



# Huntington Beach High School

## Oiler Newsletter

### Principal's Message

Winter 2011

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The holidays are upon us and it seems like yesterday when we began this 2011-12 school year. Fall sports have ended and banquets have been held to celebrate our athletes' accomplishments. It was a phenomenal season for HB athletics. Our Oiler football team under the direction of Coach Lo moved into 2<sup>nd</sup> round CIF playoffs. All of the coaches are to be commended for their dedication and commitment.

APA had another stellar season. "The Drowsy Chaperone" and "Leading Ladies" kept the audience entertained, and each time I see a performance, I have to remind myself that these actors are high school students. The sets, lighting, costumes, and performances are award winning. I love the fact that I can see this caliber of a performance in our HBUHSD District Auditorium without paying the high price of a ticket to NYC. Our students are incredibly talented and are a delight to watch on stage. By the time you read this newsletter, APA's holiday production "Sounds of the Season" will be performing on December 14 & 15. Get into the festive spirit and plan to see this magical experience that you are sure to enjoy.

**WASC**

The staff at HBHS has been working diligently on the WASC Self Study Report these last 5 months. Late Start Mondays have given staff time to review the written chapters and provide input. I am very pleased with the progress we have made in compiling this report. Currently our WASC Leadership has indentified three areas of Critical Academic Need. These include:

<b>Critical Academic Need #1:</b>	<b>Improve academic achievement in core content areas, particularly mathematics and English, for the following subgroups: English Learners, students with disabilities and socio-economically disadvantaged students.</b>
<b>Rationale:</b>	<i>As a Program Improvement Year 4 school, HBHS is working to ensure academic success for all our students. HBHS staff has identified a need to increase academic achievement and to reduce the achievement gap of EL, SWD and SED subgroups in the areas of mathematics and English. Proficiency data for the CAHSEE and CST indicates our EL students, SWD, and SED subgroups are performing below the school average in both areas.</i>
<b>Critical Academic Need #2:</b>	<b>Increase number of students who have met the A-G UC/CSU requirements and who are college/career ready.</b>
<b>Rationale:</b>	<i>HBHS students are admitted to the most competitive colleges in the country. Over 93% of 2011 seniors stated they planned to attend a two or four year college; however, only 56.1% of those students had met the a-g requirements. All students should have every opportunity to prepare for the college and career of their choice. By completing the a-g requirements, all students should gain the skills and attributes needed to succeed in their post-secondary endeavors.</i>
<b>Critical Academic Need #3:</b>	<b>Increase collaboration within and between departments that will result in a more systemic use of varied assessment strategies; including common formative assessments, ongoing frequent analysis of student performance levels, data driven modifications to instructional programs, and more efficient use of all school resources.</b>
<b>Rationale:</b>	<i>Stronger focused collaboration among teachers will result in improved student achievement as staff meets weekly, develops and uses common assessments, analyzes student performance data on an on-going basis and modifies instruction based on the results.</i>



Janie Hoy, Principal

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# GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

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## ATTENDANCE & SUPERVISION

### NEW ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE WORKING, BUT NOT WITHOUT A FEW KINKS

At the beginning of this academic year Huntington Beach High School began allowing parents to call the attendance office in order to excuse their student from school. This would allow parents an opportunity to excuse their student 24-hours a day by calling the school and accessing extension 605. Oftentimes a student will fall ill in the morning and ask their parent to write a note. We under-

stand that our parents are very busy and cannot always take the time to write a note excusing an absence right then and there. What usually happens is the parent forgets to write the note, or the student fails to turn the note into the attendance office. We will still accept a note from a parent if calling is not convenient. We really would like parents to call the attendance office **ON THE DAY OF THE ABSENCE**. It

does not matter what time of day or night you call, but it is important that we be able to clear the absence when the calls are taken off the extension in the morning. This will help us, and your student, in clearing an absence and avoid receiving a disciplinary consequence from the Supervision Office. When you call the office, please provide the following information:

•**Parent/Guardian's name**

- Student's full name**
- Student's I.D. number**
- Date of the absence**
- Reason for the absence**

It is important that you leave a student I.D. because sometimes a parent will call saying, "This is Mrs. Johnson calling to excuse my son John;" however, John's last name is not Johnson and it makes it difficult for us to identify the student. We want to thank all our Oiler parents for their cooperation.



**714-536-2514  
 X605**  
 PLEASE INCLUDE  
 YOUR STUDENTS  
 ID#

#### PHONE IN YOUR CHILDS ABSENCE

All New!! There is a new way to report your child's absence!

**You can now call 714-536-2614 x605**

**24 hours day, 7 days a week!**

Please leave the **Student ID #**, Name, Date of Absence, and reason for absence.

You have 5 days to clear an absence.

*Attendance  
 Office:*

714-536-2514  
 x 4425

Fax #  
 714-536-9308

### STUDENT ABSENCE / CHECK OUT PROCEDURE

**Sick Students** Sick Students must check out through the Health Office.

**Dr./Dentist/Personal Appointments** Students that need to leave campus for any reason must come to the attendance office first thing in the morning with a note from a parent and wait for a checkout slip. Students are to show their teacher the checkout slip and then may leave at the appointed time and meet you at your car. Please have the doctor's Office stamp the checkout slip and have your student put it in the attendance note box when they return to school. The absence will then be changed to a Health excuse. Students may not be checked out over the phone. Any student leaving campus without being checked out through the Attendance office or the Nurses Office will be marked truant and be assessed a Saturday School. Questions? Please call Cathy Roulette x4426 or Maureen Whickham x4427.

