



GOVERNOR PROPOSES \$4.8 BILLION EDUCATION CUT

Everyone Needs To Get Involved To Save Our Schools!
-- BIG PTSA MEETING – TUESDAY, MARCH 25TH --

As many of you are already aware, the state of California is facing a \$16 billion budget deficit, and Governor Schwarzenegger has proposed \$4.8 billion in cuts to the state's public education systems. The effects on every school district in the state, including Berkeley's, will be devastating. California currently ranks 46th in the country in education spending and is \$1,900 below the national average in per student funding. The governor is proposing to put us another \$800 below the national average. Parents statewide will have to become active immediately if we are going to protect our children's education and prevent these cuts from happening.

To put the impact of these cuts in perspective, they are the equivalent of cutting \$24,000 per classroom; or shutting down every school in the state for one month; or laying off 107,000 teachers. For Berkeley, once the impact of COLA and federally matching programs are accounted for, the District stands to lose more than \$5 million from the 2008-2009 budget. What this specifically means for Berkeley in terms of cuts is not yet known as administrators are carefully examining and weighing all the options. According to Superintendent Bill Huyett, the District probably won't be ready to discuss the exact ramifications of any future budget cuts until well into April.

In the meantime, we need to become very politically active, very quickly. On Wednesday, February 27th, Superintendent Huyett took a group of BUSD administrators, school board members, teachers, principals and PTA representatives to Sacramento to meet with various organizations and legislators. On Thursday, March 6th, Berkeley PTA Council President Cathryn Bruno lead a contingent of Berkeley PTA representatives to the Peralta District PTA-sponsored "Meet Your Legislators" dinner in Hayward to discuss the situation with a variety of state assembly members and senators. The primary focus of both the Superintendent's group and the Legislators' dinner was for Californians to lobby their representatives to not put aside Proposition 98, which would allow these cuts to happen. Proposition 98 was passed about 20 years ago and set a mandatory education spending minimum that could only be set aside by a two-thirds vote of the legislature. In 2004, the legislature did just that for the 2004-2005 budget-year (making a \$2 billion cut). We need to make sure that this doesn't happen again.

There are two other approaches that are gaining momentum and have to do with putting a proposition on the November ballot. One is the idea of taking the education budget completely out of the hands of the politicians and starting a "Reach Up For Mediocrity" campaign, mandating that California becomes number 25 in the country in per child spending. For the richest state in the

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BUEN DÍA

Mi nombre es Simón Tiles y trabajo en el Centro de Recurso para Padres (*Parent Resource Center*) de la escuela. A partir de esta edición de la hoja informativa o *newsletter* del PTSA de Berkeley High School, tengo el placer de escribir esta columna en Español. Nuestro objetivo es que las familias Latinas tengan acceso a la información que se provee en esta hoja informativa en Español. Por motivos de espacio no puedo hablarles acerca de todos los eventos que ocurren en la escuela y en la comunidad, pero intentare brindarles información de importancia para ustedes y para sus hijos/as.

Receso de Primavera – Spring Break

El receso de primavera es la semana del 31 de Marzo al 4 de Abril de este año, y no habrá clases durante esta semana. Esperamos que los estudiantes disfruten de este receso y regresen a clases el lunes 7 de Abril preparados para el trayecto final del año escolar.

Exámenes STAR

Los exámenes STAR comenzaran el 21 de Abril. Los exámenes STAR son las evaluaciones estandarizadas del estado de California y del Gobierno Federal, y son parte de *No Child Left Behind*. A nivel de high school son presentados por los estudiantes de los grados 9, 10 y 11 en un transcurso de 4 días. Estos exámenes proveen información importante acerca del progreso académico de los estudiantes. De manera adicional, los resultados de los exámenes son utilizados para calcular el Índice de Desempeño Académico de la escuela (*API, Academic Performance Index*). La ley requiere que 95% de los estudiantes presenten los exámenes. Lamentablemente el año pasado 30% de los estudiantes de BHS opto por no

