

From the Principal:

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at Back to School Night last week. Our attendance was terrific. We are fortunate that our parents value this evening and are interested in their child's education

Hopefully, by now you have a good understanding of what the class expectations and learning goals are for each of your child's classes. If you have questions, I encourage you to call the school to set up conference meetings with teachers as needed. Please know that the administration is available to you as well. We hope that this will lead to the type of communication where student, parent, teacher and administration are working together as a team to support your child's learning.

The staff at Redwood has accepted the challenge of providing the finest educational opportunities possible for each of our students. I hope that every student will accept the challenge of gaining the most they can from their educational experiences. Our school needs to give our children a well-rounded education. We need to give our young people a sense of purpose for their future. If we work together, our children will leave our school as caring, inspired, effective adults. Please join with us in the spirit of cooperation and common commitment to make this school year their best.

We should be right in the middle of homecoming festivities by the time you receive this newsletter. Homecoming week is chockfull of fun and excitement and a wonderful opportunity for students to become involved in the school community. Please encourage your child to join clubs or other extracurricular activities. We know that part of a student's success in high school is incumbent upon his/her involvement in the total high school program.

Although we all want our children to become involved in healthy activities, they are sometimes tempted to follow paths that are harmful. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that the Tamalpais Union High School District will not tolerate students being under the influence of alcohol or drugs during the school day or at school events. This is clearly stated in the TUHSD Board Policy 5131.6 as well as the California Education Code. It is also against the law for students to use, possess, sell, or furnish alcohol or drugs.

Parents and students are notified of our policies by way of the Student/Parent Handbook, through correspondence from the school administration, parent education nights, in the Post, and on our website: [www.redwood.org](http://www.redwood.org). As you may recall, I also included a letter detailing our policies regarding alcohol and drugs in the summer mailing packet which was mailed to all families last July. These policies are discussed with students during homeroom and at school assemblies. In addition, our grade level administrators thoroughly reviewed these policies with students during oral presentations in classrooms these past few weeks.

We take student use of alcohol and drugs very seriously. Despite our best efforts, student use of alcohol and drugs continues to be a problem for some students. It is vital for both parents and school staff to be vigilant in keeping our students on track. For your convenience, I've included some of the suggestions I have made to parents in the past. I hope you will find them helpful:

- If your student is going to a friend's house for a pre-party before a school activity, contact that friend's parents and confirm that the parents will be at home to supervise the party and that there will not be any alcohol or drugs at the pre-party.
- Before leaving for the school activity, remind your students of the consequences, both at school and at home, for using, possessing, selling or furnishing alcohol or drugs.
- Ask your student which friends he/she will be going with to this event.
- Set a curfew.
- Most importantly: drugs and alcohol are not permitted at any school events.

Sharing and following these guidelines with our students will help them to make safe, wise, sane and smart decisions and choices.

I am committed to ensuring that all matters concerning Redwood High School meet a very high standard. Please know that I, as well as the other administrators, appreciate your involvement in our school. Let's work together to help all our students be successful!

Sincerely,  
Nancy Neu



October, 2009

Dear Redwood Parents,

Thank you for joining the Redwood Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). One of the programs your membership supports is the Parent Education speaker series. We hope you can attend Dr. Mike Reira's

presentation on “The Hidden Logic of Teenagers” on Thursday, October 15th in the Redwood little gym at 7PM.

Take a look at our PTSA meeting schedule and please join us throughout the year to hear more from our principal, Nancy Neu, faculty, and a variety of professionals speaking on parenting topics. The October 1<sup>st</sup> PTSA meeting features a “Teens and Technology” presentation by Drs. Joffe and Wilson. It will be held in the Kreps Conference Center at 8:30 AM.

Redwood phone directories will be distributed at school this month. Distribution dates will be announced and you or your student can collect the Redwood directory outside the main entrance doors. You will be notified via email about specific dates for directory collection.

One of the benefits of being a Redwood High School student is the wealth of experience afforded in areas such as music, theater, dance, sports, community service, clubs and internships. Just as your children participate in a wide array of activities offered through Redwood High School we encourage you to get involved by attending monthly PTSA meetings, volunteering and taking advantage of our programs such as the Parent Education speakers’ series.