## Senior's of the Month

**September: Garrett Brown and Sabrina Gutierrez**

**October: Hayden Polhamus and Valerie Yu**

**November: Kayla Scott and Jon Goodheart**

## Teacher of the Month

**September: Mr Gilboe**

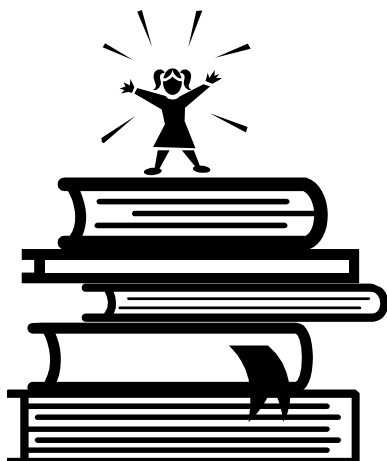
**October: Mr. Harmicar**

**Mrs. Malone**

## AP A Student of the Month

**October: Elizabeth Romero**

**November: Bethany Glover**



## HUNTINGTON BEACH HIGH SCHOOL

EXPECTED SCHOOLWIDE LEARNING RESULTS

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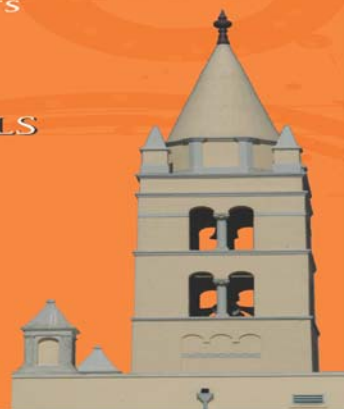
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## *Need help with your finals?*

**Come to Link Crew's "Coffee, Cocoa, Cookies, and Cram"**

**What:** Get FREE tutoring from the teacher that is giving the final as well as help from professional tutors from **Learning Systems Tutoring**

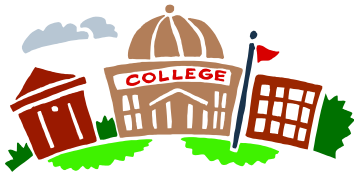
**Who:** ALL students are invited!

**When:** Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 2:45pm to ???

**Where:** The H.B.H.S. Student Center

**Sponsored by: The HBHS Foundation, Dominos  
Pizza, and the Sunny Delight Co**





## COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER

By the time you receive this **seniors** will have completed most of their college applications and turn their attention towards financial aid and scholarships. I will be in every senior classroom during the beginning of January to present all the necessary information. Please ask your student about the presentation and the materials I will have sent home with them. In brief parents and seniors can go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and get PIN #. Every student and a parent should have their own Pin # in order to submit the FAFSA. (Free Application for Student Aid) FAFSA will be available online between Jan. 1, 2012 and March 2, 2012. Seniors who plan to attend any college or vocational school in fall 2012 and wish to be considered for financial assistance must complete this form. Also many private scholarships require this form including the Frank M. Doyle Scholarship who gave over **\$200,000** in aid to HBHS students last year.

**The Career Center will be hosting An Evening of Financial Aid presented by Greg Ball, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Brandman Uni-**

**versity. He will demystify the Financial Aid process and be available to answer any questions you may bring. He will be in the Student Center on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:30pm.**

**Juniors** and their parents are reminded that there is an information program for college bound juniors. This presentation will be held on **Thursday, January 5th at 6:30pm in the Student Center.** Information that will be covered: a review of the college admissions planning, the relationship of PSAT scores to the college admissions tests, advantages of taking the ACT or SAT, how you can maximize your college admission probabilities, selecting appropriate senior classes and much more. We are hopeful the PSAT scores will be back and we can hand them out that evening. If not, we will disburse them from the Career Center as soon as they arrive. This evening will be presented by Kathy Cadigan, Martha Wait-Hubner, and a special guest from CollegeBoard. If your **sophomore** student took the PSAT as a warm-up for next year's college entrance tests,

you should also plan on attending the scores and information meeting on Jan.5th in order to receive the scores and get a head start on college planning.

On **Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> Revolution Prep** is offering an opportunity to take a mock SAT or ACT test at HBHS. The cost is \$15.00 and all proceeds benefit HBHS PTSA. Please check in the Career Center to sign up.

There are many resources available to students in the Career Center including: college catalogs, a Student Tutor List, test prep information (Revolution Prep, Princeton Review, Ivy West, Eureka and many others) **SCHOLARSHIP** information and career books available. We also have 20 computers available for students to use before school, during lunch and after school. Come on by to say "hello" and see all the resources available!

Please visit the Career Center website for many scholarship opportunities. [www.hboilers.com](http://www.hboilers.com) click under Guidance then the College/Career Page. You will find numerous scholarships and a wealth of information regarding: volunteer oppor-

tunities, applying to the CSU and UC system, Bridges (our career site) and College Reps on Campus. Happy Holidays!

