

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

MAY:

5/1 - CAASPP, State Testing for Juniors: ELA Test, (see pg. 2 for details).

5/5 - Film Club—1:30

5/6 - NHS—12 noon

5/6 - Physics Lab—12:30

5/6 - State Testing for Sophomores—Science Test MAKE-UP

5/8 & 5/22 - CAASPP, State Testing for Juniors: Math Test

5/11 & 5/18 - CAASPP State Testing for Juniors MAKE-UP

5/12 - CAHSEE ELA - 10th grade MAKE-UP

5/13 - CAHSEE Math - 10th grade MAKE-UP

5/13 - Physics lab—12:30

5/14 - 5/17 - Drama Performances—Stage Door Cast, see pg. 4 for details

5/19 - Film Club—1:30

5/20 - Biology Lab—8:30, 10:45, and 1:00

5/25 - Memorial Day Holiday—Campus Closed

5/26 - Grad Nite

5/27 - Physics Lab—12:30

5/28 - 5/31 - Drama Performances—PCHS Cast, see pg. 4 for details

6/3 - Math Final

6/5 - Last day of school, Qtr. 4 ends

6/9 - Senior Breakfast—9 :00

6/10 - Graduation—11:00

Important future dates:

Trimester 1 begins July 1, 2015 and ends August 7

First Day of school - Fall—August 24

Pacific Coast High School Newsletter

May/June 2015

A Message from the Principal

The staff and I want to congratulate all of our seniors! We are very proud of each and every one of you. All of your effort, your accomplishments, and your hard work helped you reach this special event in your lives. We are happy to have been a part of this path with you and your family. The staff and I know that the skills you have learned from PCHS will serve you well as you branch out into the next season of your life. This graduation is extra special for me, because my daughter will be graduating from PCHS, just like many of the sons and daughters from other staff members have. It says a lot about a school when staff chooses to have their children attend.

I want to thank my staff, the students, and the parents for another wonderful year. PCHS is a group effort and offers a challenging school option for a variety of students. I am so grateful to be the principal and to work with all of you and participate in your high school experience.

We have a few new opportunities up our sleeves for next year. Some new electives, a 'theme' we are going to introduce, some new technology, and some changes in our course structure. I am already excited for fall.

Again, we wish all our graduates a special celebration, and a successful, healthy future.



Machele Kilgore
PCHS Principal

Fall Registration and Summer Enrollment for current PCHS students

Fall Registration:

All returning PCHS students should have returned their fall 2015-2016 registration forms. If you have not turned in your forms, please do so as soon as possible. The fall semester begins on **August 24, 2015**. We cannot enroll you in courses until your paperwork is received.

Class availability is on first come, first served basis. Please turn in your paperwork ASAP.

July-August Enrollment

- Click on "Enrollment" - "July/August Registration" - "PCHS Current Students."
- Complete and print all 5 enrollment forms.
- Parent and student must sign where indicated.
- Talk with your faculty advisor as to which courses are available. Return forms to your faculty advisor before **May 29, 2015**.
- Keep the login directions.
- Changes to courses may be made using the Add/Drop form by **June 23, 2015**.

If you have any questions concerning registration forms, please contact Sandi Curtis at scurtis@ocde.us or 714-245-6511.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress—CAASPP



CAASPP has replaced the Standardized Testing and Reporting, or STAR Program and is the new state academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress and ensure that all students leave high school, ready for college and career. This year, CAASPP includes computer adaptive tests in English—Language arts (ELA) and Mathematics for all Juniors.

State Testing for Juniors: Juniors with last name A-I:

- **ELA Test:** Friday, **April 24**, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (See make-up times below).
- **Math Test:** Friday, **May 8**, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Juniors with last name J-Z:

- **ELA Test:** Friday, **May 1**, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
- **Math Test:** Friday, **May 22**, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

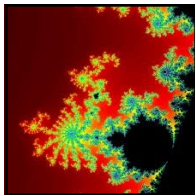
Drop off: 9:45 a.m. Pick-up: 2 - 2:30 p.m., depending on when each student completes the test. **Make-up Tests** will be offered on the following days: Monday, **May 11** and Monday, **May 18**, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

State Testing for Sophomores:

The CSTs for Science are multiple-choice tests. Items on these tests are developed by California educators and test developers and are written specifically to assess students' achievement of California's academic content standards in science. Grade 10 students only will take a paper/pencil (scantron) Science Test this year.