Sincerely,

Susan Livingston, PTSA President

### OCTOBER 2009 RHS CALENDAR

- 1 PTSA Mtg. 8:30—10:00 a.m.—Kreps
- 2 School Tour—8:00 to noon—Kreps
- 5 Homecoming Court Nominations in Homeroom
- 6 Make-up Pictures: 7:30–9:30 a.m. in  
Multi Purpose room  
CAHSEE Make-ups for Jrs. & Srs.  
Senior Application Night: 7 p.m.—CEA, Kreps, Rms. 120 & 111
- 7 Minimum Day  
CAHSEE Make-ups for Jrs. & Srs.  
Binge Drinking Presentation—6-8 p.m.—Kreps  
Benchwarmer’s Mtg.—7-9 p.m.—Rm. 112
- 10 SAT
- 12-17 Homecoming Week
- 13 Board of Trustees—7-9 p.m.—Kreps

- 15 Homecoming Rally (rally schedule)  
Parent to Parent—6-9 p.m.--Kreps
- 17 PSAT  
Homecoming Football Game  
Homecoming Dance: 8-11 p.m.  
(all tickets pre-sale in Room 107)
- 17-25 Red Ribbon Week
- 19 Staff Development Day (no school)
- 23 School Tour—8:00 to noon—Kreps
- 24 ACT
- 27 School Tour—8:00 to noon—Kreps
- 31 Halloween Costume Contest

**At the PTSA meeting in Kreps on Thursday October 1 at 8:30am**, Dr Martin Joffe, pediatrician and Dr Melissa Wilson, clinical audiologist, will present "Teens and Technology: the Hazards of Texting and Other Popular Technology." Local pediatrician, Dr Joffe, will review and discuss the results of a survey among Marin County high school students regarding the use and misuse of cell phones, the full spectrum of misuse, and the psychological and philosophical issues concerning how teens communicate with various forms of digital technology. Dr Wilson will discuss how today's tech-savvy teen is increasingly at risk of damaging her/his hearing through frequent exposure to harmful sound levels. Any sound at a level of 85 decibels (dB) for an extended amount of time can cause permanent hearing damage – and personal MP3 players like the iPod are capable of emitting sound as loud as 100 dB! Melissa Wilson, a pediatric audiologist at the Hearing and Speech Center of Northern California, will give an overview of trends in noise-induced hearing loss and then share tips for safer listening habits.

**On Thursday October 15 at 7pm please join the Redwood PTSA, High Hall Middle School and Marin Academy in the New Gym at Redwood** as we co-host an evening presentation with Dr. Mike Riera, Ph.D. Dr Riera is an author and one of the country's foremost authorities on understanding children and teens. Dr. Riera will present "The Hidden Logic of Teenagers" covering topics such as why teenagers do what they do and why they can't/ won't explain it to you. The cornerstone of his philosophy for parents with teenagers is having parents shift from being managers in their teenagers' lives to becoming their consultants. Dr Riera will help us learn to enjoy this beautiful (and frustrating) phase of family life!

## **Redwood PTSA Needs You!**

Would you like to be more involved at Redwood?  
Please consider joining the PTSA nominating committee and help us recruit next year's executive board members. Our first meeting will be in January. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Mikel Naso, 461-3629, [mknaso@comcast.net](mailto:mknaso@comcast.net) Thank you.



## 2009-2010 Redwood High PTSA Membership & Student Directory

Your PTSA membership supports important programs at Redwood including:

- Parent Education lecture series
- Informative monthly meetings
- **The Post**, our monthly electronic news publication accessible on [www.redwood.org](http://www.redwood.org) under PTSA
- Campus Beautification
- Staff lunch and appreciation events
- Grade level social gatherings
- *Every 15 Minutes*
- Grad Night

The student directory is a handbook of student/parent addresses and phone numbers, school information and community business advertisers who support Redwood High School. **Please note if you do not want your phone numbers included in the directory.**

Announcements are sent to PTSA Members via email regarding important school related events and reminders. Please provide the email address where these will be sent.