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### Upcoming Testing Dates:

**Mock practice test**  
HBHS  
Saturday Jan. 21  
9-1pm  
Career Center

**SAT/ACT Workshop**  
Marina High School  
Saturday Jan. 14  
9 am -11am  
cost \$5.00  
Revolution Prep

**ACT Test Dates**  
Register at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)  
Feb 11, 2012  
Apr 14, 2012  
Jun 9, 2012

**SAT Test Dates**  
Register at  
[www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
Jan 28, 2012  
Mar 10, 2012  
May 5, 2012  
Jun 2, 2012



## A note about "Impacted Schools and Programs"

I have yet to have a student tell me that they don't want to go to Harvard because the school is impacted....but I frequently hear that same comment about public universities in California. I understand the confusion. The headlines about cost increases and funding cuts are scary, and there is no question but what this is a challenging time for public education in California...at all levels. But students and parents need to understand what "impacted" means. It does NOT mean that there are too many students on campus getting too few classes, which I think may be the perception. It means that a school or program receives more qualified applicants than it is able to admit---as does Harvard, only there they call that "highly selective." I need to talk to the marketing people in the Cal State system!

The reason I urge students to look beyond California when they are submitting their applications is to give them choices. Our UC and CSU systems are highly regarded throughout the country and the world, and yes, more and more of them are impacted. This has increased the admissions criteria, making it harder and harder for students to get in. This is a result of increasing popularity/prestige combined with scarce funding which has forced programs to reduce enrollment....but if your student accepts an offer at one of these schools, he/she will get an excellent education....and if anything, the length of time to get that degree is going DOWN, not

up, as the academic profile of admitted students rises and the universities strive to be more efficient. Enrolled students will get their classes, although they may find themselves having to be more flexible about when they take them. At the UC system, the average time to graduate right now is 4 1/4 years....and that's dropping. The CSU's are at about five years, and their goal is to decrease that and be in the top 10% in the nation for graduation rates over the next few years...and they are well on their way. Students who earn AP credits through exams find graduating in four years very possible.

Our community college system does not have the luxury of curtailing enrollment....yet. They have always had an Open Access policy, so the funding crisis in California is hitting them particularly hard. If your student plans to attend a community college, it is VERY important that he/she be well prepared on entrance so that no remedial classes are required. This means taking a college prep curriculum in high school and then doing well on placement exams when they first enroll. We will be offering support to seniors this year, prior to their taking the SOAR placement tests in March, and I urge all to prepare for these tests. Starting in college-level classes can save the student many semesters of extra work. More information will be available through the Career Center after winter break.

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## Admissions Testing for College

Sometimes more isn't better. Parents and students are constantly talking to me about the dreaded SAT and ACT tests, which are required for admission to four year colleges. Please know that there are APPROPRIATE times to take these tests and that we discuss these with your students in their classrooms in time for them to sign up and prepare for them. A student should not spend years taking and re-taking these exams---despite what a test prep company may say (Remember that they are selling their product!) It would be much more beneficial (and create a more compelling college application) if students devoted all those extra hours to their classes and extracurricular activities.

Here is the generally accepted testing timeline (From the Collegeboard website, ACTStudent.org site, and our District Planning Guide)

**Freshman**---Too soon!

**Sophomores**---Take the pre-ACT, known as the **PLAN**. This year, we will offer it on our site on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. This is a sophomore level test that will allow students to judge what skills they need to develop to be college-ready. It also contains a survey that pinpoints skills and interests and how they relate to possible careers. VERY valuable tool for all sophomores---Listen for announcements to sign up next month.

**Juniors**---**We are taking sign ups for the PSAT now!** ---Go to the Finance window by this Friday, first come, first served. The test will be on our site on **Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**. Scores will be returned/explained at our **Junior College Night on Janu-**

**ary 5<sup>th</sup>**. This is the preliminary SAT. This test not only gives practice for the SAT at an appropriate level, it establishes the student's Quick Start Account, a valuable tool for college planning. It also puts students on the radar of college admissions offices.

Lastly, for juniors only, this is the entry exam for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.

In the **Spring**, juniors should take the actual admissions tests. I generally suggest they consider taking both the SAT and ACT, then prep over the summer to repeat the one they prefer in the fall. Colleges will accept scores taken through November of the senior year; many will accept the December sitting as well.

Remember that the SAT and ACT both test math through Algebra 2 (with some trig on the ACT); it makes no sense for juniors enrolled in Geometry or Algebra 2 to test sooner than May of their junior year. Students will also be doing a great deal of reading and writing in their junior English classes that will help them to score well on the Critical Reading and Writing sections....Let them *learn* the material before they test on it!

**Seniors** may repeat admissions tests in the **Fall**, generally through December.

Quick note on **Subject Tests**: Most students will not need to take these tests at all. They are no longer required by any public college in the country, and only the most selective private universities continue to ask for them. Check campus websites for specific requirements. If needed, Subject tests should be taken in May or June of the year in which the student completes his/her highest planned level of the course.