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SCHOOL NOTES

More Classrooms Coming: As of April 1, Berkeley High had 3,197 students. The high enrollment means some teachers do not have their own classroom and must move from room to room during the day. To alleviate the situation, the school is planning to add ten classrooms over the summer. Three large rooms (H102, H202 and G210) will be divided in half, creating six (larger-than-regular-sized) classrooms. One room will be taken from Berkeley Community Media and six portables will be installed on the softball field. The portables will not be placed on the parking lot; that space is scheduled to be the staging area for upcoming construction of new bleachers, athletic rooms, and additional classrooms on the south side of campus. While we hope construction will be imminent, no timeline has been released.

BSEP: As of Friday, February 29, the BHS BSEP committee had received 18 proposals totaling \$823,570 for the 2008-2009 school year. BSEP is funded by a special city of Berkeley parcel tax. In addition to the annual enrichment money spent by the elected BHS committee, BSEP funds approximately 20% of Berkeley's teachers and supports school libraries, music programs, teacher training, and academic support efforts. The 15-member committee has approximately \$730,000 to distribute (including approximately \$60,000 as a carryover from last year). The committee will fund the two college counselors, the Student Learning Center, the Parent Resource Center, the volunteer coordinator, and more.

STAR Test: The California State STAR test is scheduled for the week of April 21. It is the federal and state-mandated testing part of "No Child Left Behind" and is taken by all 9th, 10th and 11th grade students over the course of four days. It provides important information on how well individual students are doing. The test results also are used to calculate the school's Academic Performance Index (API) score. Due to low participation, BHS has not received an API score for the last three years. In order to receive the rating, 95% of students must sit for the exam. .

Unfortunately, last year close to 30 percent of BHS students

opted not to take the exam and many of those who did put little effort into it. Many students believed the test was low-stakes, bringing with it very low school results. In addition to bad publicity and a poor reputation, low scores mean the school is vulnerable to government intervention. Please make every effort to have your child participate in this very important exam

Honors Math Testing: The BHS math department will conduct Honors* testing for the 2008/2009 school year on April 7, 10, 14, 15 and 17 at 3:45 p.m. in room H306.

** Students take an exam to test into Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra 2 or Honors Math Analysis. All exams consist of a 45-problem, multiple-choice test to be completed in 45 minutes. Students must bring a pencil and a scientific (non-graphing) calculator. Students new to the district also must supply their current math teacher's e-mail. Students new to BHS must sign up for the test with Mr. Weitz via e-mail, mweitz@berkeley.k12.ca.us. Current BHS students sign up for the test in March. Sign-up sheets will be available outside of the door to H113. Space is limited. Students should sign up early, as new test days will be scheduled only if the initially offered days are filled. No sign up = no test.*

Policy regarding honors testing: All students who want to take an honors math class at BHS must pass the placement test unless they pass the previous Honors class at BHS with a grade of B or better.

Yearbook: Yearbook sales take place at lunchtime or after school in room H102. The yearbooks cost \$70 (\$55 for students who receive free or reduced lunch) until March 31, at which point prices increase. To continue producing the yearbook, 900 copies must be sold. This year's book will have more photographs, quotes, events, teacher photos, celebrations of staff, and surprises.

BHS e-tree: The BHS e-tree currently has 2,604 members. Subscribers receive the Student Daily Bulletin, the College Advisor's Bulletin, news and notices. To become a subscriber, send an e-mail to bhs-request@idiom.com with "subscribe" in the subject line.

Janet Huseby

ATTENTION PARENTS! -- PARENT WORKSHOPS

Teacher Librarian Ellie Goldstein-Erickson will be conducting workshops for parents and guardians on using the online subscription databases the library purchases. These resources provide our students with reliable, up to date information on current events, controversial issues, literature reference and criticism, biographical information on thousands of people, virtual reference, encyclopedias and more! Students use these databases at school, but remote access is also available with a user name and password.

