of tasks and we couldn't run the excellent program at Redwood without their help. We have parents who help with book processing (covering, stamping, typing labels, etc.), filing books and other materials, looking up web pages and adding them to our online catalog, clipping articles from newspapers, magazines, and the internet, and more. We look forward to seeing all of you on Back-to-School Night.

And remember: September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. Encourage your students to get and use a public library card. Many resources are available from your local public library which can be very helpful in making your children's experience at Redwood a successful one—not to speak of great books and other materials to support your kids' interests, hobbies, and reading for pleasure.

—Tom Kaun, Library Media Teacher ■

Preparing For College

Paula Vantrease

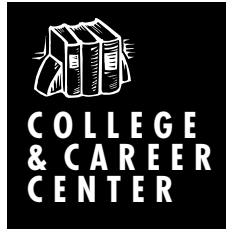
REGISTER ON PrepHQ

PREP HEADQUARTERS is a free web-based program being used at Redwood by our counseling department to communicate with students and parents. You will be able to access college representative visits, scholarships, summer programs, college search and SAT/ACT information, and the financial aid process as well as receive up to date information from your student's counselor regarding activities and events happening at school.

We would like to encourage all families to register on PrepHQ. It is a simple procedure, just go to www.redwood.org and go to the counseling department link. There you will see the link to PrepHQ, click on "Click Here to Register" in the gray box on the left side. When prompted, enter the student's last name and the Redwood student ID number. Follow the registration steps and enter student and parent e-mail address(es) to receive the latest in school communication.

COLLEGE NEWS

September is a busy month in the College & Career Center. Seniors and their parents are making appointments to discuss their college choices. Making a viable list of colleges to apply to is a valuable step in the admissions process. Seniors should be doing research on which colleges will be a "good fit" for them. There isn't just one school that will be perfect. Students should have a list which includes several "reach" schools (schools that are within the student's capability but are competitive), several schools that are probably going to admit your student but are still considered competitive, and several "safety"



schools that are most likely going to accept the student into their freshman class.

I will be attending the University of California and the California State University Counselor's Conferences during the month of September to learn about anything new in the admissions process. I will also attend a variety of meetings throughout the year with other colleges and universities so I can better assist your students.

Please feel welcome to visit the College & Career Center. If you need a college advising appointment, please call me to put a date on the calendar. My direct number is 945-3641. My office is in room 111.

COLLEGE ADMISSION TESTS

An important part of the college admissions process is the testing. I am often asked: **Which college admissions test should my student take?** The SAT (Reasoning and Subject tests) and the ACT are acceptable to most colleges. The two tests are different and

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IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline to Request Letters of Recommendation from Counselors:

At least one month prior to the college application deadline, at the Counseling Office.

Activity	Day	Date	Time/Location
Mock SAT	Saturday	Sept. 8	9 a.m. - 1 p.m./CEA
Mock SAT Results	Wednesday	Sept. 12	3:15 - 4 p.m./College & Career Cntr.
Mock PSAT	Tuesday	Sept. 18	3:30 - 6:30 p.m./Kreps Conf. Cntr.
Mock PSAT Results	Thursday	Sept. 27	2:30 - 3:30 p.m./College & Career Cntr.
APPLICATION NIGHT for Seniors & Parents	Thursday	Oct. 4	7 p.m. /Place TBA
Mock ACT	Saturday	Oct. 13	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.- Kreps Conf. Cntr.
UC Application Workshop	Tuesday	Oct. 16	3:15 - 4 p.m.Computer lab 182
CSU Application Workshop	Wednesday	Oct. 17	3:15 - 4 p.m./Computer lab 182
Mock ACT Results	Thursday	Oct. 18	1:45 - 2:30 p.m./College & Career Cntr.
PSAT	Saturday	Oct. 20	8 a.m./Redwood HS, room TBA
College Night for Juniors & Parents	Tuesday	Oct. 23	7 p.m. /Place TBA
UC & CSU applications due	Friday	Nov. 30	ONLINE
FINANCIAL AID NIGHT	Thursday	Dec. 6	7 p.m./Library

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occasionally a student will score better on one than the other. In that case the student would send his/her best test score (whether it is an SAT or an ACT) to the college. I suggest that students take both tests to have as many options as possible.

