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FROM THE PTSA PRESIDENT

Dear Redwood Parents,

Welcome to the 2008-09 school year at Redwood. Please join us at our monthly PTSA meetings, and hear informative speakers, as well as Principal Nancy Neu and the Redwood High Student Body President. We always have a pot of fresh coffee on.

We encourage all parents, new and old to the school, to join the PTSA in its many volunteer efforts. "All of us know that parental involvement in a child's education is the key for that student to be successful. One of the most visible and helpful areas of parental involvement is through the PTA at the local school and participation on a wider level at the county and state levels," informs Mary Jane Burke, Marin County Superintendent of Schools. There are numerous opportunities for you too, to be involved in supporting Redwood, so please visit the PTSA website, www.redwoodptsa.org, to contact one of the numerous committee chairs.

The PTSA is already in full swing and I would like to thank some of the folks who have helped out during the summer. Thank you to Anne Gilberg and Jean Suliteanu for organizing the hospitality and lovely food at the PTSA Back to School Coffee. Thank you to Susie Gamble for chairing the Freshman Orientation Lunch on the Friday before school started, and to Margie Reis for being the Photo Day Chair. They did a great job! Antoinette Snyder chaired the summer PTSA mailing event, and made it fun.

September has some entertaining events planned by the PTSA. There will be a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony for the **Redwood Lunch Plaza and a Kick-Off of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of Redwood High School** at the lunch plaza on **September 10 at 11 a.m.** Refreshments will be served! On **September 13 at 7 p.m.**, the **Harvest Moon Dance Fiesta** to benefit the Redwood Lunch Plaza will be held at the home of George and Cindy Brown in Tiburon. Please contact the Browns at 435-1894 for details on how to purchase a ticket.

Last year's PTSA Executive Board, Cindy Brown, Tish Borden, Jeannie Perry, Nora Kovach, Jody Coker and PTSA President Barbara Solomon, did a great job. My thanks to them for all of their hard work.

Finally don't forget to join the PTSA. Support your school, teachers, students and parents. Plus you get a free directory with your membership!

Sincerely,

Susan Miltner

President, Redwood PTSA ■

PTSA Executive Board

Susan Miltner, *President*

Marinda Lobo, *V.P., Education*

Susan Morrow, *V.P.,
Drug/Alcohol*

Tish Borden, *Treasurer*

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Rita Dulebohn, *Auditor*

Nora Kovach, *Parliamentarian*

PTSA 2008-2009 Meeting Schedule

PTSA meetings are held on Thursday mornings at 8:30. Presenters speak at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

September 4 – Room 120

October 2 – Room 120

Gary Najarian, Prevention Coordinator of the Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco Programs for the County of Marin; Health and Human Services: *Teen Drinking is Not Inevitable*

November 13 – Kreps, 8:30 Presentation

Jason Barber, *The Consequences of Drunk Driving*. He will be presenting to all Redwood students later in the day at a school-wide assembly. To learn more, visit <http://www.itsnotanaccident.com>

No meeting in December

January 8 – Kreps, Speaker TBD

February 12 – Kreps, Psychiatrist Tim Cermak, *The Developing Adolescent Brain*

March 12 – Kreps, Speaker TBD

April 2 – Kreps, Speaker TBD

May 14 – Room 120, End of Year Brunch ■

REDWOOD HS MEETINGS

PTSA Parent Education Evening Event

Oct. 23, 7 to 8:30 p.m. – CEA

Co-sponsored with other local schools, Peg Tyre, Senior Writer for Newsweek and author of *The Trouble With Boys: A Surprising Report Card on Our Sons, Their Schools and Their Lives*. To learn more about Peg Tyre, visit <http://www.pegtyre.com>

Class of 2009 Parent Meet and Greet

Wednesday, October 1, 5:30 to 7 p.m. – Kreps Conference Center

Doesn't it seem it was just yesterday that we met for our Freshman Parent Get-together?

Parents of Redwood Seniors are invited to a casual gathering to visit with the principal and fellow parents of seniors. Before joining your family for dinner, stop by to see old friends, meet new ones and enjoy light refreshments.

Redwood Campus Improvement Work Party

Saturday, September 13, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Meet at the Redwood Amphitheater

Start the school year off right by joining us for the first work party. Meet people, have fun and clean up our campus. Bring your gardening tools and gloves or use ours. Students earn school or community service hours, and if they work with their parents, they get credit for their hours too. Contact: Lindy Flemming, 924-9739, lflemming@sbcglobal.net or Maija Norstad, 924-7067, mai-janorstad@yahoo.com ■

RHSF '07-08 Annual Campaign Breaks \$700,000 Can We Reach \$750,000 this Year?