The workshops will be offered both in late afternoons (beginning at 4:30 or 5:00) and evenings, so you can pick the time that is most convenient for you. Please contact her at 644-6857 or ellie@berkeley.k12.ca.us, with your contact information and preference for time and day of the week.

Ellie Goldstein-Erickson, Teacher Librarian
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FROM THE COLLEGE ADVISOR

SENIORS

By now, students who have applied to four-year colleges should have received admissions decisions from most of them. Hopefully, each student is happy with at least one of his or her choices. If students were not accepted at one of their first choice schools, support them as they work through their pain. (Often, they are more easily able to move on to other choices than we as parents are.) After a few days help them understand there are many good options for next year.

If students are having difficulty deciding which admissions offer to accept, would like assistance understanding their financial aid packages, have not been admitted to any college, or would like to look for additional options, Ms. Price and I are happy to meet with them. UC Riverside and UC Merced, and other excellent colleges nationwide, are still accepting applications. We will have a complete list of those schools after May 1.

Whether or not your student chooses to go to college directly after high school, there are many wonderful options. This is a very exciting--and for some, scary--time of their lives as they become more independent. Your support as they take bigger steps toward becoming more self-sufficient is vital to them.

Many scholarship applications still are available in D221. A complete list is available in the College/Career Center and at <http://bhs.berkeley.net/index.php?page=home-2> (click on "Scholarships"). Encourage your student to look into this.

IMPORTANT DATE: May 1st -- Universal Candidate Reply Date. This is the date by which most colleges and universities require students to have placed a deposit indicating they plan to attend in the fall. For most (but not all) colleges, this is a postmark deadline. A few colleges have a different deadline; check your student's admission letter carefully for these requirements. If sending the acceptance by mail, keep a copy of all documents sent to the college and get a Certificate of Mailing at the post office. Remember: it is not ethical to place a deposit at more than one school.

If students are put on the wait list of a college they wish to attend, they *MUST* place a deposit at another school. If after May 1 they are accepted at the wait-listed school, they can accept a spot at that school and tell the other school s/he will not be attending.

JUNIORS

If your student has not signed up for an individual meeting with Ms. Price or with me, please encourage him or her to do so. We will have additional appointment times after spring break. You are welcome to come to the meeting if your student feels comfortable with that. We are hoping all students will meet with their College Advisor, whether or not they plan to go to college. Juniors also can drop by without an appointment any day at lunch or after school to get short questions answered or can send questions via e-mail.

Please encourage students to use all of the resources of the College/Career Center for research and investigation. We have books to help prepare for the SAT and ACT, numerous college catalogues, and many guidebooks to help them locate colleges that meet their educational and social needs. In addition, we have an excellent library of career-related books.

ALL STUDENTS

Saturday, April 26. College Fair at St. Mary's College, Orinda, 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. This is the biggest college fair of the year. Over 150 colleges and universities from California and throughout the country will be available to talk with students and share information about their school. There also will be workshops (in English and Spanish) on financial aid and admissions, historically Black colleges and universities, the athletic recruiting process, assisting students with learning disabilities and more. Parking will be difficult, so if possible take BART. There will be free shuttles from the Orinda BART station to the fair all afternoon.

TESTING: UPCOMING SAT/ACT DATES

SAT (register at www.collegeboard.com)

May 3 test date; regular registration deadline is April 1

June 7 test date; regular registration deadline is May 6

ACT (register at www.act.org)

June 14 test date; regular registration deadline is May 9

SUMMER PLANS; Check the current list of internships and other programs available to high school students on the College/Career Advisor's website: <http://bhs.berkeley.net/index.php?page=home-2> (click on "Summer Programs").

CAREER/INTEREST ASSESSMENT PROGRAM: All students received information about our online career assessment program, Get Insights. This Career Assessment program can help students understand their personality and interests and how to find careers that fit them. If students did not receive the information or would like help using the program, have them ask in the College/Career Center for information on how to get started.