The SAT is a reasoning test. It consists of math, verbal, and writing sections, each earning the student a score of a possible 800 or a top total of 2400. The ACT tests the student's knowledge in four areas; English, Math, Reading, and Science, with each carrying a quarter of the weight toward the total score of 36. Students will also need to take the new ACT Writing test.

Some colleges require the SAT Subject Tests. Students applying to the UCs need to take two tests in different areas. An example would be taking one test in Science and another in either Literature, History, or Math. If a student chooses to take the Math Subject Test, only the level IIC (C means it's permissible to use a calculator) is accepted by the UC. It is best to take the subject test when the student has just completed an area of study, which usually occurs in

June of the junior year. Students may choose from 20 subject tests including languages.

The tests are administered on a Saturday morning. Be aware of the registration deadlines as students who sign up late will find that it is then more expensive to take the test. Both tests have additional fees for sending the score information to more colleges (\$9/school), a change of date or test center, phone registration, and rushing scores.

Most colleges will accept scores of admission tests taken before January of a student's senior year. Cal Poly and San Diego State are two schools that will use no score after November. So, if students take the tests in the spring of their junior year and are unhappy with the results, they have several chances to re-take the tests in the fall of their senior year. When students send their SAT results to a college, the College Board sends all of them. Colleges, however, are interested in the best scores only, so students shouldn't worry that even their "low" scores are viewed.

Both the Counseling Office and the College & Career Center stock the SAT and the ACT registration information as well as the accompanying booklets which contain practice tests with practical test taking tips. Stop by and pick them up. Students are encouraged to register for these tests online.

College Admission Test Dates

SAT/Subject TEST DATES 2007–2008

www.collegeboard.com

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
Oct. 6, 2007	Sept. 10, 2007	Sept. 14, 2007
Nov. 3, 2007	Oct. 2, 2007	Oct. 11, 2007
Dec. 1, 2007	Oct. 30, 2007	Nov. 8, 2007
Jan. 26, 2008	Dec. 26, 2007	Jan. 4, 2008
Mar. 1, 2008	(SAT only) Jan. 29, '08	Feb. 7, 2008
May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008	April 10, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008	May 15, 2008

ACT TEST DATES 2007–2008

www.act.org

Test Date	Regular Deadline	Late Deadline
Sept. 15, 2007	Aug. 10, 2007	Aug. 11– Aug. 24, 2007
Oct. 27, 2007	Sept. 21, 2007	Sept. 22 – Oct. 5, 2007
Dec. 8, 2007	Nov. 2, 2007	Nov. 3 – Nov. 15, 2007
Feb. 9, 2008	Jan. 4, 2008	Jan. 5 – Jan. 18, 2008
April 12, 2008	Mar. 7, 2008	Mar. 8 – Mar. 21, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008	May 10- May 23, 2008

TEST PREP

There are several test preparation companies offering strategies classes in Marin. These courses typically consist of a series of as many as twelve group sessions, and most cost in the neighborhood of \$600. Some companies send tutors to your home. I also have several tutors on my list that are willing to provide in-home SAT instruction. I cannot recommend any particular program over another but I can give you flyers so you can call them and ask any specific questions that you may have.

PRACTICE TESTS

A **Mock SAT** for seniors and juniors will be given on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the CEA. The cost is \$10 (non-refundable). Checks should be payable to Redwood High School and turned in to Paula Vantrese in the College & Career Center by Sept. 5. Additionally a **Mock ACT** will be given on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Kreps Conference Center. The cost is \$10 (non-refundable). Checks

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should be payable to Redwood High School and turned in to Paula Vantrease in the College & Career Center by Oct. 5. The tests are proctored by Revolution Test Prep. If you have any questions regarding the Mock SAT/ACT please call Paula Vantrease at 945-3641.

Kaplan Test Prep is offering a **Mock PSAT** on Tuesday, Sept. 18, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. in Kreps Conference Center. The cost to sign up for the test is \$10 (non-refundable) and should be turned in to Paula Vantrease in the College & Career Center by Wednesday, Sept. 12. Results will be distributed on Thursday, Sept. 27, in the College & Career Center from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. This is a great way for students to find out what is on the PSAT and help ease any anxieties. ■

College Admissions Representatives

Many college admissions representatives visit Redwood throughout the fall. Students interested in these schools are encouraged to come to the College & Career Center to hear what the representatives say about their school's atmosphere, majors, and admission policies. The following colleges are scheduled to visit in September:

Colgate College	Tuesday, Sept. 4	7:30 a.m.
Pacific University	Thursday, Sept. 6	7:30 a.m.
Regis University	Wednesday, Sept. 12	7:30 a.m.
Middlebury College	Thursday, Sept. 13	12:00 p.m.
U of St. Andrews	Tuesday, Sept. 18	11:50 a.m.
University of San Diego	Wednesday, Sept. 19	7:30 a.m.