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# GRAD NITE 2012

THURSDAY, JUNE 14 - FRIDAY, JUNE 15 9PM-5AM - LOCATION: TOP SECRET

## Tickets Will Go On-Sale Dec. 1, 2011

The HBHS Grad Nite Booster Club will begin selling tickets for this wonderful HBHS Seniors Only, private, all-night, all inclusive party beginning Dec. 1, 2011. Ticket prices will start at \$135 per person. Ticket price will increase on April 1 to \$150 and again on June 1 to \$175. The last day tickets will be sold is Friday, June 8, 2012.

### GN OPPORTUNITY DRAWING

Buy early - save big and have a chance to win! One lucky Senior will win the price of their ticket back. The earlier you buy, the more chances you'll have. Why's this...Let me explain. Buying your ticket in Dec. will give you 4 chances to win. Jan. will give you 3 chances. Buy in Feb., 2 chances to win and wait until March, just 1 chance to win your \$\$ back! Look for more details coming soon. Start saving now.

### NEED MORE INFO. TODAY

Please call deann McDaniel, 2012 GN Boosters @ 714.743.1926 or [deann@myfoursons.net](mailto:deann@myfoursons.net)



## Before You Know It...

You, The Class of 2012, will be sitting in these chairs, on Cap Sheue Field, GRADUATING from HBHS! It's not too early to start planing for this special occasion and no better way to celebrate your hard work and time as an Oiler than attending Grad Nite! Grad Nite is an all-night party thrown in

your honor - HBHS Class of 2012. The HBHS Grad Nite Booster Club works hard all year to make sure you have a night to remember and a night you certainly do not want to miss. Look for more information coming soon on our [hboilers.com](http://hboilers.com) website and mailers home in the late Fall.



**LIKE HBHS GRAD NITE 2012.** Easiest way to stay up-to-date on all things Grad Nite, join our FB Page - HBHS GRAD NITE 2012. News, Ticket Info, Give-aways, and more - "LIKE" US TODAY!



**WANTED: BOXERS FOR BOXER BINGO.** We are looking for new, adult size, Novelty Boxers - think Fun & Crazy! Drop them off at the Comm. Resc. Coord's office @ school or call Kim Schultz @ 714.596.1942



**WE'D LOVE YOUR HELP.** We need parents of ALL grade levels to help with this event. Please contact deann McDaniel @ 714.743.1926 or [deann@myfoursons.net](mailto:deann@myfoursons.net)

Dear HB Oiler Families,

Through the hard work of our amazing students, faculty, boosters and the HB Educational Foundation, HBHS is fast becoming the premier public preparatory high school in Orange County. With nationally recognized programs such as The Academy for Performing Arts (APA), AVID, BRIDGE, LINK CREW and an API Index among the counties best,



HBHS is outperforming some of the most prestigious schools in the country. The school's Model United Nations (MUN) program is ranked 13th nationally, ahead of schools such as The Hotchkiss School, an east coast preparatory school with a \$350 million endowment that sent 27 students to Ivy League schools in 2010. This year, with funding from the HB Educational Foundation, HBHS is working hard to support our nations effort to grow our Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) curriculums.

The HBHS Ed Foundation has funded the initial launch of over 40 iPads for the Science Department, which will allow students to conduct virtual labs and simulations. According to science teacher Mr. Gardner, "the iPad can be used in every discipline of science regardless of grade and ability level. Science education can be very engaging and exciting due to (the iPad's) hands-on nature and the way science and technology go hand in hand to shape the future. The iPad is a perfect fit for the future of science education at HBHS."

Funding has also been provided for the Sea bass and Abalone Environmental Programs, established by Mr. Gardner and Mr. Ostroskey. These programs will allow students to raise, release, track and study the migration and repopulation habits of these species. These unique opportunities in the areas of scientific study are unsurpassed in HBHS history. These are just a few of the exciting projects the Foundation is working on. With your help, there's no end to the opportunities we can give our students! We look forward to seeing you at our next HBHS ED Foundation meeting on Jan 9, 2012.



Enroll now for classes at Huntington Beach Adult School! Lifelong learning has never been more important and will never be more convenient and affordable. Visit the Huntington Beach Adult School website at [www.hbas.edu](http://www.hbas.edu). Our schedule of classes is available on the website. You may register online, by mail, phone, fax or in-person. Please call (714) 842-HSAS (4227), x 4405 for more information, or just stop by the Main Campus at 17231 Gothard St.

