Happy December! Such a great time to enjoy family and friends and celebrate. The staff and I wish each of you a happy and healthy holiday season.

Parents and students, I encourage you to take a few minutes before the holidays to review all grades and assignments. I know the procrastinators of our school are thinking they have two weeks to ‘catch up’, but that never really happens. Please take time to review your grades and grade-book before the holidays. The semester ends a few short weeks after we return from winter break.

Also, please make sure you have your spring semester registration set. We have several new electives to try, please talk to your Faculty Advisor about new elective options.

And last, we have some sad and exciting news. Fawn Norrup, our paraeducator, will be retiring December 30th. We are sad to lose her, yet excited for her to start another season of her life. We wish her all the best and are grateful for all she has done for PCHS!

Happy Holidays!

Machele Kilgore
PCHS Principal

FAFSA/Cal Grant

Graduates planning on enrolling in college should complete: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA should be filed as soon after January 1st. as possible online at fafsa.ed.gov. All FAFSA questions are on the “FAFSA on the Web” worksheet. The worksheet can be completed before the FAFSA. Click here for the worksheet. Any graduate planning on attending college should also file for the Cal Grant. First, provide Kathy Fusaro at PCHS with your Social Security Number. Use the Cal Grant form on the PCHS website, under “forms” or go to http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?

ACCESS will file your Cal Grant GPA electronically to the state which matches your SS# to your FAFSA filing. The deadline for California FAFSA and Cal Grant students is March 2, 2016.

Spring Registration

Any student who does not submit their spring registration paperwork will not be registered for the spring semester. If you have any questions, please call Sandi Curtis at 714-245-6511, or your faculty advisor.
Math Final Exams

The Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2016.
Exams must be taken by this date to receive full credit. If you are unable to attend the testing date, contact your instructor to make arrangements to test earlier. Any exam taken after the testing date will incur a 50% penalty off earned points.
The Time: The following exam times are for both online and hybrid classes and are scheduled according to the first initial of each student’s last name:
8:30—A-F 9:30—G-L 10:30—M-S 11:30—T-Z

Math exams are not timed, and may take 30 minutes to a few hours to complete. All exams must be completed by 3 p.m., when the school closes.
What to Bring:
• pencil
• calculator
• Hand-written notes

Math Support
Monday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday 12:00 - 2:45 p.m.
Wednesday 12:00 - 2:45 p.m.
Thursday 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Test Taking Tips:
• Study—form a study group.
• Do your homework.
• Review regularly.
• Ask for help—attend math support classes.
• Understand rather than memorize.
• To avoid anxiety—arrive early, answer the easier questions first. If you get stuck, leave it and go back. Take a deep breath—recall what you know.
• Get plenty of sleep the night before the exam.
• Eat a healthy breakfast.

Theatre Arts/Drama

Random Acts of Comedy—four one-act shows:
Law and Order: Fairy Tale Unit
- In this fairy tale criminal justice system—fairy tale and nursery rhyme characters represent the hilarious and ridiculous groups.
The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet - A whimsical reinvention of Shakespeare’s tragic love story—similar to something out of Dr. Seuss’s imagination.
Check Please - Dating can be hard, especially when your date is an absurdly unexpected character.
When you think a series of bad dates can’t get any worse, it does.

13 Ways to Screw Up Your College Interview – When two college recruiters at a prestigious university need to fill one last spot to keep their jobs, thirteen high school seniors are eager to come in for an interview. The applicants illustrate what NOT to do at a college interview.
Performance Dates:
• Jan. 7, Thurs., 7:00 p.m.
• Jan. 8, Fri., 7:00 p.m.
• Jan. 9, Sat., 2:30 and 7:00 p.m.

Tickets costs:
$5.00 for students and children.
$7.00 for general admission.
$10.00 for Premium front row seat (subject to availability).

Tickets are now on sale—by email only. Send request to ticketmoms@gmail.com. You can pick-up and pay for your tickets during rehearsal days on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Support PCHS Drama Department—Purchase food from our Comedic Café. Grams will also be available for purchase to congratulate our actors.

For more information, contact Amy Sydoruk at 714-245-6492, ASydoruk@ocde.us

PROM 2016

PROM—Save the date: April 8, 2016, 7:30 p.m. at the Disneyland Hotel. Ballots were counted and students’ choice was unanimous—Masquerade Ball is the theme for this year’s PROM! Tickets will go on sale Feb. 1, 2016. Early Bird Special is $40.00 if you purchase between Feb. 1 and Feb. 12. Regular price is $45.00 if you purchase after Feb. 12. Ticket price includes a wonderful time at the Sleeping Beauty Pavilion—Disneyland Hotel, a bountiful buffet of Hors D’oeuvres, sodas, and an awesome D.J. to play all your favorite dance songs. Come with an appetite—no need to have dinner before arriving.

