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LELAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Week of December 14, 2009

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Semester One Finals' Schedule

Final exams will be held on December 16th, 17th, and 18th. There will be an early dismissal on these days. Please refer to the [attached schedule](#) for more information.

CAHSEE Prep Classes

Schools throughout the San Jose Unified School District will be offering CAHSEE prep classes to junior and senior students who still need to pass the CAHSEE. Please download, review, and fill out the attached application to sign up for a class. All applications must be turned in to the main office by this Friday, December 18th. For additional information, contact Daryk Tenorio, Assistant Principal of Guidance.

[CAHSEE prep classes application form](#)

Pest Control

Operations is sending Killroy Pest Control to Leland High School to treat all buildings inside and out on Tuesday, December 22, 2009. We ask that staff and outside groups do not enter the buildings on Tuesday, December 22, but may enter on Wednesday, December 23. Please plan accordingly.

Yearbooks

Order your Leland yearbooks online at www.jostens.com - prices will go up after December 16th. Online ordering is only available until May 10th. More details are available at www.jostens.com

Senior Parents

Create your own baby ad for your graduating senior online at: http://shop.jostens.com/yrbk_recognition.asp Ads are due December 31st!

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Violet Richardson Award

If you know of a young woman who volunteers in your community who deserves to be recognized for her service, download the attached flier and application. *Please note: Application deadline has been extended to January 1st, 2010.

[Violet Richardson Award Instructions](#)

[Violet Richardson Award Application](#)

Junior Students Interested in Business!

Attend the Rotary Enterprise Conference!

We have an exciting opportunity for juniors to learn about leadership and business from adult business leaders throughout Silicon Valley by attending the Rotary Enterprise Conference on March 3-5. 96 juniors will be selected from 27 high schools in the south bay area. Topics to be discussed: finance, marketing, organizational development, product development, etc...Students will have the opportunity to develop their own business or service and compete amongst twelve teams. For more information and to download an application, go to <http://www.elc-rotary.org/>

Applications should be completed and turned in to Ms. Victoria Kim, Assistant Principal of Activities, by Monday, January 11, 2010.

Spring Musical

Come audition for the spring musical *Bye Bye Birdie!* We're looking for actors, singers and dancers of all experience levels so if you're interested come to the cafeteria Wednesday or Thursday (Jan. 6 and 7) from 3-5 and if you have any questions see Ms. La Joice in H-10!

Art Contest

Attention all artists, painters and Photoshop experts. Want a chance to win a prize for your artistic vision? Then submit original artwork for consideration in the Leland High School Poolside Mural Contest. One lucky artist could have their artwork seen by swimmers, water polo players, parents and fans for years to come. Come by the main office to pick up a flier or view the [attached flier](#) with all the details of this artistic opportunity.

Talent Show Tryouts

(formerly known as Variety Show)

Students who would like to participate in the annual talent show may audition on Friday, January 8th at 2:50 in the school cafeteria. Sign-ups will be in the bank starting January 5th. If a student has already auditioned for the show that was to be held in October, they need not audition again. The talent show will be held on Friday, January 29th at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Upcoming Events

December 2009

16th – 18th

Semester One Finals Week, Early Dismissal

LHS

Dec. 19th – Jan. 1st

Winter Break

No School

January 2010

4th

Staff In-service Day

No School

8th @ 2:50pm

Talent Show Tryouts

Cafeteria

12th @ 6:30pm

Financial Aid Night

ITC (Library)

13th

PSAT Results Info Night

ITC (Library)

College and Career Center News

Financial Aid Night for our seniors and their parents will be held on Tuesday, January 12th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Leland ITC/Library. A financial aid basics document is available at lelandhigh.org in the Career Center's Home Page. The FAFSA is the form that needs to be submitted to be considered for any federal, state or institutional aid. Visit fafsa.ed.gov for information and the FAFSA form. We encourage all seniors to submit the FAFSA if they wish to be considered for financial aid. The FAFSA can't be submitted before January 1st. Some colleges have a priority deadlines for financial aid. Deadline for submitting the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form and FAFSA is March 2nd. Informational packets will be distributed at Financial Aid Night and will be available in the Career Center after 1/13.