What a year! Last year the Foundation topped our \$700,000 goal and increased parent participation by 6%. Thank you to all the families who gave throughout the year; we had a record number of grant requests and it was nice to be able to fund so many of them. Certainly the most visible result of the funding is the new lunch plaza that received Foundation support over two years of almost \$75,000. The sound system in the gym was upgraded and now the spirit rallies, all school assemblies and dances will have a true sound system. At Back to School night, parents will see first-hand all of the equipment and technology enhancements that have improved the classrooms with Foundation funding. And our Drama and Music programs received grants to bring in guest artists and teachers throughout the year to improve those programs. Plus, Benchwarmers, Scholarship, Sequoians and the classrooms all received more funding than last year. It is hard to walk the halls, courtyards or sports fields without seeing the positive effect that your contributions to the Foundation have made to Redwood's facilities and programs.



In early October you will receive your '08-09 Annual Campaign Brochure. Our goal this year is to raise \$750,000 in order to keep pace with the needs of the areas we support. As you are aware, State educational funding is tightening while costs continue to increase. We are asking all parents to consider the quality of the education our students receive at Redwood and consider the importance of supporting the Foundation.

Although parent participation increased this year, we are still only at 41%. If everyone gives something, we will reach our goal. The Foundation is the largest fundraising entity at Redwood and the only one that supports academics, arts and athletics.

If you have any questions about the Foundation or are interested in joining our board, please stop by our office at Redwood in Room 177A, call us at 924-6793 or visit our website at www.redwoodhsfoundation.com. ■

Honor Societies Hold Fall Membership Drive

Redwood High School sponsors two academic achievement recognition organizations, the California Scholarship Federation and The Redwood Honor Society. Membership to both societies is open to all qualifying students.

The Fall Membership Drive for both is being held for one week only beginning Monday, September 15, at 7:30 a.m. and ending Friday, September 19, at 3:30 p.m. No late applications will be accepted. Applicants will need to provide a copy of their grade report from the previous semester (spring 2008) for each application. (This is now accessible online through eSchool Plus.) 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.

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

Important: If, for any reason, students cannot obtain a copy of their grade report on their own, the counseling office will accept requests for copies of grade reports until 3:30 on Thursday, September 18. Please respect this deadline.

The California Scholarship Federation 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 (7) of which must be in academic subjects. Students may use a maximum of five courses to earn the ten points needed for membership.

Honor Society, cont.

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, 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.

The Redwood Honor Society is a local organization open to any student who has at least a B (3.0) average in the semester for which he or she is 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, AP and honors classes, 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 still 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.

Life Membership

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 does NOT count toward life membership. At graduation, life members are entitled to wear a gold cord.

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. Life members of RHS are entitled to wear a silver cord at graduation.

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.

Information about both societies is available on the Redwood website (www.redwood.org). ■

Support for Students with Learning Differences

Dear Tam District Parents:

Does your student have learning challenges that are causing difficulties in school? 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 an hour before the program to allow for informal discussion and networking with other parents.

As co-coordinators of Parent to Parent

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Support For Students with Learning Differences, cont.

Connection, we will meet monthly with TUHSD administrators Karen Mates and Bob Hamilton in order to plan p2p programs and also to hear your questions and concerns about how well the district is serving student needs. If you would like to receive email notices of meetings or have comments or questions, please contact p2p@tuhsd.marin.k12.ca.us. To find out more about p2p, visit our website at www.tamdistrict.org/p2p.

Please join us for our first meeting on September 18 at 6:30 p.m. This will afford you the chance to meet us and other like-minded parents AND get off to a good start for the 2008-09 academic year. Our meeting agenda follows:

p2p 2008-09 Meeting Schedule

Second or third Thursday of the Month, 6:30–9 p.m., Kreps Program at 7 p.m.; Informal parent meeting time, 6:30 p.m.

9/18/08

A Cooperative Model for Advocating for Your Special Needs Student
Also, *Planning for High School Success* [Diane Provo]

10/16/08

You Do Have a Choice of High School. Which high school best suits the needs of my student? Student and parent panels on TUHSD high school options.