**Huntington Beach High School**  
**Fall 2011-2012 Finals Schedule**  
**January 23-27, 2012**

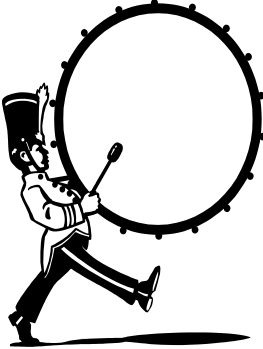
Monday 1/23	Tuesday 1/24	Wednesday 1/25	Thursday 1/26	Friday 1/27
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Late Start Monday Schedule</b></p> <p><i>(Classes will be preparing for finals.)</i></p>	<u><b>Traditional Schedule</b></u>			
	Period 0 7:00-7:53 (53)	0 – 7:00-9:00 (120)	1 – 8:00-10:00 (120)	2 – 8:00-10:00 (120)
	<b>Tutorial 8:00-8:25</b>			
	Period 1 8:32-9:22 (50)	3 – 9:07-11:07 (120)	Break – 10:07-10:17	Break – 10:07-10:17
	Period 2 9:29-10:24 (55)	Lunch – 11:07-11:27	4 – 10:24 12:24 (120)	6 – 10:24-12:24 (120)
	Period 3 10:31-11:21 (50)		Lunch – 12:24 – 12:44	Lunch – 12:24-12:44
	Period 4 11:28-12:18 (50)			
Lunch 12:18-12:48 (50)	5 – 11:34 - 1:34 (120)			
Period 5 12:55- 1:45 (50)				
Period 6 1:52-2:42 (50)				



# NOTES FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT



The Music Department has been very busy this Fall! The Oiler Band and Color Guard placed **FOURTH** in their class at the SCJA California State Band Championships November 19th! This was quite an accomplishment as the group moved up a competitive division from past years due to our growth in enrollment of both the band and the color guard. The group also won High Overall Effect, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Percussion by .5, and trombone soloist Henry Johns was cited as most outstanding soloist ! They competed strongly all year, placing first in competitions at Westminster, Mayfair, and Huntington Beach!



The APA Orchestra performed in the pit for the Fall musical "The Drowsy Chaperone," provided live incidental music for the Fall play "Leading Ladies," provided backing horns for MMET's benefit show, and put on its own Music Recital in October.

Preparations are in full swing for the Sounds of the Seasons concert in December, and students are beginning preparations for the Spring season which includes Drum Line, Winter Guard, Jazz Bands, Wind Ensemble, District Honor Band, APA's musical "Damn Yankees," and the big Fanfare concert March 4 at 3:00 in the auditorium.



**HUNTINGTON BEACH ACADEMY FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS** presents  
**Sounds of the Season**

Shows at 7:00 pm

HO! HO! HO! Plan to spend a little time away from the modern-day holiday grid as the APA Orchestra Department presents their annual celebration of winter cheer! The Musical Theater Department, the Surf City Singers, and the MMET singers and rockers will be there too, playing & singing all your perennial favorites and other special surprises. If you've never been to one of these, you don't know what you're missing... so bring by Grandmother's house and some start a new family tradition with your pals at APA!

Venue located on the HBHS campus at 1905 Main St., Huntington Beach

Ticket Prices: \$20 adults  
\$15 students and seniors.  
Shows at 7:00 pm.

Tickets on sale at the APA Office  
Call 714-536-2514 ext. 4025  
(and at the venue 1 hour prior to showtime)

**December 14 & 15**  
Huntington Beach Union High School  
District Auditorium and Bell Tower

[www.hbapa.org](http://www.hbapa.org)

## Upcoming APA Shows!!!

- Dec 14 & 15** Sounds of the Season 2011
- Jan 10** *A Evening of Inge, Acting Styles*
- Jan 20-22** *Fusion 2011*
- Jan 21** **The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Ten Minute Play Festival**
- Feb 15-18** **The Beatles vs. The Rolling Stones**
- Feb 21-22** *The Miss Marvelous Murders,*  
a world premiere murder mystery comedy
- Mar 4** **Fanfare 2012**
- Mar 23-25,**
- Mar 30-Apr 1** **Damn Yankees**
- Apr 5** **Surf City Student Film Festival**
- Apr 26-29** *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder
- May 10-12** **Retrofest: Rock and Roll High School**
- May 21-22** **The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual One Act Play Festival**
- May 24** *Acting Up, The Acting Department Showcase*
- Jun 1-3** **Synergy 2012**
- Jun 9** **2012 Season Finale and Academy Awards**

**For Ticket information please contact the  
APA Office at 714-536-2514 x4025 or  
[www.hbapa.org](http://www.hbapa.org)**

As the year draws to a close- I would like to thank all the parents who have joined the PTSA, and helped with PTSA events. Your time and support impact the success of Huntington Beach High School, and the quality of our kids' education.

Lena Vergara, PTSA President

#### **Black and Orange Boutique- fun and successful evening**

Black and Orange Boutique- Thank you to everyone who came out to the Black and Orange boutique! The event was very well attended, and a chance to get together with friends to support a good cause. We raised almost \$5000 for the teacher grants program, and almost \$400 for the "Helping Kids fund", and had a lot of fun while doing it. Thank you to all who donated to our silent auction- DermFx spa, Dr. Tipton, the Hartman family, the Schutz family, Ms. Hoffman, the Doggie Spa, SuperMex, Paradise Lotions, Revolution Prep, and Seacliff Country Club. Thank you to Jody Clegg and First Team Real Estate, and Travelcom for sponsoring this event.

#### **PTSA awards \$45,000 in grants to teachers and staff**

PTSA membership voted to award 41 teacher and staff grants, totaling \$45,000 at our last meeting. The grants touch as many departments as possible, including Language, Visual Arts, Avid, Mathematic, English, Social Studies, and Science. Grants give us the ability to help teachers with programs and materials that help make learning come alive for students. Thank you to Kim Shultz, Marta Shively, Nancy Lucia, Matha Hubner and Maureen Anzavino for serving on the grant committee- you hard work is appreciated.