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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Student's Name:                  | Phone:         |
| Student's Name:                  | Phone:         |
| Parent/Guardian name:            | Phone:         |
| Address:                         | Email Address: |
| Additional Parent/Guardian name: | Phone:         |
| Address:                         | Email Address: |

Directory purchase is only available to PTSA members. Order will be sent to the primary address.

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| Family Membership (includes 1 directory) | \$ 40.00   |
| Additional Directories ___ x \$20.00     | = \$ _____ |
| Total Enclosed                           | = \$ _____ |

Please return this form to: Redwood PTSA Membership 395 Doherty Drive, Larkspur, CA 94939

*Thank you for your support!*

Paula Strand, Membership Chair. Email: [Pauldstrand@yahoo.com](mailto:Pauldstrand@yahoo.com)

**Thank you**

We have started the year with some wonderful gifts for our teachers! Facials, giftcards, Giants tickets, and more! Thank you to the parents who have donated so far including: Kevin & Denise Jones (Allie Rose 10), Lori & Frank Ross (Jason 12), Jeanne & Duncan Barr (Sophia 11), Diane & Todd Ziesing (Jack 12, Griggs 2008), and Kelly & Steve Ryan (Kyle 9, Patrick 9, Sean 2009).

Please join these parents in celebrating our Redwood teachers and staff members by donating to the Redwood Staff Appreciation Drawing. This PTSA program honors the teachers and staff with a monthly drawing of gifts donated by parents. Throughout the year names are drawn for gifts worth \$50 or more, with the goal to give every staff member a gift by the end of the year. Popular gifts include retail gift cards (stores, restaurants, spas), clever gift baskets, favorite wines, as well as theater or sporting event tickets, concerts and lecture tickets. We announce donor family names, their student(s) and grade level(s), and the staff recipient at the monthly teacher-staff meetings...to much applause!

We hope you will take this opportunity to say thank you and participate during the school year. You may drop off your gift, even same day event tickets, in Principal Nancy Neu's office in care of her assistant, Samantha Miller (945-3620 [smiller@tamdistrict.org](mailto:smiller@tamdistrict.org)). You can also contact us directly to make arrangements or use the form below and we will gladly get in touch with you later in the year.

**"Please don't send checks; all other donations welcome!"**

**Ann Gordon**  
**apgordon@aol.com**  
**789-0726**

**Jody Coker**  
**jodycoker@comcast.net**  
**924-1590**

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*(Please clip and return)*  
2009-2010 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) \_\_\_\_\_

**You can deliver your gift to Sam Miller any day or circle the months you are interested in participating and we will contact you:**

Oct.      Nov.      Dec.      Jan.      Feb.      Mar.      Apr.      May      Jun

# RHS FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP PANEL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are recruiting current and past parents, alumni, and community members to join the Scholarship Panel

Approximately 8% of the Foundation proceeds are awarded to graduating seniors for financial assistance to pursue higher education. The Scholarship Fund Panel reviews applications and awards money as able.

Interested? Contact the RHSF office at 924-6793 or redwoodhsf@hotmail.com

## **FOCUS ON THE FOUNDATION: GIFTS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! As your student and family settle into the Fall routines, it's time to commit your support and involvement in the Redwood community. I urge you to consider making the RHS Foundation a top priority for your donation budget.

In the next few weeks, you will receive the 2009-2010 Annual Giving Campaign brochure. Please take some time to read it and consider the difference that collectively we can make to our students' high school experience.

### **What is the Annual Giving Campaign?**

A contribution to the Annual Giving Campaign is the most important financial gift you can make to Redwood. Each year, we ask families and friends of Redwood to make a tax-deductible donation to improve the quality of the education offered at our school.

These gifts affect the daily lives of *every Redwood student and teacher* by supporting essential academic, athletic, scholarship, music and fine arts programs. The Foundation has contributed over \$2.3 million dollars to Redwood in the past six years. **We support only this school – 100% of your donation to the Foundation stays at Redwood for the sole benefit of our students and programs.**

This year's Annual Giving Campaign goal is \$700,000.

Every dollar counts and every donation is important to the RHSF. We ask everyone to participate by giving at a level that is meaningful and right for their budget. Since all Redwood students benefit from these funds, our recommended giving level is \$1,000 per student. For families and friends who can give more, we thank you for your generosity and commitment to excellence in education at Redwood.