11/13/08

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.– Jane McClure

1/15/09

High Risk Behaviors – Andrew Bailey

2/12/09

Four-year College Isn't the Only Way: Other Options, Including Two-year College – Robert Flynn, COM, & Barbara McCune, Drake College & Career Counselor

3/12/09

Get Me Outta Here! Meeting Graduation Outcomes and High School Exit Exam Requirements/Issues for LD kids

4/22/09

Social Emotional Challenges – Speaker TBA

5/14/09

Help! My Kid Forgets Everything and Is Disorganized! Executive Functioning Problems & How to Solve Them – Dr. Barbara Easterlin

Welcome back to school! We hope to see you at one of our meetings.

Janet Miller & Linda Siegel

Coordinators, Parent to Parent Connection (p2p) ■

Mais oui! Le Français à Redwood, c'est super!

Fifty new students have started learning French at Redwood, joining the other 110 who are continuing. Both Nicolle Plescia and I enjoy the enthusiasm and *joie de vivre* of our francophile students. This year, Nicolle teaches two sections of 1st year level, and I teach 2nd, 3rd, and 4th years. Catherine Welter, teacher extraordinaire at Tam High School, teaches the AP French night class.

This fall, French 7 students (4th year level) will go on a field trip to the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art to learn more about modern French painting and its place in French culture. French 5 students (3rd year level) will write their own stories and will go to the Lycée Français to read them to French kindergarteners. Quelle aventure! As for French 3 students, they will be busy learning how to express themselves about leisure, health, technology and traveling en Français.

The BIG NEWS this year is that I will take a group of students to France from June 22–30, 2009. We already have a dozen students committed, and you do NOT need to be enrolled in French class to join the group. Our English-speaking guide will explain the historical background of the places we visit, and focus on culture. There will be one adult chaperone per 6 students. The trip is safe and very well organized by ACIS. You can check their website, acis.com, and click on “Trip finder” to check the “Paris, Provence, and Côte d’Azur” trip. Once you see this, there is NO WAY you won’t want your student to go. Please email me as soon as possible at brattat@redwood.org, and I will give you all the details. Remember, the earlier you register, the bigger the trip discount we get!

A bientôt!

– Bernadette Rattat ■

PSAT for Sophomores and Juniors

It is PSAT time again... mark your calendars!

When: Saturday, October 18, 7:45 to 11 a.m.

Where: Redwood High School

Who: Classes of 2010 and 2011 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 junior year). Tickets for the PSAT will be sold in the Redwood Counseling Office beginning Monday, October 6. The exam price is \$30; checks made payable to Redwood High School.

Why Do Juniors Want to Take the PSAT?

- Junior year PSAT scores can qualify you for a National Merit Scholarship – www.nationalmerit.org.
- It is the LAST CHANCE to practice (an official score report does not go to college admissions) before taking the SAT in Spring 2009.
Note: Even if you took the PSAT as a sophomore, you should take it again as a junior.

Why Should Sophomores Take the PSAT?

- You will find out what your academic strengths are and which need improvement.
- You will begin to receive mail from colleges, if you list colleges of interest on the PSAT questionnaire. Actual SAT questions are included, which will help familiarize you with the test before you take it in the spring semester of the junior year.
- 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 that students who have not yet completed at least Geometry take the PSAT until they have.

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. ■

SCHOOL TO CAREER

Summer Internships bring Work & Life Experience

I hope everyone had a fun and restful summer. Twenty-three Redwood students were very busy exploring future careers this summer doing internships through the School to Career Program. These six-week internships included photography, filmmaking, website development, marketing, culinary arts, sports management, newspaper reporting and medical research. Interns worked and learned at the Public Defender and District Attorney's offices, Haas School of Business, Marin General, Kaiser, and with individual physicians in the fields of plastic surgery, urgent care, physical therapy, radiology, electrocardiography and intensive care.

We offer internships in the fall, spring and summer for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Fall internships will begin on October 6 and run through November 28. Applications are due on September 11 and are available in my office. Students must be available to work

a minimum of 6 hours a week for 8 weeks. Please stop by my desk in Room 111 for more information.

OTHER SCHOOL TO CAREER SERVICES

I am available in the College and Career Center on Mondays and Tuesdays. I assist students with internship placement and preparation, finding job shadows and informational interviewing opportunities. I also help students with resume writing, interviewing skills, and provide opportunities for students to participate in career-related field trips and activities throughout the year.