Look for a date in the near future to submit PLAYLISTS! It will be a great night of dancing, fun, and memories in the making. Contact Patty Brown at PBrown@ocde.us if you have questions.
Mock Trial Club /Competition

The Mock Trial Competition combines law-related education with tournament-style competition. Using a fictional criminal court case, 1,000 students representing high school teams enact every role in a trial under the guidance of attorney and teacher coaches. PCHS Mock Trial team has successfully won every match in the preliminary rounds. Now for the Playoffs! You’re welcome to come watch this fantastic group of students perform live courtroom drama in a real courtroom. For additional information, contact Amy Sydoruk at ASydoruk@ocde.us.

Schedule for 2015-16 Mock Trial Competition:
Playoff Rounds:
Round 5—December 1
Round 6—December 3
Round 7—December 8
Round 8—December 12

RoadTrip Nation

Come join us on a ROADTRIP. The Roadtrip Nation elective course offers students a creative and fun exploratory journey. Discover your interests, talents and career options.

For more information, contact Nancy McKeegan at 714-245-6505 or NMckeegan@ocde.us.

PCHS Film Club and PCHS Tech Team

Check out the PCFC. Look up “Pacific Coast Film Club” on YouTube to find our page. We upload sketch videos, school news, short films, and more! Look for our latest videos in the newsletter or subscribe to our channel. The next meeting day is Tuesday, Dec.15, at 1:15 - 2:30 p.m. If you are interested, contact Cindy Rogers at 714-245-6494, CRogers@ocde.us.

Transform yourself from a consumer of technology to a maker of technology. If you consider yourself an inventor or designer, then PCHS Tech Team is looking for you. Dive into programming, electronics, and computing as you design projects using tools such microcontrollers, computers, coding, 3D printing and design.

Meeting days and times:
Wednesdays 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
For more information, please contact Richard Fitzgeorge at RFitzgeorge@ocde.us.

Yearbooks/ID Cards

The Yearbook Staff would like pictures from students in the following categories:
• Jobs, Travel, Sports, Hang Outs, Hobbies and Students with their pets.

Send in your awesome photos before Dec. 6th, 2015. They may be in the yearbook! Let the yearbook show the real you. Download the Yearbook Snap mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.

Our school’s access code: Dolphins. Upload pictures in “Yearbook Special Requests.” Snap it – Share it – See it! Contact Cindy at 714-245-6494 for any questions you have. Thanks for sharing your pictures!

Yearbooks are on sale for $45.00 (cash or check payable to OCDE). Please plan ahead and purchase early as there are a limited number of books.

ID cards are good for admission discounts, travel, jobs, activities such as non-PCHS school dances, and official testing such as the CHSPE and SAT. ID cards are available for purchase throughout the year for a donation of $5.00 (cash only). Photos of yourself may also be taken for the yearbook if you have not had one taken yet. There is no cost for this.
Grad Corner

Graduation Ceremony:
June 8, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.
Note to Early Grads—If you are considering graduating early, please let your faculty advisor know.

Stem & the Arts Career Showcase

Vital Link invites middle school, high school, college students and their families to attend the 2016 STEM & the Arts Career Showcase, a collaboration of corporate, education, and non-profit sponsors and exhibitors coming together to create an engaging and interactive exploration experience emphasizing careers in science, technology, engineering, math (STEM), and the arts.

Dates and Times:
- April 15, Fri. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- April 16, Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- April 17, Sun. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Location: OC Fair and Event Center, 88 Fair Dr., Costa Mesa, CA 92626.

Cost: Please contact Vital Link for cost to attend on Fri., April 15. Admission on April 16 & 17, Sat. and Sun., is free. Parking at the OC Fair & Event Center is $7.00.

For more information, go to: http://vitallinkoc.org/youth/special-programs.

Aspiring Nurse Scholarship

Attention: Seniors—Nursing Schools Almanac is proud to announce their second annual Aspiring Nurse Scholarship. $1,000.00 scholarship will be awarded to an aspiring nurse who best demonstrates:
- A track record of academic excellence, particularly in science and mathematics.
- A passion for the nursing profession and the overall field of healthcare.

The scholarship is open to all high school seniors who plan to pursue college education in nursing, including LPN/LVN, ADN, and BSN programs.