### **How does the Foundation distribute the money?**

The Foundation has three main committees which meet several times a year to review, discuss, and approve grant requests submitted by members of the Redwood community. Each of these dedicated volunteer panels consists of parents, students, faculty, and administrators.

#### **Allocation Panel: Academics, Music, Drama, Fine Arts, Campus Improvement**

The Allocation Panel meets twice a year and typically reviews over 30 grant requests from faculty, staff, students, and other members of the Redwood community. This Panel awarded almost \$270,000 last year in direct support of classroom learning activities, representing the largest budget item of the Foundation.

#### **Benchwarmers: Athletic Teams**

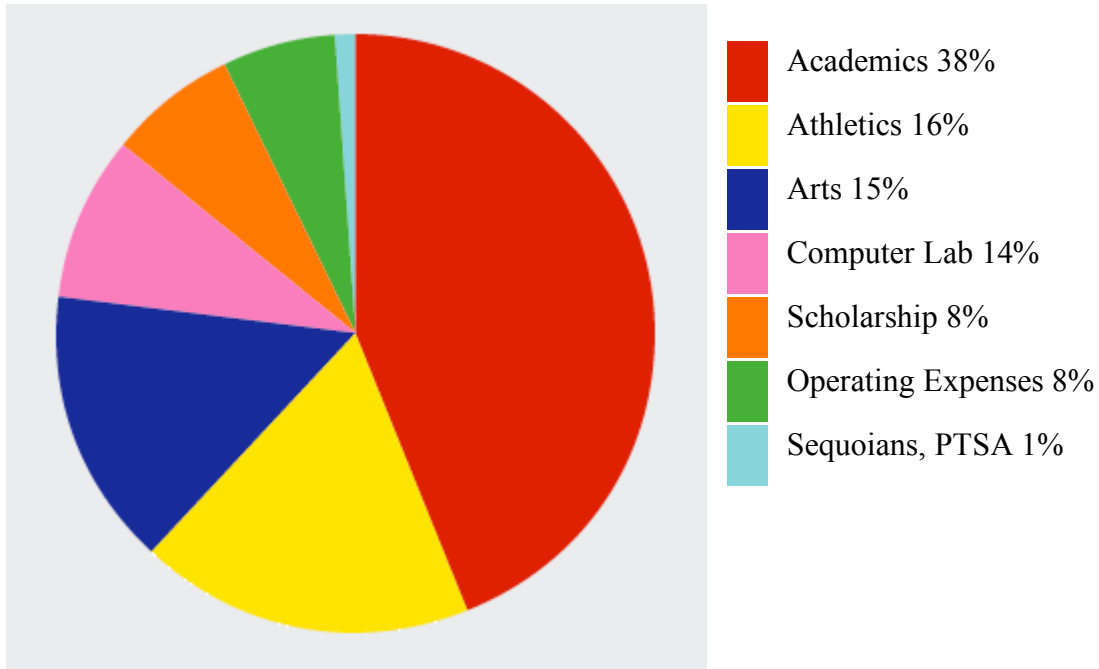
Approximately 20% of the Foundation's Annual Giving Campaign is used by Benchwarmers in support of approximately 750 student athletes who participate on over 20 of Redwood's sports teams.

#### **Scholarship Fund Panel: Financial Grants for College-bound Seniors**

The Foundation supports Redwood's commitment to academic excellence by maintaining a scholarship fund which reviews comprehensive applications from seniors for a one-time financial scholarship for higher education expenses.

### **Where Did The Money Go Last Year?**

Thanks to our generous donors in 2008-2009, the Foundation allocated over \$500,000 to Redwood's Academics, Arts, Athletics, Scholarship, and Campus Improvement.



**In the 2008-2009 school year we supported the following:**

- Comprehensive upgrade to computer laboratory
- Microscopes, balances, and safety equipment for science
- Math graphing calculators and interactive monitors for math classrooms
- Musical instruments, piano restoration, guest instructors and artists
- Electricity modules and physics equipment
- Split-level computer desks for Special Education
- Drafting table tops and portable teaching stations
- Photography equipment and HD video cameras for photo classes
- Video camera for drama and film programs
- Debate club budget assistance
- Drama program and guest instructors
- Sports team uniforms, new equipment, athletic trainers
- Sports team transportation and tournament fees
- One-time financial grants for 18 college-bound seniors
- College and Career Center technology upgrades
- Educational materials for all departments

Thank you for your support of the RHS Foundation. For further information and answers to many frequently asked questions, please visit our web site at [www.redwoodhsfoundation.com](http://www.redwoodhsfoundation.com).