Nancy Westreich, School to Career Liaison
College and Career Center
945-3604
nwestreich@tamdistrict.org ■

Get Set for College

Paula Vantrease

PREP HQ – REMINDER

PREP HEADQUARTERS is a free web-based program being used at Redwood High School 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 email address(es) to receive the latest in school communication. All freshmen and new transfer students will be added to the program within the next few weeks.

COLLEGE NEWS

September is a busy month in the College & Career Center. Making a viable list of colleges is a valuable early 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 the 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 Counselors' 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 (room 111). If you need a college advising appointment, please call me to put a date on the calendar.

COLLEGE ADMISSIONS TESTS

An important part of the college admissions process is the testing. I am often asked which college admissions test should my student take? There are two admission tests, the SAT (Reasoning and Subject tests) and the ACT, which are acceptable to most colleges. The two tests are different and 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 total top 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 top score of 36. Students may also need to take the new ACT Writing test.

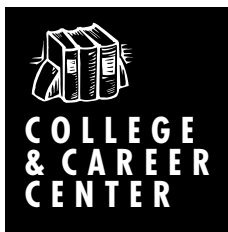
Some colleges require the SAT Subject Tests. Students applying to the UCs need to take two tests in different areas. An example would be taking one test in Science and another in either Literature or History or Math. If a student chooses to take the Math Subject Test, only the level IIC (the C means 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 Saturday mornings. Be aware of the registration deadlines for the SAT/ACT tests, 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 (\$9.50/school), a change of date or test center, phone registration and rushing scores.

Most colleges will accept any admission test scores taken before January. Cal Poly and San Diego State are two schools that will use no score after November of a student's senior year. 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.

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When students send their SAT results to a college, The College Board sends all of them. However, colleges are interested in only the best scores, 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.

Which test preparation company is the best?

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 able to provide SAT instruction. I cannot recommend any particular program over another but I can give you information so you can call the company and ask any specific questions that you may have.

College Admission Test Dates

SAT TEST DATES '08 – '09 www.collegeboard.com

TEST DATE	TEST	REG. DEADLINE	LATE DEADLINE
Oct. 4, 2008	SAT & Subject	Sept. 9, 2008	Sept. 16, 2008
Nov. 1, 2008	SAT & Subject	Sept. 26, 2008	Oct. 10, 2008
Dec. 6, 2008	SAT & Subject	Nov. 5, 2008	Nov. 18, 2008
Jan. 24, 2009	SAT & Subject	Dec. 26, 2008	Jan. 6, 2009
March 14, 2009	SAT only	Feb. 10, 2009	Feb. 24, 2009
May 2, 2009	SAT & Subject	March 31, 2009	April 9, 2009
June 6, 2009	SAT & Subject	May 5, 2009	May 15, 2009

FEES:

SAT Reasoning Fee	\$45.00
Subject Test Registration Fee	20.00
Language w/listening	20.00
All other subjects	9.00
Late Fee	23.00
Stand-by Fee	38.00

ACT TEST DATES '08 – '09 www.actstudent.org

TEST DATE	REGULAR DEADLINE	LATE DEADLINE
Sept. 13, 2008	Aug. 12, 2008	Aug. 22, 2008
Oct. 25, 2008	Sept. 19, 2008	Oct. 3, 2008
Dec. 13, 2008	Nov. 7, 2008	Nov. 20, 2008
Feb. 7, 2009	Jan. 6, 2009	Jan. 16, 2009
April 4, 2009	Feb. 27, 2009	March 13, 2009
June 13, 2009	May 8, 2009	May 22, 2009

FEES:

ACT (No Writing)	\$31.00
ACT Plus Writing	46.00
Late Fee	20.00

Mock SAT Opportunity

A Mock SAT (practice) for seniors and juniors will be given on Saturday, Sept. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the CEA. The cost is \$10 (non-refundable), checks should be made payable to Redwood High School and turned in to Paula Vantrease in the College & Career Center by Sept. 3. The tests are proctored by Revolution Test Prep. If you have any questions regarding the Mock SAT, please call 945-3641.

IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline to Request Letters of Recommendation from Counselors: At least one month prior to the application deadline at Counseling Office or on-line at Prep HQ (located under *shared files*).