TWO-YEAR COLLEGE DEGREES CAN LEAD TO INTERESTING CAREERS

There are numerous careers that require only a two-year, or Associate Degree, or a certificate. Many people are surprised by the wide variety of interesting and well-paid jobs that exist. Some students may find their most rewarding career in one of these occupations. For example, students who like to work with machines or engines might be interested in a career as an aircraft mechanic. College of Alameda and other FAA-approved trade schools help you be on your way to a job earning over \$50,000/year in a few years. This is a high-growth job due to increasing air travel demand and a growing population.

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Students who are interested in the law but don't want to be a lawyer can check out a job as a court reporter. These professionals record every word at hearings, trials, depositions and other legal proceedings. Students who work well under pressure, meet deadlines with accuracy, and pay close attention to detail might find this job interesting and financially rewarding. With some experience, court reporters can make over \$60,000/year. This, too, is a growing field.

Hundreds of careers like these are available. A sampling includes automobile service technicians, broadcast engineers, carpenters, computer and office machine

service technicians, cooks and chefs, dental assistants and hygienists, firefighters, graphic designers, legal secretaries, massage therapists, medical assistants, nurses, paralegals, preschool teachers, photographers, plumbers, registered nurses, security guards, veterinary assistants, and webmasters. **SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS:**

- Many career schools are available. Some cost tens of thousands of dollars while the same courses are available at California community colleges at a much lower cost. Help your student check out all of the educational options for the career s/he is considering.
- Check to confirm the school your student chooses is accredited. An unaccredited school cannot provide federal student aid. Some employers may not recognize the degree awarded from an unaccredited school. In addition, the credits earned at an unaccredited school may not transfer to a four-year college or university. *All California community colleges are accredited.*
- Before starting school, have your student talk with someone who works in the field s/he is interested in. Many professionals are happy to talk with a young person interested in the same career path they have chosen.

A very helpful book on this subject is *Great Careers in 2 Years: The Associate Degree Option-High-Skill and High-Wage Jobs Available Through Two-Year Programs*, by Paul Phifer. For each career listed, the book gives a job description, professional and personal requirements, information on how to get started in the profession, earnings, the outlook for job growth in the field, and contacts for that field's professional organizations.

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PEET'S FUNDRAISER

-- BERKELEY INTERNATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL (BIHS) --

Support and help BIHS and have a lot of fun! Taste the best of Peet's coffee at their beautiful waterfront roasting facility. You will sample the finest coffee and tea with Jim Reynolds, Peet's Roastmaster Emeritus (Peet's exclusive JR Reserve Blend is named after him).

Save the date and mark your calendars now:

Sunday, April 6th, 10 a.m. to Noon

Peet's Roasting Plant, 2001 Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda.

In addition to the tea and coffee tasting, you'll get an insider tour of the new Alameda roasting plant, enjoy some tasty Sunday morning pastries, meet other BIHS parents and guardians, and even get a few tips on how to make the perfect cup of coffee. Sales for this fundraiser are limited to 100 tickets only! The cost is \$100 (plus a small service fee). Your donation is tax-deductible. To buy tickets, follow this link: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/29930>.

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union, 25th is horrible, but would represent a jump of 21 places and \$1,900 per student. We should be able to shame the voters into becoming average. The second approach is to put a proposition on the ballot that would change the current budget process from requiring a two-thirds vote to a simple majority of the legislature. We currently have a 40% Republican minority dictating major aspects of the budget to a 60% Democratic majority. The Republicans in the current legislature have vowed not to increase revenues. This means there will only ever be cuts. This is unacceptable for the future of education (health care, fire and police, public safety, transportation, etc.)

