

## Calendar of Events

March 3 - CHEP/PCHS Orientation - 12:30

March 5 - NHS meeting

March 7 - 9th Grade Physical Fitness Test

March 8 - NHS Beach Clean-up

March 11 - Blood Drive - 8-2:15

March 12 - Biology Lab

March 18 - CAHSEE ELA - 10th-12th grade—Campus Closed

March 19 - CAHSEE Math - 10th -12th grade—Campus Closed

March 26 - Biology Lab

March 28 - Math Midterm

## Upcoming Events:

April 25 - Prom

May 1 to 4 and May 29 to 31 Theatre Arts - *Fiddler on the Roof*

May 20 - Constitutional Rights Foundation-Orange County Law Day

June 4 - Grad Nite

June 10 - Senior Breakfast

June 11, 2014 - Graduation Ceremony - at 11:00

# Pacific Coast High School Newsletter

March 2014

## A Message from the Principal

### Exciting Things at PCHS

- WASC Visit
- Awards-Mock Trial, National Merit Award, Presidents Volunteer Award
- Coffee and Coursework
- Graduation Speeches

### WASC

It is really happening! The **WASC** visit that you have heard so much about this year will begin on Sunday March 9th and continue through Wednesday March 12th. The team will be visiting classrooms, talking to parents and students, and reviewing the Pacific Coast High School lifestyle. We welcome them and are excited to share PCHS with them. The final report presentation will be Wednesday at around 12:30-1 p.m. You are welcome to participate. WASC accreditation is very important to our school and your transcript.

### Awards

We have so many students getting recognition. We congratulate **Melissa Nguyen** who has been named a finalist for the National Merit Awards Scholars. This is a very high honor that she has worked hard for. As a finalist, she is in consideration for the National Merit Scholarships offered in 2014. She is part of an elite group of students across our country. In addition, Melissa has recently been awarded the Grand Prize Winner of the Southern California Philharmonic 2014 Young Artists' Showcase Concerto Competition.

As part of the grand prize package, Melissa will be featured with the two runners up in a showcase concert on April 12, accompanied by the Southern California Philharmonic.

**Amy Vincent** has chalked up so many service hours that she has received the **President's Volunteer Service Award** from the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards. Great job, Amy! Mock Trial recognition was recently given to three of our Mock Trial competitors. The Constitutional Rights Foundation awarded **Rachel Manson** and **Hannah (Luna) Lindmeier** as Attorney of the year and **Kaynin Hackey** as outstanding witness. These PCHS students received their medals at an awards luncheon (see picture on our website). We are so proud of these students and all of our award winning students.

### Coffee and Coursework

We have started a new form of homework support at PCHS. On most Wednesdays (check schedule on website) we will offer a coffee house for students to come on campus to work on assignments and get homework support. We offer good coffee, good creamers, some snacks, some low music and grouped tables that allow for some socialization and group work. We have hosted several *Coffee and Coursework* days so far that have had a really nice feel to them. Check the schedule and plan to come hang out with other students and get some work done in a coffee house environment.



**Machele Kilgore**  
PCHS Principal

### Graduation Speeches

Seniors who are interested in speaking at your graduation ceremony this June, start thinking about your speeches. We will start accepting speeches soon. The deadline is April 25th.

As always, we encourage you to communicate with your instructors or staff to get the support you need to be a successful student. Don't hesitate to ask for help.

## Physical Fitness Test



**Attention: 9th Grade Students**  
PCHS will be giving the Physical Fitness Test on Friday, March 7, 2014.

California Education Code Section 60800 requires all students in grades five, seven and nine to participate in the Physical Fitness Test (PFT). This health-related fitness test, developed by The Cooper Institute, is intended to help students acquire lifelong habits of regular physical activity.

All 9th graders are required to participate—testing is NOT associated with any PE course.

**Where:** Peppertree Park in Tustin

**When:** Friday, March 7, 2014  
Start time: 9:30 A.M.

Pick up time: 11:00 A.M.