-Catherine Way, Redwood Foundation President

## **Class of 2013**

### **FRESHMAN PARENT EVENING**

Date: Thursday, October 8, 2009

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Freshman Parents are invited to a casual get-together sponsored by the PTSA on October 8 from 6-8pm. Come meet Redwood Principal Nancy Neu and David Sondheim, Assistant Principal for the freshman class. The gathering will take place at the Condy home at 101 Goodhill Road in Kent Woodlands. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet and greet other freshman parents and administration. So, mark your calendars and please RSVP to 924-5054 or [cbsre@aol.com](mailto:cbsre@aol.com) by Monday, October 5.

Jean Suliteanu and Barbara Kelly  
PTSA Freshman Class Parent Coordinators

Directions to the Condy Home: Take Woodland Avenue to the corner of Goodhill Road. House is on the corner.

# **Sophomore Parent Social**

Back by popular demand -  
PTSA's Sophomore Parent Social  
Wednesday, October 21, from 6 to 8PM  
Hear Principal Nancy Neu's thoughts on the new school year,  
meet the vice principals, new friends, old friends and enjoy light  
refreshments.

Wendy Tonkin, Jake Breuner's mom, has graciously offered to  
host this event at her home:

21 South Ridgewood Drive, Kentfield

Directions:

[http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s\\_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=21+S+RIDGEWOOD,+KENTFIELD&sll=36.244273,-95.712891&sspn=50.327722,79.013672&ie=UTF8&z=16&iwloc=A](http://maps.google.com/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=en&geocode=&q=21+S+RIDGEWOOD,+KENTFIELD&sll=36.244273,-95.712891&sspn=50.327722,79.013672&ie=UTF8&z=16&iwloc=A)

Please RSVP to [mknaso@comcast.net](mailto:mknaso@comcast.net) by October 14!

Call us if you have any questions:

Danelle Leong – 927-2080

Mikel Naso – 461-3629

We look forward to seeing you on October 21!

Parent to Parent (P2P)

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 these 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 monthly parent meetings, held in the evening at the Kreps Conference Center on the Redwood campus, feature dynamic speakers who offer information on a wide variety of topics, from maximizing

the high school experience to choosing a college. We open each meeting a half hour before the program to allow for informal discussion and networking with other parents, and we have time for Q&A with our speakers.

Parent representatives from each district high school organize the P2P speaker series. We meet monthly with Karen Mates, TUHSD Director of Special Education, to plan P2P programs as well as voice your questions and concerns about how well the district is serving student needs. If you would like to be on the e-mail list or have comments or questions, please contact [p2p@tuhsd.marin.k12.ca.us](mailto:p2p@tuhsd.marin.k12.ca.us). To find out more about P2P, and for resources in the community, visit our website at [www.tamdistrict.org/p2p](http://www.tamdistrict.org/p2p).

Please join us for our October 15<sup>th</sup> P2P meeting. The topic is: **What's Next? Four Year Colleges For Students With Learning Differences** featuring Jane McClure, educational consultant with McClure, Baron and Mallory. You'll get to meet us and other like-minded parents AND get off to a good start for the 2009-10 academic year.

### **P2P Monthly Speaker Series Schedule 2009-10**

2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays except for April, which is a Wednesday. Program at 7:00 pm, Informal parent discussion 6:30 pm-7:00 pm. (No December meeting)