Science Test Make-up will be offered **May 6**, 12-2 p.m. For more information, contact Julie Springston at 714-245-6498 or jspringston@ocde.us.

Math Final



The Date: **Wednesday, June 3, 2015**

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, but must be taken by 3 p.m., June 5.

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, regardless of arrival time.

What to Bring:

- a pencil
- calculator
- handwritten notes - use the form in your course.

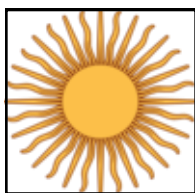
Math Support

Monday 9:00-11:55
Tuesday 12:00-2:55
Wednesday 12:00-2:55
Thursday 9:30-11:55

Test Taking Tips:

- Study—form a study group.
- Do your homework.
- Review regularly.
- Ask for help—attend math support sessions.
- 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.

Summer at the Center



Orange County Department of Education Safe Schools & Support Services—*Summer at the Center*

Don't miss out! OCDE/ACCESS and Segerstrom Center for the Arts announce open enrollment for *Summer at the Center*.

Summer at the Center is a program where high school students (grades 9-12) can attend two weeks of intensive theatre arts training including dancing, singing, acting and having fun. Teachers will be notified of dates, times and locations. Applications will be out soon.

Summer at the Center performances will be on July 31st. and August 1st. at Segerstrom Center of the Performing Arts. Interviews and auditions will be the week of June 8, and rehearsals begin July 20.

PCHS Drama Performances

Pacific Coast High School Theatre and Drama students are gearing up for another fabulous and fun performance. Based on the adored movie, **Legally Blonde**, the international award winning musical will set the stage with memorable songs and dynamic dances. This action-packed, fun upbeat story of self-discovery is not to be missed.

Stage Door Performance Dates and Times:

May 14 and 15, Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m.

May 16, Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

May 17, Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Stage Door address: 1045 N. Armando St., Anaheim, CA 93806

Tickets are available for sale at \$10.00 each.

PCHS Campus Performance Dates and Times:

May 28 and 29, Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m.

May 30, Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

May 31, Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

PCHS address: 14262 Franklin Ave., Suite #100, Tustin, CA 92780

Tickets: general admission is \$7.00 each and students and children are \$5.00 each.



Grad Corner

Attention: Graduates and Early Graduates

Graduation Information was sent out early February with details regarding Graduation Day specifics and how to apply to be a Speaker or Performer at the Graduation Ceremony. Read everything very carefully on these forms – VERY IMPORTANT! Please be sure you have submitted your **BLUE Graduation Form** for your Cap & Gown. The **BLING TASSEL** sells for \$15.00 and is available to view in Patty Brown's office.

Announcements are now available on the socialgrad.com website. They are beautifully designed for our PCHS 2015 Grads. When you are on the socialgrad website, select and type in Pacific Coast High School and it will walk you through your order.

Graduation Ceremony Wed., June 10, 2015 at 11 a.m., Plummer Auditorium in Fullerton.

Senior Breakfast— Tuesday, June 9, 9 a.m. at PCHS.

Caps and gowns will be handed out after breakfast.

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Brown at 714-245-6495 or email her at pbrown@ocde.us.

Note to Early Grads

If you are considering graduating early, please let your faculty advisor know.



Grad Nite

Grad Nite at Disneyland Tuesday, May 26, 2015

Tickets: \$79.00 per person (cash only). Tickets include all day admission for both Disneyland Park and Disney California Adventure Park. PCHS students may bring 1 guest each. A copy of a photo ID for the guest must be presented at the time of ticket purchase.

Guests over 21 and students in middle school **may not** attend Grad Nite. All groups attending Disneyland's Grad Nite are required to arrive together on buses. **The buses will be departing at 2 p.m. from the PHCS campus. Please arrive promptly at 1:30 p.m. for check-in and boarding.**

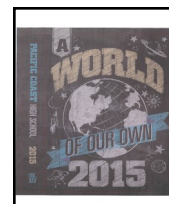
Exchange Vouchers with additional instructions are available in the lobby. For more information, contact Amy Sydoruk at 714-245-6492, asydoruk@ocde.us or Patty Brown at 714-245-6495, pbrown@ocde.us.



Yearbook

Yearbooks are available for \$45.00 (cash or check payable to OCDE). Get them now while we have some left.