On Tuesday, March 25th, at 7:30 PM in the Little Theater, the Berkeley High PTSA will be hosting a general meeting to discuss these issues and how we can best move forward. We strongly urge everyone to attend and cannot stress enough the seriousness of what may happen to education in both Berkeley and around the state. We will have multiple guest speakers present (hopefully representing the Berkeley Federation of Teachers, State PTA, and Sacramento organizations and representatives) to help fill everyone in on the latest information and to help lay out what we need to do. In the meantime, I have been invited by several legislators to come to Sacramento and discuss the idea of getting a proposition on the November ballot and will be involved in further discussions with the California State PTA (and hopefully the California Teachers Association) about spearheading such an effort. Such an effort would have to move very fast, as the measure would have to be drafted, signature sheets disseminated and approximately 700,000 signatures gathered by early June in order to get on the ballot. There's no better place to start this effort than here in Berkeley, but we cannot do this without a tremendous amount of your participation. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mark van Krieken
BHS PTSA President

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presentar el examen y muchos de los estudiantes que presentaron el examen no hicieron su mejor esfuerzo. Muchos estudiantes pensaron que el examen tenía poca importancia y el resultado fue un bajo índice API. Además de crear publicidad negativa para la escuela, un bajo índice API significa que la escuela corre el riesgo de una intervención por parte del gobierno. Es de suma importancia que durante estas fechas sus estudiantes vengan preparados para presentar los exámenes STAR. Gracias de antemano por su colaboración al respecto.

Centro Universitario y Vocacional – College Career Center Se acercan dos ferias universitarias. La primera será el 21 de Abril en Cal State East Bay de 6:00-8:00 PM. La segunda feria, la más grande del año, es St. Mary's College Fair. Esta feria será el 26 de Abril en St. Mary's College en Moraga. 1:00-4:30 PM.

De manera adicional, aquí tienen las fechas de los próximos exámenes SAT y ACT, al igual que las fechas de inscripción para presentar dichos exámenes.

SAT	Fecha del Examen	Fecha Limite de Inscripción	Fecha de Inscripción Tardía (Cuesta \$22 adicionales)
	3 de Mayo	1 de Abril	10 de Abril
	7 de Junio	6 de Mayo	16 de Mayo

ACT	Fecha del Examen	Fecha Limite de Inscripción	Fecha de Inscripción Tardía (Cuesta \$22 adicionales)
	12 de Abril	7 de Marzo	21 de Marzo
	14 de Junio	9 de Mayo	23 de Mayo

Junior y Senior Prom: Junior Prom, "Viva Las Vegas", será el 22 de Marzo en Oakland Scottish Rite Center. Dependiendo de cuando se compren, los boletos cuestan entre \$60 y \$70. Senior Ball, "Dreams of Gold" será el 24 de Mayo en el Westin Hotel en San Francisco. Todavía no se ha determinado el precio de los boletos. De manera adicional existen becas para cubrir el costo de los boletos de aquellos(as) estudiantes que califiquen. Estos estudiantes deben de contactar al subdirector de su programa/escuela.

Es bueno recordar que un buen comportamiento por parte de los participantes es esencial para que todos puedan disfrutar de un buen evento. Junto con esta hoja informativa encontrara una copia del código de comportamiento. Favor de revisarlo junto con su estudiante. Se espera que cada estudiante se comporte de manera respetuosa y adecuada, y que cumpla con todas las normas estipuladas en el código de comportamiento.

Graduación Latina - Latino Graduation Para las familias Latinas con estudiantes en el grado 12, la ceremonia de Graduación Latina será el sábado 7 de Junio. Marquen la fecha en su calendario. De manera adicional, si están interesados en participar, favor de contactar a Mirtha Diaz, (510) 590-8560.

Muchas gracias, y no se olviden de participar en las actividades de Berkeley High School. Si quieren estar al día con los eventos que ocurren en nuestra escuela, puede subscribirse al etree de Berkeley High School. El etree es un servicio de correo electrónico que le mantiene informado de todas las notificaciones y eventos que ocurren en nuestra escuela. Para subscribirse, envíe un correo electrónico a bhs-request@idiom.com con la palabra "subscribe" en el tema (o "subject line") del mensaje. Su participación en la escuela es de mucha importancia para el proceso educativo de su hijo/a.