PSAT Information

PSAT results were distributed to students in their social science/history class on 12/10. Revolution Test Prep will offer an informational meeting about understanding the PSAT results to students and parents on January 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Leland ITC.

Graduation Announcements

Herff Jones will be here on 1/14/10 for seniors to order caps, gowns and graduation announcements. Material will be mailed home to each senior in January. They may contact Herff Jones with any questions (408) 371-0600. He will see each senior in their American Gov/Econ class.

Assembly Member Jim Beall Presents

Surviving the Recession and Beyond

Please refer to the [attached flier](#) for two events hosted by Assembly member Jim Beall in January 2010.

Graduation Date Change!

There has been a revision to the San Jose Unified District's graduation calendar. Leland's graduation ceremony will now be held on Wednesday, June 2nd. The location and time has not been changed: 6:00 p.m. at the Rose Garden.

Grad Night May Be Canceled

Parent Club needs parent volunteers to plan this year's Grad Night. The committee currently does not have an existing chair-person or any volunteers to help plan for this memorable event. If volunteers are not found, Grad Night may have to be canceled this year!

Please contact Parent Club President, Tom Norton at tom@lelandparentclub.com to volunteer. We are looking specifically for parents of underclassmen to relieve the senior parents during this busy time.

21st @ 7pm

Recruitment Night

Cafeteria

29th @ 7pm

Talent Show

Cafeteria

31st @ 5pm

Leland Bridge Night

Cafeteria

Recruitment Night 2010

All prospective Leland students and parents for Fall 2010 are invited to our annual Recruitment Night on Thursday, January 21st, 2010 to learn more about Leland High School. The evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Information about freshman programs, classes, clubs, extra-curricular activities, and campus life will be given.

Leland Bridge Night

Leland Bridge Parents Group will be hosting its 9th annual Leland Bridge Night on January 31 (Sunday) at Leland High School in the cafeteria. It is a major fundraising effort by Leland Chinese parents. Last year, this event drew more than 300 guests and raised over \$10,000 to make contributions for various school projects.

Please come join us in celebrating Chinese New Year with a scrumptious dinner, fabulous entertainment, and a chance to win iPod Touch, PS3 and other great raffle prizes. The program will start at 5 pm. For tickets (\$25) and information, please email Jessie Chan at assistant@lelandbridge.org or visit www.lelandbridge.org for more details.

Congratulations Charger Philanthropists!

A total of 6082 lbs. of non-perishable food items were collected from 4th period classes and donated to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Special kudos go to the top three contenders for each division:

Extra Credit Division: Ms. MacLellan (821.42 lbs.), Ms. Hendry (785 lbs.), and Mr. Walton (749.2 lbs.)

Non-Extra Credit Division: Ms. O'Shea (500 lbs.), Ms. Jeziorski (327.3 lbs.), and Ms. Jankowski (231 lbs.).

Way to go Leland students, parents, teachers and staff!

Message from Parent Club

New Technology in Classrooms—keeping our kids competitive

What if a student, who has been out of school due to illness, could view a science lab that took place when they were out? What if a teacher could, at the push of a button, display for a math class a detailed problem that was on the board during class last week? These technologies exist, and thanks to Parent Club members, the math classrooms will be receiving Interactive Whiteboards! Unfortunately, the Parent Club's membership goal is still short by \$20,000.00. Help us meet our goal of extending the technology beyond the math classrooms and **join the Parent Club**. We start our membership at \$25. For any family that donates \$180 (\$1 for every day of school) or more, you receive a Leland logo shopping bag and a logo water bottle. To make it easier, we now accept **PayPal**. For more information, go to the Parent Club website <http://lelandparentclub.com>

Save the Date: May 7th, 2010

The 2010 "Denim 2 Diamonds" dinner, dance, auction is back! Watch for more details from the Leland Booster Club about this FUNraising event for the Leland Athletic programs.