For more information, contact Shanti Schiller at 714-245-6493 or sschiller@ocde.us.





SAT Test Preparation

Get help with SAT preparation by logging into this fantastic SAT test prep site! Diana Tohmeh, a PCHS parent, created the test prep site to help her son with his organization and preparation for the SAT. She has generously offered to share it with other students, free of charge.

The site is designed to be used in conjunction with the CollegeBoard's Official SAT Study Guide. The lessons feature tutorials, videos, digital tests and lots of practice to help students do their best when test day arrives.

Simply click the link below and enter the password **satiseasy** on the login page. SAT Test Prep Site: <http://prep4sat.weebly.com/>
Password: satiseasy



Planning for College

It's important for students to make educated decisions about where to apply to college and college visits play a definite role in that process. Here are five ways to trim the costs of those visits.

Stay local. "Do I want a large or small, urban or rural school?" If that's the case, do your exploring close to home.

Cut the numbers. Use the internet, school counselors and college fairs to narrow the list of prospective schools. Wait till spring when acceptances arrive, and visit two or three.

a. It's important to visit certain types of schools before applying. If you're a Californian and applying to the University of Maine or Michigan, you need to go see it in January.

b. Music and theatre majors need to meet with faculty.

c. Small, private schools see campus visits as an indication of your child's level of interest in them.

Find hotel discounts. Ask the hotel manager about college discounts when you book a room.

Split costs. Split travel expenses by bringing along friends who are interested in the same schools.

Some families also build college visits into their vacation plans. **Live on Campus.** Many colleges offer an overnight program for prospective students. Even if you do not stay on campus, you'll want to eat on campus. It's cheaper than restaurants in town and it gives you a chance to interact with the real campus experts - other students.

Book a tour. Set up a tour with campus personnel before you visit.

Transitioning to College Workshop



Whether a student is leaving home, or staying local, going to college is a transition and adjustment, not only for students, but also for parents and families.

Date: May 20, 2015

Dinner: 5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Workshop: 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 per person

This workshop is designed for students and parents to help address the concerns about going to college. Students learn what to expect and pitfalls to avoid when going to college and parents learn how to support their children and themselves through this transition.

Location: Orange County Department of Education Bldg. D Conference Center
200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa, CA 92626

Click [here](#) for the workshop registration link. Sponsored by OCDE, Secondary School Support.

“Aspiring Fashion Professional” and “Aspiring Animation Professional” Scholarship Program

Attention: Seniors! “Aspiring Fashion Professional” is offering \$1,000 scholarship to students interested in pursuing a fashion degree at an accredited post-secondary school or college. For more information and the scholarship application, go to:

<http://www.fashionschools.org/> .

“Aspiring Animation Professional” is offering \$1,000 scholarship to students interested in pursuing an animation career path at an accredited post-secondary school or college. For eligibility information and the online application, go to:

<http://www.animationcareerreview.com/>.



Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program

Attention: Juniors and Seniors and students currently registered in an accredited post secondary institution. **Abbott and Fenner** are pleased to continue their annual scholarship offer to students who have desire and ambition to succeed.

Award Value: \$1,000.

Deadline: June 15, 2015

For more information and to apply, go to: [http://](http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm)

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Orange Coast College High School Scholarships

Attention High School Seniors:

If you are a graduating high school senior planning on attending OCC for the fall semester, check out this website for scholarship information.

Click [here](#) for the link. You may also download the application at

www.orangecoastcollege.edu.

Deadline is June 30, 2015. More information and the application can be found in our lobby.



2015 AES Scholarship

Attention Seniors:

AES Engineers is continuing their support of higher education by offering scholarships to motivated students.

Award amount: \$500.00

Application Deadline: October 7, 2015

The scholarship will be awarded on the basis of character, as determined by evaluated essays that are submitted. You are not required to take Engineering courses to be eligible. For more information and to apply go to: www.aesengineers.com/.

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Service Learning Project



World History students participate in a Service Learning Project—gleaning at a local field with the Second Harvest Food Bank. The produce that the students pick and pack will be used to feed the homeless and needy in Orange County.



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.

The next **NHS** meeting is **May 6** at 12 p.m. For more information, contact Katherine Arguijo-Flaiz at 714-245-6501 or karguijo-flaiz@ocde.us.

Memorial Day Holiday



Memorial Day, May 25 is a federal holiday honoring the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.