Parents please be on time as teachers need to wait until all students are picked up before they can return to school.

Complete instructions and directions were emailed to each student. If you did not receive them, please contact Nancy McKeegan, nmckeegan@ocde.us.

## CAHSEE High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)



**CAHSEE Testing:**  
**Tuesday, March 18 and**  
**Wednesday, March 19**

The PCHS campus will be closed to everyone except those entering the doors to take the test.

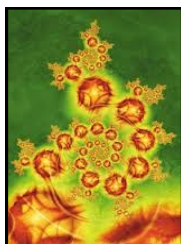
**SOPHMORES** (grade 10): Please remember that all sophomores are required to attend the CAHSEE testing on: Tuesday, March 18, English-Language Arts, 9-12:30 and Wednesday, March 19, Math, 9-12:30. Please be at school by 8:45 so that testing can begin on time.

**JUNIORS/SENIORS:** If you have not passed the CAHSEE, please plan to attend these testing dates as well. While the CAHSEE is not a timed test, it must be completed within the official school day. Most students are able to complete the test in about three hours. No parents will be admitted to the school site, teachers will not be meeting with students in their offices, and classes will be cancelled for those two days.

See the California Department of Education website at [www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs](http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs) for review questions and released questions from previous exams.

For more information, contact Cindy Rogers at 714-245-6494 or crogers@ocde.us.

## Math Midterm



**The Date: Friday, March 28th.**

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      10:30— M-S**  
**9:30— G-L      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:**

- a pencil
- calculator
- handwritten notes - maximum 2 pp. of paper.

**Math Support**

Monday 10:00-11:25  
Tuesday 9:00-12:00  
Wednesday 12:30-2:45  
Thursday 9:30-12:00

**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.

## National Honor Society

**The National Honor Society (NHS)** is a nationwide organization which recognizes high school students who excel in scholarship, leadership, service, and character and provides opportunities for further development. Students in grades 10-12 must possess a minimum cumulative academic GPA of at least 3.5.

**NHS Beach Clean-up**  
NHS is doing a beach clean-up on March 8 at 9 a.m. in Huntington Beach. We will be starting at Tower 2 near Brookhurst and PCH. All PCHS students are welcome to come help. If you are interested in participating, please contact Julie Springston at [jspringston@ocde.us](mailto:jspringston@ocde.us).

The next **NHS** meeting is on March 5 at 11:30 a.m. For more information, contact Julie Springston at 714-245-6498 or [jspringston@ocde.us](mailto:jspringston@ocde.us). Meetings are for members only.



## PCHS Blood Drive

**PCHS is sponsoring our sixth annual Red Cross Blood Drive**

**When:** Tuesday, March 11

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

**Where:** PCHS front parking lot

The American Red Cross empowers ordinary people to perform extraordinary acts of service. Our blood donors are ordinary people—high school students, factory and office workers, business executives, parents and grandparents, and people from every walk of life.

They all share one thing—a generous spirit, a desire to give back to their community and help others. Blood donors play an integral role in the delivery of modern healthcare. Many life-saving medical treatments and procedures involve blood transfusions and would not be possible without a safe and reliable blood supply. The American Red Cross Blood Drive fulfills the needs of the American people for the safest, most reliable and most cost-effective blood services through voluntary donations.

All participants will receive a voucher for discounted tickets to select LA Kings Hockey games!

Sign up online to donate blood at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Sponsor Code: PacificCoastHS For more information, contact: Cindy Rogers, [crogers@ocde.us](mailto:crogers@ocde.us)



## Constitutional Rights Foundation—Law Day

**Attention:** Government and U.S. History Students—**Constitutional Rights Foundation-Orange County (CRF-OC)** invites you and your teachers to attend a unique educational event. The Law Day Conference brings together students, teachers, judges, and attorneys to discuss, debate, and share opinions on current constitutional issues of interest to high school students.