For more information, go to: www.nursingschoolsalmanac.com. Click on the banner on the right-hand side of the website’s homepage for detailed information and application. Application deadline is June 30, 2016. More information may be found in our lobby.

Asia & Pacific Islander American Scholarship and Gates Millennium Scholars

High School Seniors: The APIASF scholarship is open to Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAP) high school and college students who will be enrolling in a U.S. accredited college or university as a full-time, degree-seeking undergraduate student in the upcoming academic year. More information and the APIASF scholarship application can be found at http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_apiasf.html. Application deadline is January 8, 2016.

The Gates Millennium Scholars (GMS) Program is open to outstanding African American, American Indian, Asian Pacific Islander American, and Hispanic American students who have significant financial need. The grant offers the students an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. More information and the application can be found at http://www.apiasf.org/scholarship_gms.html. Application deadline is January 13, 2016.
The California Association of Collectors (CAC) is offering scholarships to California high school seniors graduating in 2016. Scholarship recipients can use these funds at any accredited public or private college, university or trade school.

Aspiring Fashion and Animation Professional Scholarship

"Aspiring Fashion Professional" Scholarship. This is a $1,000.00 scholarship that will be awarded to students that are interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited post-secondary school or college. Interested students can visit this link www.fashion-schools.org and find the scholarship located at the bottom of the page and click on it. Application deadline is June 1, 2016.

"Aspiring Animation Professional" Scholarship. This is the 5th year for awarding this scholarship for AnimationCareerReview.com, offering high school seniors the opportunity to win a $1,000.00 scholarship. This will be awarded to students that are interested in pursuing an animation career path at an accredited post-secondary school or college. Interested students can visit our website at: http://www.animationcareerreview.com to find eligibility information along with the online application. The scholarship will be on the right side of the page and click on it. Application deadline is June 1, 2016.

Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program

Abbott & Fenner Business Consultants are pleased to announce the continuation of their scholarship program for the 9th year. The winner will be awarded up to $1,000.00. Application process: students will submit an essay on the topic that appears on the scholarship page of the website at: http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm. Scholarship deadline is June 10, 2016.
School Hours

School Hours—We are open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. We lock our door at 3:00 p.m. and ask that all students and parents exit the building at this time. The only exception is if you have a scheduled after-hours appointment with a teacher.

Arrival and departure to and from the school campus should be limited to 15 minutes before and after class. This time allows you to use the restroom facilities, check your rolling files, visit with friends, and purchase snacks from the vending machines. You may remain on campus if you are working quietly on school work.

Leaving Campus—Many students use the time between classes to get lunch and visit with friends. Parents, please be informed that when students leave, they are not required to check in or out with PCHS staff.

PCHS Etiquette

Routines and Procedures: Communication—When you have a question regarding course information, email your teacher and include your name, the course, assignment and the specific concern, question or comment.

Rolling Files—Check your rolling files! We have student work and Biology notebooks from spring of last year. Check your rolling files often for returned work and/or important documents. Please respect the privacy of these files.

Faxing In Work—The student fax number is 714-368-0713. All faxes must have the student’s name and class.

Drop Slot—If you plan to drop off work after hours, you can slip it through the drop slot in the window just to the left of our front doors.

Friday Due Dates—3:00 p.m. is the deadline to turn in work. Whether you are faxing your work in, dropping it off or submitting on-line, work that is turned in after 3:00 p.m. is considered late.

Computer Lab Hours—Students are welcome to use the student computers on campus for schoolwork. The computer lab is open for support classes and general student use during these hours:

- Mondays 8:30 a.m. - 12:55 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Thursdays 9:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

When the computer lab is unavailable, students may use the computers in the study hall.

College Courses

Many PCHS students take community college courses to augment their high school transcripts. If you are interested in taking college classes, follow these procedures:

- Decide on a course.
- Obtain the necessary forms from the college website or catalog.
- Please note that there is paperwork specific to high school students.
- Complete your portion of the paperwork. Indicate whether you are taking the course for high school or college credits.
- Machele Kilgore must approve the class and sign the paperwork.
- Call first to see when Machele will be on campus to complete this.
- Bring in the completed paperwork and a copy of the college catalog course description.
- Take the paperwork to the college to complete the registration process.

“Hail and Farewell” from Fawn

I want to express my sincere appreciation to PCHS students, parents, families, faculty and staff. I’m delighted to know and work together with the wonderful students and parents at PCHS.

I have met and talked with some students who have the best attitudes -- so positive and uplifting! I especially want to thank the parents who helped with theatre preparation and ticket sales.

I am retiring in December to pursue and develop my passion—visual and performing arts, which were the focus of my higher education and teaching specialization.