#### **Screamindaily deals is now "spreebird"**

Our community partner- Screamindailydeals has changed names and is now called spreebird. Spreebird sends daily deals to your

email or phone, offering as much as 87% off purchases for local vendors. Follow the link <https://www.spreebird.com/login.aspx>, and choose North Orange County as your area, and Huntington Beach High School as the organization you support. 10% of any deal you purchase will go to the the Huntington Beach High School PTSA

#### **The Dangers and Delights of Driving**

Parents and teens can join HBHS PTSA **January 18th at 6:30pm at the Career Center for "The Dangers (and Delights) of Driving"**. Professional speakers representing the following will be presenting facts, statistics, and new and vital information: California Highway Patrol (CHP), Huntington Beach PD, DMV, Teen Road to Safety Driving Academy, M.A.D.D., and an Insurance Representative. Don't miss this important event! **See you January 18th at 6:30 pm**

#### **The PTSA has a new look**

The PTSA has a new Website and Facebook page- visit [HBHSPTSA.com](http://HBHSPTSA.com) and like [facebook\hbhsptsa](https://www.facebook.com/hbhsptsa) for important updates on what we are doing on the HBHS campus. Thank you to Elizabeth Kilpatrick for stepping up as our new webmistress.

#### **California PTSA sponsors school funding Ballot initiative**

**The Our Children, Our Future: Local Schools and Early Education Investment Act** was submitted to the Attorney General for title and summary for the November 6, 2012 ballot.

California State PTA supports this bold initiative, which will provide approximately \$1,300 per student in new funds each year that must be spent directly at school sites with local parent and educator input.

In particular, the funding must be used by schools to provide a well-

rounded education that supports college and career readiness for every student, including a high-quality curriculum that includes the arts; music; physical education; science, technology, engineering and math (STEM); and vocational and technical education courses. It can also be used for smaller class sizes, school libraries and librarians, school nurses and counselors.

"The Our Children, Our Future Act focuses, first and foremost, on restoring essential education programs that have been cut," said California State PTA President Carol Kocivar. "We have heard, loud and clear, from you, our members, that school budgets have been cut too deeply. We're calling on everyone who cares about the future of our children and our state to get behind this vital measure." To learn more, please visit <http://www.ourchildrenourfuture2012.com/>

**PTSA President Lena Vergara**  
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**How can you help raise funds for HBHS with no cost to you????**

**Register your Ralphs and Vons cards!**

Sign up for Vons at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com), group ID#500002759.

You must reregister your Ralphs card each year after September 1<sup>st</sup> for HBHS PTSA to get credit. Just bring in this barcode to the store, or reregister online at [www.Ralphs.com](http://www.Ralphs.com) under "community contribution."





Bridges, in conjunction with the Key club, ASB, and the English Journalism department, helped spearhead the Key Club's annual canned food drive to assist families in need. The drive included a month long awareness campaign put together by members of Bridges to inform the students and staff about the plight of the impoverished here in Orange county and the nation at large. The drive included a student dance hosted by ASB. The theme for the dance was "Two Can Can-Can" and, of course, the admission price was canned food items. The culminating event organized by the Journalism Club was a "canstruction" competition held in the student quad. Clubs and departments competed to construct holiday themed works of art made out of cans that their group members were required to collect in order to complete the "canstruction." ASB won most cans, Friday Night Live won most original, The Breakfast club won best theme and HBHS Journalism won most complete meal. HBHS donated over 8,000 cans to the OC Food Bank.



### More Than Just a Field Trip



Since I was a freshman I have waited in anticipation to go on one of the infamous AP Environmental Science field trips. Each year as I got older, the seniors would rage about scuba diving of the coast of Catalina or days spent in Yosemite Valley as they visited California's largest trees, the California Redwoods. This year I finally got my chance to participate on one of these renowned APES trips and spent 3 days off the coast of Catalina learning about aquatic ecosystems.

Science Bowl and Olympiad coach, Ken Ostrowski has been running the HBHS APES program with teacher, Greg Gardiner for 7 years and has given high school students the opportunity to conduct scientific field research, something that most people do not have the opportunity to start until graduate school. Through the APES program, students have the opportunity to become Scuba certified while conducting underwater scientific studies. Students who instead choose partake in the Yosemite trip utilize water quality test kits and wildlife observation tools to collect the necessary data to construct a paper supporting or disproving their original hypothesis.

The HBHS APES program gives high school seniors the opportunity to design their own experiments, partake in field research and present their findings and conclusions in an academic poster that will be viewed and judged by professionals in the scientific community. Mr. Ostrowski and Mr. Gardiner for the APES students inquired to present their findings in a poster and professionals from organizations and NASA. Typically, graduate resources and opportunities to participate. However, the HBHS APES introduced to a higher level of scientific methods that graduate students and



will help host an academic poster March 2012. Participating students are required to present their findings in a professional manner to researchers, biologists and professionals from organizations such as from Jet Propulsion Laboratory students are the only group who have the opportunity to take in field research and present academic poster. The APES program allows high school students to receive education as they practice the same scientific methods that graduate students and

Students are provided with access to tools and often times, biologists, in order to conduct research to evaluate the legitimacy of their hypothesis. Mr. Ostrowski and Mr. Gardiner require that students complete prerequisite before participating in any of the APES field trips. Students will spend weeks in preparation for challenges they will face during the academic duration of APES activities. Participants of the field trips must complete pre-labs such as species identification and study lab manuals before going on the trips. Both trips require weeks of preparation and class meetings to discuss the scientific methods and tools that will be used in the field.