Activity	Date	Time/Location
Mock SAT	Sat., Sept. 6	9 a.m.–1 p.m., CEA
Mock SAT Results	Thurs., Sept. 11	2:30–4 p.m., Rm. 111
APPLICATION NIGHT (seniors & parents)	Tues., Oct. 7	6:30 p.m., TBA
UC Application workshop	Wed., Oct. 15	3:15–4 p.m. Computer lab 182
CSU Application workshop	Thurs., Oct. 16	2:30–4 p.m. Computer lab 182
PSAT	Sat., Oct. 18	8 a.m., TBA
COLLEGE NIGHT (Juniors & Parents)	Tues., Oct. 28	6:30 p.m., TBA
UC & CSU applications due	Fri., Nov. 30	ONLINE
FINANCIAL AID NIGHT	Tues., Dec. 9	6:30 p.m., Library

College and Career, cont.

COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES' VISITING SCHEDULE

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 the school's atmosphere, majors and admission policies. The following colleges are scheduled to visit in the College & Career Center in early September.

Princeton University Thursday, Sept. 4 11:15 a.m.

Bucknell University	Monday, Sept. 8	7:30 a.m.
Jesuit College Fair	Tuesday, Sept. 9	11:50 a.m., Room 120
George Washington U.	Wednesday, Sept. 10	11:15 a.m.
University of Denver	Monday, Sept. 15	7:30 a.m.
Scripps	Friday, Sept. 19	11:50 a.m.

As colleges schedule visits to Redwood I will post them daily to Prep HQ. ■

Library Offers a Wealth of Resources

The Library staff would like to welcome back returning parents and welcome new parents to the Redwood community. Every year I like to remind parents and students of the wealth of resources, print and online, which are available from the Bessie Chin Library. During the month of September all 9th graders will have completed the library orientation, which includes an introduction to library resources and rules. This year we will be doing an information literacy assessment of all 9th graders as well. Information literacy is a set of essential 21st century skills that provide students with the tools to find, evaluate and use information efficiently, effectively and ethically.

Feel free to contact the Library at any time via phone (945-3662) or email (library@redwood.org) with questions and suggestions. We also encourage those who can to volunteer to work in the Library. Tasks include materials processing, filing of books and other materials, article clipping and maintenance of the vertical files and many other things that help keep our Library the best in the county.

LIBRARY RESOURCES

The Library collections include over 35,000 cataloged items. These include over 6,000 fiction books, 1200 websites, 450 videos, 150 audio books, 1200 pamphlet files, 2500 reference books, and 23,000 other non-fiction books.

Library Web Page

Always start your research on the library web page
<http://rhslibrary.org>.

The web page provides access to Sequoyah, the library catalog (from home the URL is 137.164.143.38:7195/webopac/main?siteID=RHS), and to library subscription databases.

SUBSCRIPTION DATABASES

Subscription databases give access to information in the "deep" or "hidden" Web, information that can only be retrieved by having access via subscription. The library provides over twenty such databases that cover all subject areas. To access the databases you will need to enter a user ID and password. A list of those can be found by clicking on the DATABASE PASSWORDS link on the library home page and entering "giants" when prompted. The Library subscribes to the following subscription databases.

Magazines and Newspapers

EBSCO Student Research Center is Redwood's primary magazine and newspaper database. It includes full text for more than 500 popular magazines, more than 360 full-text reference books, 85,639 biographies, 104,481 primary source documents, and 285,912 photos, maps & flags, color PDFs and expanded full-text backfiles (back to 1975) for key magazines. SRC also provides cover-to-cover full text for 25 national & international newspapers, selective full text for more than 335 regional newspapers and full-text television & radio news transcripts. Health Source, a part of SRC, provides access to nearly 80 full-text health magazines.

Advanced Placement Source is designed to meet the extensive needs of high school students enrolled in various AP and IB courses. AP Source contains more than 6,100 full-text journals and over 100,000 images. Many of these can be accessed via the library catalog.

Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center provides articles and reference works which offer

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comprehensive review of both sides of controversial issues.

CIAO, CountryWatch and CountryReports – CIAO provides access to reports and articles about international affairs. The two “Country” databases provide in-depth current information about all the countries of the world.

AP Science includes thousands of full-text academic science and technology periodicals.

CQ Researcher + Archive and CQ Global Researcher provide articles and reports about current events and controversial issues from 1923 on.

Electronic Books

Access Science is the online version of the McGraw-Hill *Encyclopedia of Science & Technology*.

Oxford Reference Premium Online includes dozens of full-text electronic dictionaries and encyclopedias.