Additional college visits will be posted on Prep HQ.

PSAT Tests for Sophomores and Juniors

When: Saturday, Oct. 20, from 7:45 to 11 a.m.

Where: Redwood High School

Who: Classes of 2009 and 2010 *only*

What: PSAT is a great preview and practice for the SAT.

It is important for four-year college bound sophomores and juniors to take the PSAT for practice and to see an assessment of how the student would score on the SAT. (Note: SAT is taken in spring of 11th grade).

Tickets for the PSAT will be sold in the Redwood Counseling Office beginning Monday, Oct. 1. The exam price is \$30. Checks made payable to Redwood High School.

Why Do Juniors Want to Take the PSAT?

1. Junior year PSAT scores can qualify you for a National Merit Scholarship. www.nationalmerit.org.
2. It is the *Last Chance* to practice (an official score report does not go to college admissions) before taking the SAT in spring 2008.

Note: Even if you took the PSAT as a sophomore, you should take it again as a junior. ■

Why Should Sophomores Take the PSAT?

1. You will find out what your academic strengths are and which need improvement.
2. You will begin to receive mail from colleges, if you list colleges of interest on the PSAT questionnaire.
3. Actual SAT questions are included, which will familiarize you with the test for when you take it in the spring semester of junior year.
4. When you take the PSAT again in October of your junior year, you will then know what to expect.

Note: The PSAT has math through Geometry and a few questions of Advanced Algebra; therefore it is not necessary or recommended for students who haven't completed these math levels to take the PSAT yet.

Helpful web site for PSAT preparation: www.collegeboard.com
We expect that score result reports will be available in the counseling office mid-December before the winter break.

If you have any questions about the Redwood administration of the PSAT, please contact counselor Tami Wall at 945-3682 or wall@redwood.org. ■

Upcoming Parent–Student Education Evenings

Freshman Parent Information Evening

Tuesday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m. – CEA

The counseling staff invites freshman parents to attend an evening information program to learn about high school activities and programs, graduation requirements, four-year planning, and much more.

This is a sequel to the counselor-student meetings, which will be happening in the weeks just prior to this evening.

Senior Application Night

Thursday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m. – Library

Parents AND students are invited to attend this valuable evening when counselors will go over the UC and CSU applications in detail.

We will also have a session on private and out-of-state school applications, letters of recommendation, and the college essay – and will answer other college application questions. Information will be available on junior college transfer programs to four-year schools and other community college programs.

Join eSCRIP for Redwood

When you register your grocery cards and/or credit cards with eSCRIP, the program will tally your annual total purchases and give a percentage to the school. Fundraising doesn't get much easier than that. We encourage all Redwood families to register. Visit the eSCRIP website today and join or update your current account to include:

**Redwood High School Foundation,
Group ID# 136588840.**

Please note that multiple schools may be listed as beneficiaries of your eSCRIP dollars. Please contact Julie Gannon on the eSCRIP hotline at 924-1413 with any questions. ■



College Night for Juniors & Parents

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7 p.m. – CEA

This program is for parents AND students. We will have representatives from the UC and the CSU systems as well as representation from private and out-of-state schools and the community college system.

Topics covered include data on college admissions, college visits, college choice, available services, “what my chances are” information, and much more. We hope you will be able to join us for this very informative evening.

Financial Aid Night

Thursday, Dec. 6, 7 p.m. – Library

Topics covered in this program will include filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), Cal Grants, the Profile application, and more. It is a great place to get started on your quest for financial aid and an opportunity to learn a great deal.

Looking ahead...SOPHOMORE POTLUCK ON FEBRUARY 12.