**When:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014

**Where:** Whittier School of Law, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Lunch is provided.

**Topics:**

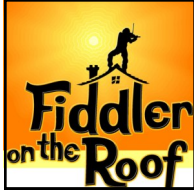
- Bullying and Bystander Liability
- Teacher Tenure
- Affirmative Action in College Admissions
- Violence in Society and Mental Health

- DNA and Privacy
- Peer Court

For more information and questions, contact Amy Sydoruk at 714-245-6492 or [asydoruk@ocde.us](mailto:asydoruk@ocde.us).



## Theatre Arts—Drama



### **Fiddler on the Roof**

- **Stage Door Cast** perform at **Stage Door Repertory Theatre** on:  
May 1st. 7:00 p.m.  
May 2nd. 7:00 p.m.  
May 3rd. 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.  
May 4th. 2:00 p.m.

Stage Door Theatre: 1045 N. Armando St., Suite A/B, Anaheim, CA 92806.  
Tickets are \$10.00

### **AND**

- **PCHS Cast** perform at **PCHS** on:  
May 29th. 7:00 p.m.  
May 30th. 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.  
May 31st. 2:00 and 7:00 p.m.

PCHS: 14262 Franklin Ave., Tustin, CA 92780.

Tickets are \$7.00 for general admission and \$5.00 for Students and children.

Tickets will be available in April. For more information, contact Amy Sydoruk at 714-245-6492 or Fawn Norrup at 714-245-6499.

## 2014 My Dream Career Photo Contest



### **Do you have a dream career?**

Now is the chance to show Vital Link what you want to do as your “dream career.” Have someone snap a photo of you demonstrating your “dream career” and you could win up to \$300.00! Careers vary—whether you want to be a veterinarian, graphic artist, auto mechanic, nurse or doctor, the possibilities are endless.

### **Submission Deadline:** March 3, 2014.

For more information and questions, contact Lindsay Ropchock, Program Coordinator, Vital Link at 949-646-2520 or [Lindsay@vitalinkoc.org](mailto:Lindsay@vitalinkoc.org). Information is also available in our lobby.

## Young Authors' Faire 2014



### **Orange County Department of Education in partnership with Orange County Public Libraries** invite you to join us Saturday, May 10, 2014 to **Celebrate Your Story.**

The purpose of the Young Authors' Faire is to celebrate the writing efforts of students in Orange County Schools, grades K-12.

It is the goal of the Orange County Department of Education to encourage and celebrate reading, writing, and creativity of all students, and to provide a venue to highlight their efforts as young authors.

For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.ocde.us/yaf>. Information also available in our lobby.

## Grad Corner

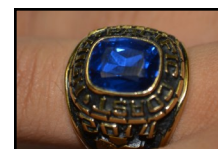
**Attention: Graduates and Early graduates**—Now is the time to prepare for graduation. Caps, gowns and tassels are a flat fee of \$39.00. Sales tax and shipping & handling are already included.

**Last day to purchase caps & gowns is April 1, 2014.**

**Reminder:** Graduates - be sure to turn in your Blue 2014 Grad Information Form A.S.A.P. to Patty Brown, very important! Please email a baby picture and a current picture also to Patty Brown. If you choose to bring in an original photo, we will scan the photos for you.

For more information, contact Patty Brown at 714-245-6495 or [pbrown@ocde.us](mailto:pbrown@ocde.us).

**Graduation Ceremony**—Wed., June 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., Plummer Auditorium in Fullerton.



## Yearbook

**Yearbooks** are now available for pre-order for \$40.00, cash or check made payable to OCDE. Get them now before the prices go up!

### Wanted—Photos

The yearbook staff is looking for photos of you with friends and/or siblings who attend PCHS. Suggested photographic settings: theatre, music and

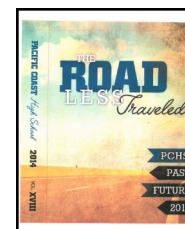
dance performances, playing sports, travels, workplace or your favorite hang-out. Please submit all photos to [pchsyrbk@gmail.com](mailto:pchsyrbk@gmail.com).