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The HBHS APES program gives high school students the chance to partake in research methods and opportunities that college graduate students utilize while working on their thesis. Mr. Ostrowski organized and created the APES program with the intention to help high school seniors gain the experience necessary for future research as college and university scholars. The APES program simulates graduate studies as students are required to research and construct experiments in the field and present them to scientific professionals who will assess and question the validity of their findings as researchers. The HBHS APES program is set apart from other school science field trips in that it integrates entertainment and science while providing opportunities for participants to practice methods of research that were not available to their predecessors.

## HBHS JOURNALISM FUNDRAISER OILER INK-CAMPUS UPDATE-CAULDRON

Purchase your reusable bags and support the HBHS Journalism program. Bags can be purchased for \$5 at the Community Resource Office or in B20 from Mr Kamei or any of his students. Thank you!!



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### Huntington Beach High School Cauldron Yearbook

Purchase your Yearbook at [Jostensyearbooks.com](#)  
Price: \$125. Prices go up January 28, 2012

Senior Ads are on sale now!!!  
Information available online at [hboilers.com](#)



*Congratulations to the winners of the Reflections Art Contest*

*Caroline Fowler - Photography*

*Wesley Wachob - Dance Choreography*

*They will go on to compete in the 4th District PTA this spring. Go Oilers!!!*

### **Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPs)**

Would you like to help the students and staff of HBHS?

Become part of our VIPs program!

There are many ways you can help, please contact:

Maureen Anzivino, Community Resource Coordinator

714-536-2514 x4601

[manzivino@hboilers.com](mailto:manzivino@hboilers.com)

#### ***Be In the Know...***

Do you want to know about all the things that happen on campus that your kids forget to tell you about?  
Join the HBHS Daily Parent email distribution!

## HBHS OILER SPORT SPOTLIGHT

### **Oilers Football scores best year in almost two decades!**

Go Oilers! The Oilers Football program achieved its best season since 1993, ending the year with a 9-3 record and high expectations about the 2012 season. The Oilers finished second in the Sunset League, defeating Loyola High School 31-21 in the first-round California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) PAC 5 Division finals November 18. This was the Oilers first playoff appearance after moving to the Sunset League PAC 5 two years ago. Their victory prompted OCVarsity to write, "Huntington Beach has been turning doubters into believers all season."

The Oilers' day-after-Thanksgiving CIF quarterfinal against Mission Viejo's Diablos filled Cap Sheue stadium to capacity with a hometown Huntington Beach crowd. Although the Oilers lost this round 41-31, the LA Times' described the game as "wild" with headlines noting, "Huntington Beach puts a scare into perennial-power Mission Viejo." Head coach Eric Lo applauded the team, "They left it all on the field and that's all we could ask for. We just never gave up."

"It was a pleasure to coach these young men," said Lo. "They accomplished a lot this year: first victory over Newport Harbor since 1991, first victory over Los Alamitos since 1982, and the first PAC 5 playoff victory ever. The Oilers played every game with a ton of intensity and passion. We overcame adversity, enjoyed success and developed a bond that will last a life time. The future looks bright for these young men and I look forward to hearing about all of their achievements after football."

Oilers' fans should expect more wins and a strong team next season, as the JV team finished 2011 undefeated. Many thanks go to the Oiler families, fans, local businesses and organizations that support the football program. Your support definitely made a difference this year!



### **2011 Cross Country Wrap Up:**

The 2011 Cross Country season was successful for the Oilers on all levels. Some highlights: Boys Freshmen team winning 3rd place at Cerritos and 2nd place at Dana Hills, Boys JV winning 2nd place at La Crescenta, and Girls Freshmen winning 2nd place at La Crescenta. We will miss our seniors Krystian Lahage, Luis Gasca and Valerie Yu from our Varsity teams; luckily there is a great group of young athletes that will step up next year to continue with the Oiler winning tradition.