New School to Career Liaison and Fall Internships

Nancy Westreich, new School to Career Liaison for Redwood, is available to see students on Mondays and Wednesdays in the College and Career Center. She assists students in exploring potential career opportunities by providing internships, job shadows and career-related field trips. Fall internships are available in health care, art, business, technology, automotive repair, the environment, and more. Fall internships will begin Oct 1. Applications are due on September 14 and are available in the Career office. Please see Nancy Westreich for more information. She can be reached at 945-3604 or nwestreich@tamdistrict.org. ■

Support for Learning–Challenged Students

Dear Tam District Parents:

Does your student have **learning challenges**? Do you have questions about his or her **IEP** (Individualized Education Plan) or **504 plan**, or do you need to know more about such plans and how to make them more effective? If the answer to any of these questions is “yes,” you can find help at Parent to Parent Connection (p2p), a Tam District support group for parents of high school students with learning challenges. **Our parent meetings offer information from dynamic speakers on a wide variety of topics**, and we open each meeting a half hour before the program to allow for informal discussion and networking with other parents.

As co-coordinators of Parent to Parent Connection, we meet monthly with TUHSD administrators Karen Mates, Director of Special Education, and Carol Eber, Director of Student and Instructional Services, in order to plan p2p programs and also to voice your questions and concerns. If you would like to receive e-mail notices of meetings or have comments or questions, please contact p2p@tuhds.marin.k12.ca.us. To find out more about p2p, visit our website at www.tamdistrict.org/p2p.

We repeat some of our more popular programs from year to year, such as Jane McClure’s January presentation on college options for kids “not on the Harvard track.” Please take note of a **new, one-time student/parent workshop on Saturday, February 9**.

Please join us for our **first meeting on September 19**. This will afford you the chance to meet us and other like-minded parents AND get off to a good start for the 2007-08 academic year.

p2p 2007–08 MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesdays, 6:30–9 p.m., Kreps; Program at 7 p.m.

Informal parent meeting time, 6:30–7 p.m.

9/19/07

A Cooperative Model for Advocating for Your Special Needs

Student: Planning for high school success, with Diane Provo.

Handouts on assessments, IEPs, and 504 plans.

10/10/07

Social and Emotional Challenges and Solutions for Students with Learning Disabilities: Getting along with peers and teachers, self advocacy, getting plugged into high school, with Dr. Virginia Bassi. Role-playing workshop.



11/14/07

You Do Have a Choice for High School: Which high school best suits the needs of my student? Student and parent panels on TUHSD options. Handout information on Intra-district transfer policy and procedures.

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(No December meeting.)

1/16/08

What’s Next? Four-Year Colleges for Students with Learning Issues: Which ones to pick, how to get in; everything you wanted to know about four-year colleges but were afraid to ask, with Jane McClure.

2/9/08

Bound4College, Parent/Student Saturday Workshop, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.; space limited; **register at p2p@tamdistrict.org**.

2/13/08

Four-Year College Isn’t the Only Way: Other options, including two-year college. Robert Flynn from COM & Barbara McCune, Drake College & Career Counselor.

3/12/08

Broadening High School Experience: Some new and nontraditional options including TEAM, Internships, ROP, Drake’s Engineering Academy, Outward Bound, Peer Counseling, Pilot Program: Teen Emergency Response Team, Construction Technology class.

4/16/08

Get me Outta Here! Meeting graduation outcomes and High School Exit Exam Requirements/issues for LD kids

5/14/08

Help! My Kid Forgets Everything and is Disorganized! Executive functioning problems and how to solve them, with Dr. Barbara Easterlin. Getting ready for a successful high school experience; how to develop a four-year plan, tips for making the transition easier, the summer transition workshop.

(No June, July, or August meetings.)

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings!