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BHS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

The BHS Athletic Hall of Fame was started to recognize former Berkeley High athletes and others associated with BHS who have distinguished themselves in the field of athletics, either by virtue of their athletic performance or by meritorious effort on behalf of athletes. This year we are holding 2 events:

Friday, May 2nd - Scramble Golf Tournament and Dinner at Tilden, 1:30 Shotgun Start.

Team prizes will be awarded for first through fifth places in the putting contest, long drive, closest to the pin, raffle, silent auction. Entry fee is \$125 per player. The entry form can be found on our website: <http://www.berkeleyathleticfund.org>.

Saturday, May 3rd - Induction Ceremony with Brunch and Silent Auction

at Donahue Gym, 11AM. Tickets \$20, reservation form on our website: <http://www.berkeleyathleticfund.org>.

The 2008 Inductees into the BHS Athletic Hall of Fame are:

- Dorthea Angell**, 1960 Fencing: Olympic Fencing
Shooty Babbitt, 1977 Baseball: Major League Baseball
Charles "Chili" Bertoli, 1930 Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track: Cal State recorder holder in shot put and State football player of the year
Marvin Buckley, 1970 Basketball: University of Reno
Robert "Bob" Chiappone (d), 1955 Baseball, Football, Swimming, Basketball: UC Berkeley
Fred Dewitt, 1957 Track and Field: State Champion
Ralph Gamez, 1966 Track and Field: CIF State 2 Mile 1965 and 1966 Champion
Stephanie Guinn, 1980 Basketball, Tennis: UC Berkeley Basketball
Dick Jacobberger, 1962 Swimming: NCAA Champion, University of Indiana
Don Kasso, 1957 Football: Oregon State, 1962, NFL drafted by St. Louis Cards
Nina Margaret "Maggi" Kelly, 1983 Water Polo, Swimming: UC Berkeley & USA Water Polo Hall of Fame, 8 years national team
Colleen Lim, 1979 Basketball, Field Hockey: UC Berkeley Basketball, Mills College Basketball Coach and AD, Yale Associate Athletic Director
Paul Mayer, 1965 Bymnastics: NCAA Champion 1968, Southern Illinois
Larry McGrue (d), 1974 Football: NFL Patriots
Stan Murphy, 1967 Football, Basketball, Baseball, Track: UC Berkeley Football
Kenny Robinson, 1981 Track and Field: CIF State Champion, Arizona State
Mark Sanchez, 1982 Golf: UC Berkeley Golf
Ed Whittle, 1957 Football: NFL Raiders
Diana Yovino-Young, 1984 Volleyball: UC Berkeley

Special Inductees

- Fred Moffett** (d), Football Coach, Physical Education Teacher
Rich Hacker, Track and Field Coach, Physical Education Teacher
Robert Traum, Athletic Director, Coach: Crew and Golf, Physical Education Teacher

BHS ATHLETICS

The winter athletic season is winding to a close and spring sports are well under way. Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams were co-league champions of the ACCAL and were entered into the North Coast Section Division I tournament. The boys beat Amador Valley in the first round before losing to Newark Memorial in the second round. The girls beat Granada and Monte Vista in the "Road to Arco," moving on to defeat Deer Valley 62-45 in the Championship game at Oakland's ORACLE Arena on Saturday, March 1, for their second Division I championship in a row. They are seeded #1 in the CIF Norcal tournament.

The girls' soccer team won the league championship for the eighth consecutive year; the team lost in the first round of the NCS tournament to San Ramon Valley. Wrestlers Miya Sommers, Koji Jagust, and Gabriel Jackson qualified for the NCS tournament.

The spring athletic season is the largest season of sport at Berkeley High with 400 athletes competing in 10 different sports on 25 teams.

The inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Golf Tourney takes place on Friday, May 2nd at Tilden followed by the 2nd annual Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremony on Saturday, May 3rd at 11:00 am in the Donahue Gym. For more information about schedules or the Athletic Hall of Fame events go to www.berkeleyathleticfund.org.

This Just In!

Berkeley girls win NorCal championship

Berkeley Girls defeated Kennedy of Sacramento 72-53 in the Division I Norcal Basketball Championship on Saturday, March 8 at Arco Arena and secured their eighth trip to the state championship and their third in a row. The Lady Jackets were scheduled to face Long Beach Poly at Arco Arena on Saturday, March 15 for the State Championship.

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A Quick BHSDG Thank You!

The BHSDG Chocolate Demonstration Fundraiser with Alice Medrich sold out and raised over \$4,000 for the BHSDG. Escrip has raised over \$24,000, Scrip over \$13,000 (from over \$260,000 worth of scrip sold) and the BHS Development Group is thrilled to report that we have raised over \$97,605 from a total of 328 donors. Thank you all for your generous donations!

NEW FREE DROP-IN TUTORIALS

Sponsored by the BHS Development Group

Subject	Days	Time	Room	Name
IMP math	M	3:15-4:15	C335	Jessica Quindel
IMP and other math	Tu	3:20-3:50	H206	Jared Prolo
IMP and other math	Th	3:20-4:20	H206	Jared Prolo
Geometry and other math	Tu	3:15-4:15	H304	Nakia Baird
Geometry and other math	Th	3:15-4:45		
Statistics	M	3:15-4:15	H115	Gideon Goldman
Statistics	Th	3:15-4:45	H115	Gideon Goldman
Freshman & U.S. history	M	3:15-4:30	G105	Shannon Erby
Economics and government	M	3:15-4:30	W. Gallery	Matt Meyer
World history	T	3:15-4:30	C205	Ben Sanoff
Freshman, world, and U.S. history	Th	3:15-4:30	H203	Alexandra Freidus
Freshman global studies	Th	3:15-4:30	C204	Kalpna Mistry
French & Spanish	Th	3:30-5:00	C106	Benette Williams
Spanish	M	3:30-5:00	C135	Samantha Borg
Spanish	T	3:30-5:00	C112	Marcela Taylor
Spanish	T	3:30-5:00	H201	Janelle Bugarini
Physics	T	4:15-5:30	G214	Matt McHugh
English	M, F	3:15-4:45	C217	Alan Miller
English	M, W	3:15-4:45	C231	Susan Jones

New Biology Tutoring Schedule

MONDAY	Lunch	G210	Whittlesey
	3:15-4:15	G208	Pleskac
TUESDAY	Lunch	G210	Whittlesey
	Lunch	G306	Spohn/Strong
WEDNESDAY	Lunch	G306	Spohn
THURSDAY	3:15-4:15	G208	Pleskac
FRIDAY	Lunch	G215	Strong

TUTORING IN ALL SUBJECTS: Student Learning Center (SLC); Room D 221; Monday-Friday; 3:15 - 6:00; Oscar Rojas-Soto -- oscarrs@berkeley.k12.ca.us; AP Projects tutors -- Ask Oscar for schedule (available for US History, Economics, Government, Biology, Human Anatomy, Literature & Composition, Language & Composition, Calculus, Math Analysis & Statistics)

ALGEBRA I & GEOMETRY TUTORING EMPHASIS: Room H-109; Scott Willson; Tuesday and Thursday, 3:15 – 4:30.

-- OTHER NEWS FROM THE BHSDG --

The BHS Development Group is thrilled to report that we have raised over \$97,605 from a total of 328 donors. Thank you all for your generous donations. We hope to receive donations from 100% of the BHS community. With proposed budget cuts of **10% across the entire district** we need everyone's participation, no matter how large or small. Please send your donations to: **The Berkeley High School Development Group; P.O. Box 519; Berkeley, CA 94701-0519.**

Please stay tuned for our 3rd annual spring Cheeseboard fundraising event! This Wine and Cheese Tasting Event scheduled for later this spring will, once again, feature a delicious selection of cheeses chosen by the experts at the wonderful Cheeseboard Collective paired with wines selected by our own Development Group wine sommelier, Charlie Pollack.