QuestiaSchool is a virtual library that includes thousands of full-text electronic books and articles.

Gale Virtual Reference Library is a collection of electronic reference books. Links to this database are provided through the library catalog.

World Book Online Reference Center and Britannica Online Academic Edition are online versions of the well-known encyclopedias.

Other Databases –

Issues and Controversies in American History and *Footnote* provide reports and primary source documents on topics in U.S. history.

Novelist and *Proquest Learning: Literature* include biographical, critical, and multimedia information about authors and literature.

Teen Health & Wellness focuses on the medical and emotional needs of teens.

eNotes Complete – offers notes on all sorts of academic topics.

Tom Kaun

Teacher Librarian ■

Upcoming Parent-Student Education Evenings

FRESHMAN PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Tuesday, Sept. 23 · 6:30 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 small-group, counselor-student meetings which will be happening the week prior to this evening.

**SENIOR APPLICATION NIGHT**

Tuesday, Oct. 7 · 6:30 p.m.

The program will begin in the 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 4-year schools and other community college programs.

COLLEGE NIGHT FOR JUNIORS & PARENTS

Tuesday, Oct. 28 · 6:30 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

Tuesday, Dec. 9 · 6:30 p.m. – in the 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. . . FEBRUARY 10. . .

More details soon. ■

Help Us Continue to Honor Our Teachers

Have you ever wondered how to show your appreciation for our Redwood faculty and staff? Consider donating a gift for the monthly PTSA staff appreciation drawing. Winners are randomly selected and announced live at each faculty and staff meeting. You can select gift cards to your favorite restaurant or store or provide tickets to sports, concert or lecture events. Walk your gift in to Sam Miller in the Principal's office and we will draw winning names at the next faculty meeting.

Thank you to all the parents who donated to the late May raffle including: Kevin and Denise Jones, Kelly and Roger Snell, Nancy Nemecek and William Ryan, Danielle and Charles McCoy, Diane and Todd Ziesing, Tara Sullivan and Jim Horan, Jan O'Brien and Craig Hartman, Patty and Roy Shimek, Eladia and Michael Leddy, Laura and Marc Edwards, Ann Gordon and Alan Lefkof, Leslie and David Ross, Sara and Austin McGhie, Jeanne and Peter Tymstra, Susie Gamble, Alyssa and Bradley Cameron, Gwen Graham and Robert Kamai, Susan and George Livingston, Wendy and Jeff Meunier and Kathryn Kalabokes and Matthew Gelotto.



May 29th raffle donations included gift cards to the following establishments: Aqua Hotel, Outback Steakhouse, Cheesecake Factory, Book Passage, Il Fornaio, PF Chang's, Lark Theater, Amazon, Peet's Coffee, Best Buy, Macy's, Trader Joe's, Pearl, REI and Laser Center of Marin. Tickets were kindly provided to: The Nut Tree, Sonoma Jazz Festival, Giants baseball, Magic Theater, ACT, SF Performances and the SF Playhouse.

Thank you for donating gifts throughout the school year for the Staff Appreciation raffle. Each Redwood employee was honored last year due to the generosity of our parents. Let's keep up the good work.

You may use the form below and we will gladly get in touch with you later in the year. Forms are also available at Redwood PTSA meetings. Thank you for supporting this program and welcome to Redwood!

Ann Gordon
 apgordon@aol.com
 789-0726

Jody Coker
 jodycoker@comcast.net
 924-1590 ■

 (clip and return)

2007-08 Redwood Staff Appreciation Drawing

c/o Sam Miller
 Redwood High School
 395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, CA 94939

Yes, we'd like to donate!

Parent(s) Name _____ Student _____ Grade _____

Phone Number _____ Email (if preferred) _____

Circle the months you are interested in participating and we will contact you:

Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June

IMPORTANT CONTACTS & INFO FOR PARENTS

CONTACTS

Attendance Clerk, Ann Jackson	945-3624
Attendance Message Line (24 Hrs.)	945-3679
Student Activity Hotline	945-3684
Redwood Athletics Hotline	945-3683
Campus Safety Anonymous Tip Line	945-3693

Redwood High School	924-6200	www.redwood.org
<i>Principal</i> , Nancy Neu	945-3620	nancy@redwood.org
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<i>Athletic Director</i> , Karen Barrett	945-3619	kbarrett@redwood.org
<i>District Superintendent</i> , Dr. Laurie Kimbrel	945-3720	lkimbrel@tamdistrict.org