Sandra Tanner Mack & Janet Miller

Coordinators, Parent to Parent Connection (p2p) ■

May Faculty-Staff Appreciation Drawing Results

Redwood parents donated plenty of tickets and gifts to honor our deserving Redwood staff and faculty. May recipients are: **Amy Perez** won two tickets to a Giants baseball game donated by Cheryl and William Bry (Spencer, grade 11), **Kathleen Carlton** and **Chris Gilmore** each won two tickets to the Marin Theater Company donated by Tara Sullivan and Jim Horan (Molly, grade 10), **Jennifer Panicacci** received a pumpkin peel from the Laser Center of Marin donated by Denise and Kevin Jones (Trevor, grade 12), **Lizzie Stevenson** received two tickets to an ACT production donated by Libby and Adam Tracy (Megan, grade 10), **Sam Miller** won two tickets to a Giants baseball game donated by Sue and Bill Talmage (Billy, '07; John, grade 11), **Roberto Cordoba** won two Giants tickets and a parking pass donated by Sue and Bill Talmage (Billy, grade 12; John, grade 11), **Sam Miller**, **Desone Parker** and **Elizabeth Eichler** each received two Warriors tickets donated by Debbie and Rick Fisher (Karin, '07; Michael, grade 11), **Corin Greenberg** won a pair of Raiders tickets donated by Debbie and Rick Fisher (Karin, '07; Michael, grade 11), **Eric Brody** won two tickets to Golden Gate Theater donated by Andrea Hong and James Parsons (Kristina Parsons, grade 11), **David Nash** and **Nancy Neu** each received a round of golf at McInnis Park donated by Charlotte and Steve King (Zachary Waldman, grade 10), **Robert Winkler** won a pair of Giants tickets and a parking pass donated by Leslie Goldghen (David Hodge, '07), **Levi Hooks** received an E&O Trading restaurant gift card donated by Barbara and Jim Gossel, (Alison, grade 11), **Donna Trachina** was given a Toast America beverage set donated by Cami and Jeff Noble (Spencer, grade 12), **Wendy Doherty** received a hand-crafted California map pillow donated by Cami and Jeff Noble (Spencer, grade 12), **John Blaber** won a Starbucks gift card donated by Sara and Austin McGhie (Andy, '07 and Sydney, grade 10), **Liz Lauter** won a gift card to The Beach House donated by JoAnne and Charles Peterfy (Alex, grade 12, Danielle, grade 9), **Wanda Milford** received a Pier One gift card from Mary and Michael Connolly (Sara, grade 12 and Dylan, grade 10), **Karen Barrett** and **Roland Ruesch** each won a Visa gift card donated by an anonymous Redwood family, **Tara Donoghue** received a Stellar Spa gift certificate donated by Nita and Paritem Poonian (Jeevan, grade 11), **Julianne Schrick** won a Macy's gift card donated by Lucia and John Diamond (Danny, '07), **Tami Wall** received a *Just Nails* gift card donated by Shelley and Robert Ott (Courtney, grade 12, Lauren, grade 9), **Benjamin Schalit** won a Pottery Barn gift donated by Jane Brayton (Sarah, '07), **Paul Ippolito** won a Trader Joe's gift card donated by Leslie and David Ross (Lauren, grade 11).



10), **Greg Stevens** won a Harmony restaurant gift card donated by George and Susan Livingston (Emily, grade 11, Madison, grade 9), **John Kriebel** received a Book Passage gift card from Susan Morrow and Ron Rosano (Margaret, grade 11), **Elise Rubio** and **Margaret Catelli** each won a Half Day Café gift certificates from Alison and James Carbone (JD, grade 11), **Ann Tepovich** won an American Express gift card donated by Sylvia Kwan and Denis Henmi (Derek, grade 11),

Jennifer Labovich won a Nordstrom gift card donated by Lisa and Bjorn Sandberg (Kalli, grade 11 and Gunnar, grade 9), **LaSandra White** and **Jennifer Harris** each won MIRA jewelry donated by Ann Gordon and Alan Lefkof (Katy '07, Teddy grade 10), **Mark Naranjo** received an Insalata's gift certificate donated by Lori and Frank Ross (Jason, grade 10), **Steve Hettleman** and **Skip Lovelady** each won REI gift cards donated by Monica and Daniel McGue (Nate, grade 10), **Jeffrey Ryan** won a Pacific Catch gift card donated by Sheryl Hausman and Jack Maslow (Aviva, grade 11), **Tim Mullery** and **Matthew Tierney** each won a Cheesecake Factory gift card donated by Sherrie and Charles Richardson (Ben, grade 10), **Erin Bender** received a Pacific Catch gift card donated by Jan O'Brien and Craig Hartman (Amaury Crombe '07 exchange student, Kelsey, grade 12), **Christy Silkworth** received a Café "Z" gift certificate donated by Wendy Tonkin (Josh Breuner, grade 11), **Karen Meadows** received an electric toothbrush from Nate and Yarden Roth, (Deborah, grade 10), **Steve Avanzino** won a Comforts restaurant gift certificate donated by Colleen and Andrew Nathan, (James, grade 12), **Katie Paulsen** won an E&O Trading Company gift card donated by Liz Gonzales and Bob Goldsborough (Emily, grade 10, Grace, grade 9), **Paul Schloesser** received a Woodland's Market gift card donated by Karen Albini (Bryan, grade 11, Megan, grade 9), **Desone Parker** won a Visa gift card to The Village donated by Gwen Graham and Robert Kamai (Alexander and Elizabeth, grade 12), **Mimi Bennett** won a Left Bank restaurant gift card from Tish and Tom Borden (Tommy, grade 10). Mimi Bennett won a night at the Lodge at Tiburon donated by PTSA grad night committee, **John Mattern** received a Ragged Sailor Framing gift certificate from PTSA grad night committee, **Ann Tepovich** won a pumpkin peel donated by Kevin and Denise Jones (Trevor, grade 10), **Diane Schumacher** won two tickets to the Magic Theater donated by Tara Sullivan and James Horan, (Molly, grade 10), **Wendy Doherty** and **Katie Stein** each won a pair of Giants tickets donated by Cheryl and William Bry (Spencer, grade 12), **Mike Dibley** won a night at the Water's Edge Hotel donated by PTSA grad night committee.