- 09/10/09** **Key to High School Success: Attitude and Self Advocacy-** Lynne Kennedy, Brian Lynch, Drake High School Counselors
- 10/15/09** **What's Next? Four-Year Colleges for LD Kids-** Jane McClure
- 11/12/09** **You Do Have a Choice: Which District High School Best Suits Your Student's Needs?** –P2P Parent Reps
- 01/14/09** **Four-Year College isn't the Only Way: Real Life Options that Work for Kids with Learning Challenges Including 2 Year College Programs-** Robert Flynn College of Marin; (check P2P website for additional speakers)
- 02/11/10** **Challenges of Adolescence: Identifying and Preventing High Risk Behaviors in Teens** – Dr Devora Depper; Cory DeMars, San Andreas counselor; Michele Nicolay, Project Coordinator, Tam District Binge Drinking Program
- 03/11/10** **Kid's in Crisis: Strategies, Options & Resources**  
Molly Baron and Bob Casanova (McClure, Mallory andBaron);  
Stephanie Stein ( Matrix); Ricardo Murgia (Coyote Coast); Marcus Small (The Center for Restorative Justice)
- 04/7/10** **Transitions: Preparing for College, Work & Life-** Tam District Transition Team
- 05/13/10** **Social Upheaval: The Ups and Downs of Teen Relationships-** Dr Diane Engelman

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

Janet Miller  
Sarah Kass  
Coordinators, Parent to Parent Connection (P2P)

**COUNSELING DEPARTMENT**

***SAVE THE DATES!***  
**UPCOMING PARENT-STUDENT EDUCATION EVENINGS**  
***All Fall Programs begin at 6:30 PM***

**SENIOR APPLICATION NIGHT:** Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM - CEA

Parents AND students are invited to attend this valuable evening when counselors will go over the college application process.

Four presentations will be offered – you will be able to choose two from the following:

- Completing the UC Application
- Completing the CSU Application
- Private College Applications – Common Application, Letters of Recommendation; college essay
- Junior college transfer programs to 4-Year schools and other community college programs

**COLLEGE NIGHT FOR JUNIORS & PARENTS:** Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM - 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 colleges and the community college system.

Topics covered include data on college admissions, college visits, college choice, required testing, 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, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 PM – in the Library. This is most useful for senior and their parents but juniors and their parents may want to come for a preview. 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.

The following web sites are strongly recommended by the Redwood counselors for students to register early on in high school as these are web sites students can use all 4 years of high school:

1) PREP HQ = Preparation Headquarters

<https://www.prephq.com/?id=redwood> begin with link on the left hand side “click here to register” and enter the user name = student’s last name and password = student’s Redwood ID#

Register now since counselors post information and communicate with students and parents through this site. Great college search info and stats!! ALL college rep visits to Redwood are posted on this site as well as in the TWIG. All students, especially juniors and seniors, are invited to sign up and attend.

2) The College Board: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) – lots of information and sign up for “Question of the day!” for your daily test prep.

3) [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu) - begin with the tab for “Tools” and select the High School Planner function to keep track of classes throughout the four years, helps plan for UC and CSU admission later.



### **Marin County School to Career Partnership**

For students who are interested in healthcare, Marin General and Kaiser Hospitals are sponsoring Youth Health Forums on October 7th and October 30. Students will hear presentations by physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals about their careers. Applications were due on September 24<sup>th</sup>, but there are a few spots still available. Applications are in the College and Career Office. There will be another field trip to visit the hospitals in March.

### **Other School to Career Services**

As the School to Career Liaison for Redwood High School, 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  
Redwood High School (415) 945-3604  
Tamalpais High School (415) 380-3558  
[nwestreich@tamdistrict.org](mailto:nwestreich@tamdistrict.org)

**College & Career Center**  
**Paula Vantrease**

## IMPORTANT DATES

| Activity  | Day       | Date    | Location   |
|---|-----------|---------|--|
| <b>Senior Application Night</b>   | Tuesday   | Oct. 6  | 6:30 pm Redwood High School  |
| <b>College Essay Writing Workshop<br/>(provided free of charge by Revolution<br/>Test Prep)</b> | Thursday  | Oct. 8  | 2:30 to 4:00 Room 120 (Limited<br>to 45 students, sign up in Rm.<br>111) |
| <b>U C Application Workshop</b>   | Tuesday   | Oct. 13 | 3:15 to 4:00 Room 182  |
| <b>CSU Application Workshop</b>   | Wednesday | Oct. 14 | 3:15 to 4:00 Room 182  |
| <b>PSAT</b>   | Saturday  | Oct. 17 | Redwood High School  |
| <b>College Night For Juniors &amp; Parents</b>  | Tuesday   | Nov. 10 | 6:30 pm Redwood High School  |
| <b>Deadline to Request Letters of<br/>Recommendation from Counselors</b>                        | Friday    | Nov 13  | Counseling Office  |
| <b>UC &amp; CSU application deadline</b>  | Monday    | Nov 30  | ONLINE   |
| <b>FINANCIAL AID NIGHT</b>  | Tuesday   | Dec 8   | Library at 6:30 pm   |