BACR substance abuse and counseling assistance

Jeanne Roberto	924-6200 x6146	
Stacie Degeneffe	924-6200 x6142	
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<i>Librarian</i> , Tom Kaun	945-3662	tkaun@redwood.org
<i>Nurse</i> , Wanda Milford	945-3618	wmilford@redwood.org
<i>Receptionist</i> , Karlene Caldwell	924-6200 x6666	kcaldwell@redwood.org
<i>Records/Transcripts</i> , Charlene DeLosa	945-3625	cdelesa@redwood.org
<i>Student Activities</i> , Sally Robert	945-3622	sally@redwood.org

<i>Redwood Foundation President</i> , Sara McGhie	www.redwoodhsfoundation.com
<i>Redwood PTSA President</i> , Susan Miltner	www.redwoodptsa.org

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, can be accessed online at www.redwoodptsa.org.

Keep this page and save it for future reference.



Advertise Your Business
in the
Redwood High School Student Directory
2008 –2009
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Businesses and professionals in the community are invited to advertise in the **Redwood High School Student Directory**, published in October by the Redwood PTSA. This is an opportunity to advertise your services in a phone book used regularly by Redwood families throughout the year.

In order to get the directories to our families in a timely manner, we need to have ads ready by September 8th. ***We are offering a 10% discount to ads we receive by August 22nd.***

Your support is greatly appreciated and will be recognized at PTSA meetings and in the *Redwood Post*, the PTSA newsletter, which is distributed to Redwood parents.

AD SIZE (see reverse for actual ad size)	RATE
Business Card	\$185
Half Page	\$365
Full Page	\$725
Inside Cover (email for availability first)	\$1,210
Back Cover (email for availability first)	\$1,815

Questions? Contact Donna Broughan at 461-7332 or dbroughan@comcast.net

Your Name: _____ Email: _____

Business Name: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Website: _____

Address: _____

AD SIZE: Business Card Half Page Full Page Inside or Back Cover

ART FOR AD:

- Repeat my ad from last year without changes
- I will supply new artwork (see below)

Preferred Artwork format:
Electronic version in a pdf, jpg or eps format and must be 300 dpi. Artwork should be emailed to cindieg@gmail.com AND dbroughan@comcast.net with your company name and "Redwood" in the subject line. There will be a charge for any modifications/creations. If you are unable to provide an electronic version please contact Donna Broughan at 461-7332 or dbroughan@comcast.net

DEADLINE: Return this form with payment
 (check made out to Redwood PTSA)
 by **Monday, September 15th** to:
 Donna Broughan c/o Redwood High School PTSA Directory
 395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, CA 94939

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Following is the Redwood High 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 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day Holiday NO SCHOOL	2	3	4 PTSA, 8:30–10 a.m. Rm. 120 Staff Photos 5–6:30 p.m., Rm. 120 Back to School Night 6:30–8:30 p.m.	5 MINIMUM DAY Parent Tour, 8–11 a.m., Kreps Senior Portraits 1–3 p.m., Kreps	6 Senior Portraits, 10 a.m.–1 p.m., Kreps Mock SAT, 9 a.m.–1 p.m., CEA Football vs. Windsor at RHS (V @ 1 p.m.)
7	8 Frosh Election Campaign Week New West Guitar Quartet in Library RHS Foundation Mtg., 6:30 p.m. Rm 112	9 Absentee Picture Day, 7:30–10 a.m. Rm. 120 Board of Trustees Mtg. (BOT) 7 p.m., Kreps	10 50 th Anniversary Ribbon Cutting, 11 a.m., Lunch Plaza	11	12 Football @ Petaluma 7 p.m.	13 ACT Test Date
14	15 Freshman Elections	16	17 Club Day #1 (at lunch)	18 Back to School Fall Rally, RALLY SCHEDULE Club Day #2 (at lunch) Parent to Parent Mtg. 6:30 p.m., Kreps Drama's Ashland Trip (9/18 to 9/21)	19	20
21	22 Staff Development Day NO SCHOOL	23 Freshman Academic Plan Night 6:30 p.m., CEA BOT (Student Trustee Orientation at 6 p.m.), 7 p.m. Kreps	24	25	26 School Tour, 8–11 a.m., Kreps End of 1 st Grading Period (R1)	27 Football vs. Justin Sienna at RHS (V @ 1 p.m.)
28	29	30				

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