Year Ends on High Note with Second Drawing

Many thanks to parents who recognized our wonderful staff at the end of a busy school calendar year. Recipients of our final 06-07 academic year drawing include: **Chris Gilmore** who won a gift card to PJ's Oyster Bed restaurant donated by Claudia and John Drocco (John-Michael, grade 12 and Juliana, grade 9), **Katy McGarry** who won a Macy's gift card from Lucia and John Diamond, Danny '07), Linda Tassano won a Nordstrom gift card donated by Heidi and Dave Minnick (Erika '07, Katherine, grade 10), **Mike Kelemen** won a Container Store gift card donated by Heidi and Dave Minnick (Erika '07, Katherine, grade

Thank you for your generosity with the PTSA gift drawing, which honors our teachers and staff members throughout the year. **If you would like to contribute to our next drawing** we are now accepting gifts to your favorite stores or restaurants or tickets to games, lectures and shows. Please give your donations, even last minute event tickets, to Peggy Bogason, Principal Nancy Neu's assistant, or contact us:

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School News

Go to www.redwood.org under Publications and click on the *Twig*, the daily bulletin, and the *Bark*, the student newspaper. The *Post*, a monthly newsletter published by PTSA, is sent to all Redwood families and can be accessed online at www.redwood.ptsa.org.

PTSA Meetings will be held on Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8, Jan. 10, Feb. 14, March 6, April 3, and May 8, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in Kreps Conference Center (except May 8 meeting which is in room 120).

Save the date! First of **Redwood Lecture Series** 2007-2008, presented by PTSA:

Revolution in the Bleachers: How Parents Can Take Back Family Life in a World Gone Crazy Over Youth Sports

Come hear **Regan McMahon**, a journalist for the *San Francisco Chronicle*, discuss her recent book on Thursday, October 25, 2007, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in Kreps Conference Center (off the east parking lot). ■

Following is the Redwood High School September 2007 school activity calendar.
 Because dates are subject to change, we recommend confirming any important dates with the school in advance.
 The schedule for school dances and assembly schedule days will be published in the Post and the Twig.
 Visit www.redwood.org/sports for the fall sports schedule.

September 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3 Labor Day Holiday NO SCHOOL	4	5 DCC (Dept. Chair Council) Rm. 120 3:30-5:00 PM	6 Back to School Night 6:30-8:30 PM	7 Minimum Day	8
Grandparent's Day	9	10	11 Absentee Pictures CEA, 7:30-9:00 AM BOT (Board of Trustees Mtg.) Kreps, 7:00 PM	12 Club Day #1 at lunch Pigskin Club Mtg., Rm. 120 7-9 PM	13 PTSA Mtg. Kreps, 8:30-10:00 AM Back to School Rally ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE Club Day #2 at lunch	14 Campus Tour Kreps, 8-11 AM
15						ACT
16	17 Freshman Elections in Homeroom	18 Freshman Parent Info Evening CEA (Covered Eating Area) 6:30 PM	19 Parent to Parent Mtg. (p2p) Kreps, 7-9 PM	20 DCC Mtg. Rm. 120 3:30-5:00 PM	21	22
23	24 Staff Development Day NO SCHOOL	25 BOT, Kreps 7:00 PM	26	27 Food Fest at lunch	28 End of 1 st grading period	29
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