Calling all girls that want to be a part of the largest Spring Sport on Campus! If you would like to join Girls Track, please stop by Coach Shackelford's room A 30, for information in joining the team for second semester. More info: Kareen Nilsson Shackelford x 4213 or [kshackelford@hboilers.com](mailto:kshackelford@hboilers.com)

# GO OILERS !!!

### **Oilers Field Hockey 5-Peats Sunset League Title with Eight All League Players**

The Oiler's Field Hockey team captured its fifth consecutive Sunset League title with a 10-0 league record. The team season record was an amazing 27-1-1 while scoring 106 goals and only allowing 7 goals. Eight Oilers were named to the All League Sunset Team. **Lindsey Walter** earned Sunset League MVP and **Kayla Wigney** was named Offensive MVP. **Letty Guerrero, Marina Elmore, Brittney Cristini, and Abby Masters** were named First Team All League and **Faith Hicks and Kayla Winsatt** earned Second Team All League honors. Also on varsity this season were **Hannah Rodriguez, Allie Knobbe, Kirsti Stangeland, Tori Wickham, Payton Planiden, Danielle Brear, Nicole Anzivino, and Amanda Mattes** who was bumped up to varsity late in the season as the only sophomore. At the annual Field Hockey Banquet team awards were given to **Lindsey Walter** as Team MVP, **Kayla Wigney** as Best Offensive Player, **Kayla Winsatt** as Best Defensive Player, **Nicole Minnicucci** as Best Teammate, and **Letty Guerrero** was awarded the Coach's Award by head coach Cathy Van Doornum. **Lindsey Walter** also earned the HBHS Presidents Award for the highest GPA. The JV Oilers also won the Sunset League title with a record of 9 wins and 1 tie. JV team awards were Most Valuable Player - **Amanda Mattes**, Best Offensive Player - **Nica Taglieri**, Best Defensive Player - **Natalie Anzivino**. Rookie of Year - **McKenna Shaver**, Best Teammate - **Kaitlin Cruze**, and **Samantha Earthman** earned the Coaches Award from coach Mindi Masters. The JV roster also included **Katelyn Mauger, Emily Martinez, Carly Sutton, Olivia Mello, Sabrina DeSisto, Sierra Williams, Noel Ball, Jane Potter, Simone Corkett, Julianna Nagle, Lauren Wright, Lane Lovsteen, and Noelle Cortese.**





## HBHS CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 11	9:00am	PTSA Meeting	Career Center
Jan 16		MLK Birthday	No School
Jan 18	2:45pm	Coffee, Cocoa, Cookies & Cram	Student Center
Jan 24-27		FIRST SEMESTER FINALS	
Feb 2	7:00pm	HBUHSD Talent Show	Auditorium
Feb 3	7:00pm	Queen of Courts	Gym
Feb 8	9:00am	PTSA Meeting	Career Center
Feb 11	8:00pm	Winter Formal	Soka University
Feb 13		Lincoln's Birthday	No School
Feb 20		Washington's Birthday	No School
Mar 14	7:00pm	PTSA Meeting	Career Center
Mar 16	8:00pm	Sadie's Dance	
Apr 4	9:00am	PTSA Meeting	Career Center
Apr 9-13		Spring Recess	No School
May 9	9:00am	PTSA Meeting	Career Center
May 16	7:00pm	Tower Awards	Auditorium
May 18	8:00pm	Prom	
May 22-24		STAR Testing	9-11 Grades
May 24	7:00pm	S.T.A.R. Awards	Auditorium
May 25		Pink Bowl	Stadium
May 28		Memorial Day	No School
June 5	7:00pm	Distinguished Oiler Ceremony	Auditorium
June 6	2:45	Coffee, Cocoa, Cookies & Cram	Student Center
June 7	7:00pm	Athletic Recognition Ceremony	
June 8		Last Day for Seniors	
June 9	7:00pm	APA Academy Awards	Auditorium
June 14		HBHS Graduation	Stadium
June 15		Last Day of School	

***Announce your child's Birthday on the Marquee!***

Forms available at [www.hboilers.com](http://www.hboilers.com)

The deadline to submit is Thursday at 1pm before their Birthday!



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### Principals Message continued.....

HBHS has written an Action Plan that addresses these academic needs. From this plan, we will monitor student progress over the next six years. The WASC document will be completed in January and posted on the web for all stakeholders to read.

#### Thank you

A very special "Thank You" goes out to PTSA and the HBHS Educational Foundation. Both of these groups were instrumental in funding grants or proposals for technology and resources that positively impact student learning.

The HBHS Educational Foundation has provided the science department with a total of \$35,000.00. This included:

- 2 portable carts which consist of 20 iPads for classroom use.
- Funding for the on-going White Seabass Project as well as expand the Orange County Restoration project at HBHS to grow Green Abalone.
- Funding for the Rogers Senior Center Native Gardens Restoration Project.

Beyond the classroom, the HBHS Ed Foundation has also approved \$4,500.00 for the installation of three double -sided skateboard lockers.

HBHS is very fortunate to have a foundation that supports our students and school community. These dedicated individuals impact our school because of their tireless contributions.

PTSA has awarded teachers and staff over \$44,000 for their Fall 2011 grant requests. Teachers were given an opportunity to apply. The grants included:

Classroom resources  
Technology  
Conference fees  
Competitions  
Library books  
Supplies  
Software  
Printing costs for school newspaper  
Subscriptions  
Mentee program  
API campaign.

HBHS truly appreciates the funding of these grants and the support that PTSA has provided for the many exceptional programs at HBHS.

My staff joins me in expressing our gratitude to both the HB Educational Foundation and PTSA for their incredible commitment to student learning at Huntington Beach High School.

I wish all of you the best Holiday Season ever! My hope is that you take time during this busy month to enjoy what we sometimes take for granted - loved ones - for they are our true gifts. Enjoy your Winter Break and may it be filled with special memories!