**Many College Admissions Representatives visit Redwood High school throughout the fall. Students interested in these schools are encouraged to come to the College & Career Center to hear what these representatives say about their school's atmosphere, majors and admission policies. A few colleges have Information Sessions at public places on weekends and/or evenings.**

**For the latest list of College Admissions Representative visits to Redwood or locally, go to [www.redwood.org](http://www.redwood.org) , click on the Resource Centers and log on to PREP HQ.**

**Fall preview days, campus open house days and early admission days will also be included on PREP HQ.**

### UC/CSU Applications

The University of California system and the California State University applications are available online. **These addresses are: [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply) and [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu).** If your student does not have access to the Internet, he/she may use the computers in the College/Career Center. Students who are applying for the CSU may do so in October and November. Students applying to the UC system can begin working on their applications now but must wait until November 1<sup>st</sup> to submit. Students shouldn't wait until after Thanksgiving to send their completed application since the universities have experienced log jams on those last few days before the deadline. The cost of applying to the UC is \$60.00 each campus and CSU is \$55.00 each campus. For virtual tours of the application process please visit the websites prior to beginning the application process, many questions will be answered here. Application deadlines for the UC and CSU systems is November 30, 2009

**After school UC and CSU application workshops will be held in computer lab 182 on Tuesday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> (UC) and Wednesday, Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> (CSU) from 3:15 TO 4:00. Any students wanting help with the completion of the application should plan on attending. I will be available to answer questions and help with the process. Students need to bring their unofficial transcript to work from.**

**Applications for private colleges/universities** and out of state public colleges/universities can be found on their individual websites or over 400 colleges use the Common Application. The Common Application can be found at [www.commonapp.org](http://www.commonapp.org). Detailed information on the Common Application is in the Senior Edition of the Splinter.

The Senior Edition of the Splinter went out to students the week of Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> through their government/economics classes. This updated bulletin is full of useful information about the college application process for seniors. For an online copy of the Splinter please go to the Redwood High School website and look under publications as well as it has been uploaded onto Prep HQ and may be accessed under Shared Files.

### **Science Fair 2010**

The single largest public display of student work takes place every year at the Redwood High School Science Fair. Even though many students are working in teams this year there will still be over 280 projects submitted by over 400 students.

Teachers and community volunteers produce the fair. The RHS Foundation and individual donations provide financial support.

Our pledge form for volunteers and donations can be found online at <http://rhsweb.org/science/ScienceFair/PledgeForm2010.pdf>

A link to the Science Fair website can be found on the Science Department's website: <http://rhsweb.org/science/index.html>

We are making a special plea this year for Judges. A science background is preferred. The commitment for judges is described on the pledge form.

Have questions? Or Comments? Contact Skip Lovelady, Science Department Chair. [lovelady@redwood.org](mailto:lovelady@redwood.org)

Thank You,  
The Redwood Science Department.

### **Math Department**

From Our Angle:  
News from the Math Department

Thank you for the enthusiastic turn out at Back to School Night last month! We are so pleased to be able to share with you what you can expect in your student's math class over the course of the year. Our math program is strong and our teachers are dedicated to helping your student become accomplished in whichever level of math he or she is enrolled. I'm pleased to announce that, once again, we had excellent results on the Advanced Placement exam that our students took last May. All of the students in the BC Calculus class passed and the AB Calculus and AP Statistics courses had more than 90%

of their students passing. This year, we have six sections of calculus and one section of statistics! We figure that more than one-fourth of the senior class is taking some version of college level math. It's not easy, but with good study habits and perseverance, our students demonstrate that they are highly successful.