### Public Display of Affection

There will be a limited amount of space for senior PDA (Public Display of Affection) ads. PDAs are \$40 for a half page and \$80 for a full page.

You can design your own page and give us the information to publish, or you can collaborate with a yearbook staff person and create the page together.

For more information, contact Tracy Van Mil at 714-245-6493. or [tvmil@ocde.us](mailto:tvmil@ocde.us).



## PCHS Prom

### “Blast from the Past Disco”

**Date:** Friday, April 25, 2014

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

**Location:** Disneyland Hotel, Sleeping Beauty Pavillion.

**Who may attend:** 9th - 12th graders, individuals and/or couples.

**Tickets:** Pre-sale tickets are \$40.00 per person, (cash only) from March 17 - March 21, 2014. Ticket price increase to \$45.00 from March 24 - April 11.

To Purchase tickets:

- Complete a Prom Contract (available from the PCHS website or lobby).
- PCHS students may bring one guest. If tickets remain unsold by April 11, they may bring an additional guest.
- All guests must be under the age of 21, and have a signed a contract and a legible copy of a photo ID. Middle school students may not attend.
- Purchase tickets from Patty Brown, beginning on March 17. Students must have a signed contract, guest photo ID
- (if applicable), and cash only for tickets. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis; quantities are limited. Tickets are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

For more information, contact Patty Brown at 714-245-6495 or [pbrown@ocde.us](mailto:pbrown@ocde.us).



## Grad Nite

### Grad Nite at Disneyland

**Date:** Wednesday, June 4, 2014

**Tickets:** \$75.00 per person (cash only). Tickets include all-day admission to both Disneyland and California Adventure.

PCHS students may bring one guest each. A copy of a photo ID for the guest must be presented at the time of ticket purchase. Tickets are available on March 3, and need to be purchased by March 31, 2014.

For more information, contact Patty Brown at 714-245-6495 or [pbrown@ocde.us](mailto:pbrown@ocde.us). For additional questions, contact Amy Sidoruk at 714-245-6492.



## PassAssured's Pharmacy Technician Training Program



**The PassAssured's Pharmacy Technician Program (PTTP)** will completely prepare you to sit for the national exam (PTCB). Once the student has successfully completed PassAssured and graduates from high school, they can register as a technician in California and start working.

The cost for the PTTP Program is \$250.00 a year per student. For more information, call toll free at 866-778-7277 or go to [www.passassured.com](http://www.passassured.com). Information is also available in our lobby.

## Student Poll Worker Application– Upcoming Primary Election



**Attention Students:** Interested in becoming a student poll worker at the upcoming election in June? The Registrar of Voters is preparing for the June 3, 2014, Statewide Direct Primary Election. This election provides high school students the unique opportunity to be part of history and make a difference in their communities.

For more information, click on this [link](#). Applications are also available in the lobby.

## JCCASAC Scholarship



**The Juvenile, Court, Community, and Alternative Schools Administrators of California Scholarship**

Student must be a graduate/GED recipient during the current year; nominee must be enrolled in higher education or training program prior to release of the scholarship funds.

**Scholarship amount:** \$500.00  
**Applications due:** December 1st. and March 1st. annually.  
For more information, requirements, and application, click on this [link](#). Applications are also available in our lobby.

## Kohl's Cares Scholarship Program



**Nominate A Young Volunteer for up to \$10,000 in scholarships.**

Students must be between the ages of 16 and 18 and not yet a high school graduate. Winners will be chosen based on the benefits and outcomes of their volunteer service. Top winners each receive \$10,000 for higher education.

**Nominations accepted up to March 14, 2014.**

For more information, rules and requirements, go to <http://kohls.scholarshipamerica.org/>. Information is also available in our lobby.