Thanks again to everyone who has contributed to the Berkeley High School Development Group! Your support is essential to the BHS community.

BHS PERFORMING ARTS SCHEDULE

March 21st, 8 p.m.

Jazz Ensemble, FSLT

April 14th-16th, Zero and First Periods

Band/Orchestra, BCT

April 17th, 7:30 p.m.

Band/Orchestra, "Spring Concert,"
BCT

April 18th, 7 p.m.

Jazz Lab, FSLT

May 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, all performances 8 p.m.

Grease, FSLT

May 22nd, 23rd, 8 p.m.

"Choreographers," FSLT

May 29th, 6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

BHS Film Festival, FSLT

May 30th, 31st

SHOWS: "Dance Projects"

June 5th, 7:30 p.m.

"Chamber Music," FSLT

June 6th, 7 p.m.

JAZZ, FSLT

June 9th, 4 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.

Performing Arts Awards, FSLT

Performances at Florence Schwimley
Little Theater (FSLT) or Berkeley
Community Theater (BCT).

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SAFE AND SOBER BHS PROM 2008

The dates and locations for the Junior and Senior Proms have been set for March 22nd & May 24th, respectively. It's likely your student is already thinking about dresses or suits, dates, transportation and post-Prom plans. Prom is an important milestone for a high school student, and the city of Berkeley Injury Prevention Program wants to ensure that every student is able to enjoy his or her Prom safely.

One of the most serious dangers on Prom night is driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Underage drinking is a factor in nearly half of all teen automobile crashes — the leading cause of deaths among teens (nodrugs.info, 2006). Alcohol-related traffic deaths are especially high during weekends in the Spring, largely because of events like Prom and high school graduation (MADD, 2000). It is important that parents are aware of the dangers of substance use and driving, and that they communicate these dangers to their children. We encourage you to have a discussion with your teen about drugs and alcohol, and to take steps to stay informed about their plans for Prom night. Below are some tips for parents about alcohol and other drugs and driving. Help keep BHS Prom safe and sober!

Tips for Parents around Drug and Alcohol Prevention:

1. Keep your alcohol supply locked and out of sight
2. Meet and communicate with your child's peers and parents
3. Set boundaries for your child
4. Ask the right questions: *Who are you with? What are your plans? Where will you be? When will you be home? Will an adult be present? Can I speak with them?*
5. Model the behavior that you would like your child to display by keeping your own drinking in moderation, always having a designated driver, and avoiding illegal drug use and/or not sharing stories about drug experimentation.
6. Consider offering your child a "no questions asked" ride home if they do not feel safe driving or riding with their driver.
7. Stay informed! Talk to your child and their friends, and check out these websites for more information: www.nodrugs.info; www.drugabuse.gov; www.madd.org; www.ots.ca.gov; www.dancesafe.org; www.safety1st.org

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FROM THE BHS ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Week of Service

The last week of March, ending in Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Learning, is this year's ASB-sponsored Week of Service. Throughout the week various events will give student opportunities to practice or learn about the great value of service and learning. More details are to come as we continue to organize this special week of events. For now, be aware that a Blood Drive will take place on Thursday, March 27.

Junior Prom and Senior Ball

Tickets are on sale for the Junior Prom, "Viva Las Vegas," which is scheduled to take place March 22 at the Oakland Scottish Rite Center beginning at 7pm. Tickets for the Junior Prom are \$70 in the final week of sales, March 10-14. The Senior Ball, "Dreams of Gold," will take place on May 24 at the Westin Market in San Francisco. The ticket prices for the Senior Ball have not yet been set. For some students who cannot afford the tickets there are fee waivers. To learn if they qualify, students should contact their school or program vice principal.

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