Congratulations to Allison Kristal; she wed Andy Kenyon at the beginning of August in a ceremony presided over by our own Ernesto Diaz. She was a stunning bride and we wish her every happiness in her marriage. Our math family grew by one young member as Becky Kittredge welcomed Caden Foster Kittredge to her family. Caden arrived late in June.

We thank you for the support of the Foundation; we are grateful for the support you have directly given our classrooms in the form of the Classroom Performance System (students use remotes!), our LCD projectors, and new sets of graphing calculators for Mr. Simon's and Ms. Curtaz's classrooms. You keep us clicking along! We are also grateful for any AAA batteries and facial tissue that you can send to our math classes. Thank you to the family of Molly Tracy for sending batteries and facial tissue to Mr. Simon's class. Those noses are running already so, if you see a good sale, please remember to send some extra tissues to us, too.

Have a lovely fall!  
Julianne Schrick  
Dear Tam District Parents:

#### October 2009 Campus Improvement article for The Post

#### Suggested headline: Strong Turnout for Art Garden and Amphitheatre Clean-up

It's amazing to see how much gets done when nearly 20 people work together to clean up Redwood's campus. Last month, the Campus Improvement Committee planned to prune and weed the badly overgrown Art Garden. In just over an hour, the job was done and volunteers were able to tackle the Amphitheatre beds as well. Gardening efforts generated more than 20 large garbage bags of yard waste. Many thanks to: Lindsey Matteo, Corbin Wirta, Cody Adelson, Kaela Trutner, David Mastracci, Edwin and Kevin Flores, Blakely Goltra, Letitia Mueller, Brian Muenier, Isalina Chow, Sarah Denis, Audrey Demski, Cherie Daly, Liz Lautner, and Lindy Flemming.

Are you looking for a fun, quick way to earn community service hours? Join Campus Improvement volunteers to clean up the quad from 9-12 on Saturday, October 10. No need to sign up, just show up. We have gloves and gardening tools or you can bring your own. We hope to see you there!

#### Garden Party Schedule

**Meeting times: 9:00 am - Noon**

Saturday, October 10: The Quad

Saturday, November 14: Front of school along Doherty Drive

Saturday, January 9: Plant more daffodil bulbs around lunch plaza, prune roses in Amphitheatre

Saturday, February 27: The Quad

Saturday, March 27: The Quad

Saturday, April 24: TBD

Saturday, May 29: TBD

Saturday, June 5: Amphitheatre

Questions? Contact Lindy Flemming (924.9739)  
Redwood Campus Improvement co-chair

Bicycling, Walking, Prizes, and Pizza!

International Walk and Roll to School Day is Wednesday October 7. Our campus event is being run by the Redwood High School Environmental Action Club. Raffle entries will be awarded to every person who bikes or walks to school. At the end of the day one to five raffle winners will be awarded prizes donated by local companies such as M&G Burgers. Walking and biking to school is a great way for teens clear their heads and get a little exercise while making a difference by reducing traffic and pollution. (It's great for parents, too!) On Thursday, October 8, the Environmental Action Club is hosting a Bike to Lunch Trip where every student that bikes to Red Boy's in Larkspur will be awarded a free slice of pizza to encourage students to bike to lunch as an alternative to driving. The Environmental Action Club will continue by sponsoring monthly Bike/Walk Days with raffles throughout the whole school year. Please encourage your kids to participate in building healthy (and fun) commuting habits.

#### Healthy Kids Survey Coming Soon

The California Healthy Kids Survey is designed to promote better health among our community's youth and will be administered in October to students in grades 9 and 11. The survey has also been approved by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Health Services and is required as part of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation.

The survey is anonymous, confidential and voluntary. Your child's privacy is protected. No names will be recorded or attached to the survey. The survey will

gather information on health-risk behaviors such as physical activity, nutritional habits, tobacco, alcohol and other drug use, violence, gang membership and delinquency. There are no questions about family values. If you would like to examine the questionnaire, please contact the Director of Learning Services at 945-3727. The survey will be available in school offices by mid-September. The survey is being conducted by WestEd, a public, non-profit educational institution.

The CHKS will be administered in late October/early November. If you do **not** want your student to take the CHKS, you must complete an opt-out form available in our receptionist's office, Room 105, by October 15.