## 2014 AES Scholarship

### Attention Seniors:

**AES Engineers** is continuing their support of higher education by providing scholarships to deserving students.

**Amount of Award:** \$500.00

**Deadline for entry:** Oct. 6, 2014

To be eligible, students need to answer one of the essay questions which they can find at: <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>.

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by the evaluated essays that are submitted.

For more information, including previous winners, go to: <http://www.aesengineers.com/scholarships.htm>. Information is also available in our lobby.



## Italian Catholic Federation

**Attention Seniors:** One of the many programs of the Federation is to offer college scholarships to further the education of students who achieve a total GPA of at least 3.2 and meet all of the requirements.

For more information and for the application, go to [www.icf.org](http://www.icf.org) or call 1-888-423-1924. Applications are also available in our lobby.

**Application Deadline:** March 15, 2014.



## American College Foundation Visionary Scholarship Program

**Eligible Students:** Open to high school Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors to help fund the first year of college. Students must write a 500-word essay and submit their report card. Students must use the following "Invitation Code" to apply: M6679.

**Awards:** Multiple winners ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

**Application Deadline:** 2014 -15 award year: April 1, 2014.

**For more information and to apply:** Apply online at [www.AmericanCollegeFoundation.org](http://www.AmericanCollegeFoundation.org) or click on [link](#). Information is also available in our lobby.

## BigSun Scholarship

### Attention Senior Athletes:

The BigSun Organization is proud to be able to help young athletes succeed in their academic pursuits. They are offering an annual scholarship to a deserving senior athlete involved in any sport at their high school or in their community.

**Award amount:** \$500.00

**Application Deadline:** June 20, 2014

**For more information and to apply:** <http://www.bigsunathletics.com> or click on [link](#). Information is also available in our lobby.



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## Travels Abroad—Across the Channel—last chance to participate!



### London, Normandy & Paris

An 11-day discovery tour of England & France, exploring the history, traditions & cultures of these European neighbors.

**When:** June 19-29, 2014.

**Where:** London, Normandy & Paris.

**Who:** PCHS students, family and friends.

### Highlights:

- Guided tours of London, the D-Day Beaches & Paris
- Visit to Tower of London, Windsor Castle, Stonehenge, Salisbury Cathedral, the Louvre and Versailles
- Guided tour to Westminster Abbey
- Churchill War Rooms
- London Eye - evening 'flight'
- West End Theater performance
- Overnight ferry across English Channel to Caen, France
- Mont St. Michel
- Bayeux Tapestry
- Notre Dame Cathedral
- Evening visit to Eiffel Tower & boat cruise on the Seine

### Includes:

- All travel, including international flights
- All accommodations in quality, centrally-located hotels
- Breakfasts and dinners mixing both native and familiar cuisines
- Full-time tour manager

**To receive additional information and pricing or to set up an appointment please contact Katherine Arguijo-Flaiz at [KArguijo-Flaiz@ocde.us](mailto:KArguijo-Flaiz@ocde.us) or Nancy McKeegan at [nmckeegan@ocde.us](mailto:nmckeegan@ocde.us).**

## 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 to see when she 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.

## FAFSA

**Graduates planning on attending a California College or University should complete: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

The FAFSA should be filed as soon after January 1st. online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Students and parents provide the best estimate of their income as possible, then later, log back into the website to add the actual figures.

All FAFSA questions are on the "FAFSA on the Web" worksheet. The worksheet can be completed before sitting down to file the FAFSA. <http://www.college-financial-aid-advice.com/fafsa-official-website.html#worksheet>.

**The Deadline for California FAFSA and Cal Grant students is March 3, 2014.**

**Any Graduate planning on attending a California College or University should also file for the Cal Grant.**

First, students should provide Kathy Fusaro at PCHS with their Social Security Number. Kathy files your Cal Grant GPA electronically to the state which matches your SS# to your FAFSA filing.

For more information regarding Cal Grants to <http://www.calgrants.org>.