Relay for Life

Save the Date: June 12th & 13th at Leland. Contact Marj Moehrke via email at almadenrelayforlife@yahoo.com or phone at 921-6646 for more information.

Updated Important Information about Community Service Hours

Students are required to complete 40 hours of community service. We recommend that students complete 10 per year. Juniors and Seniors will need to be up-to-date with their Community Service hours to attend their respective formal dances.

Please remember the following for community service requirements:

- Must be done through a NON-PROFIT organization; the organization must have a 501C3 tax ID number to prove their non-profit status
- "Community Service credit will not be granted for recruitment, membership building or teaching about an organization or its beliefs, philosophy or mission. For example, Community Service credit will be granted for volunteer work performed at a church providing childcare, directing recreational activities, helping to feed or clothe those in need, and providing other community services, but credit *will not* be granted for teaching about religious beliefs or for organizing or participating in religious ceremonies."
- No more than 8 hours per day may be rewarded
- Service completed through week-long camps during the school year may only be rewarded 20 hours maximum for the entire week
- Service must be completed outside of the regular school day

Please be sure to read the back of the Community Service Time Sheet; available in Miss Kim's office and the school bank.

Need Community Service Hours?

- **Earn Community Service Hours:** BRET HARTE may have something for you to earn your COMMUNITY SERVICE. We have a 6TH GRADE BOY in need of a tutor in Math, Social Studies, and Language Arts. Help in any or all of these areas will be greatly appreciated. He is available after school on Mon., Wed., and Thurs. from 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. If interested please contact Mr. Hjalmarson at 535-6270 or by e-mail : joel_hjalmarson@sjusd.org
- **Service Project at Graystone:** Are you looking for a way to earn your community service hours? Are you good in math? If so, we have a service project opportunity for YOU! Graystone Elementary is looking for a few fantastic Leland students to assist in tutoring upper grade students in math on Mondays and Wednesdays after school. This will begin in December and training will be provided. If you are interested in taking advantage of this great opportunity by becoming a math tutor at Graystone, please call 535-2374 or email the principal at Priscilla_Spencer@sjusd.org.
- **County Parks** invites you to volunteer in their beautiful parks. Join their team of dedicated staff members and core volunteers in maintaining and restoring historical sites at Almaden Quicksilver County Park. Help remove invasive plant species, build and repair fences in order to secure structures, clear brush for defensible space and fire prevention, and much more! Please contact the Volunteer Program Office for event details at (408) 355-2254 or volunteer@prk.sccgove.org or visit www.parkhere.org for ongoing volunteering opportunities.

Need Community Service Hours? (Continued)

- **Volunteer Center of Silicon Valley:** For volunteer opportunities, go to www.vcsv.us to find an opportunity that fits well with your interests. Be sure to ask if the organization is a NON-PROFIT organization.

Repeat News from Last Newsletter

Attention Female Engineers

Below is the link to the archived webinar "Focus Your Future" about getting females interested in engineering.

High school girls: www.engineeryourlife.org

Middle school girls: www.engineergirl.org

You will find many good ideas here for getting girls into engineering.

Clearing Absences

Students, please remember to clear all absences through the attendance office. You must have a parent note excusing your absence if you missed school due to illness. Absences that are not cleared within five school days of return will be deemed unexcused. Absences that are known of in advance must be cleared through the attendance office with a Warranted Absence Form BEFORE the absence. Please see Rose Garcia or Leslie Adams in the Attendance Office for more information.

Peer Tutoring

Please read the [attached flyer](#) for more information if you are interested in peer tutoring.

Graduation Letters

Seniors received a letter from the district about their graduation requirement status. However, there is an error on the report regarding the Health Certificate requirement. This is a data entry error. This graduation requirement is usually met by completion of a second semester PE class and/or Biology class. Health Certification completion will be reflected on second semester transcripts. Please contact Mr. Tenorio if you need more information.

Homework Center

There has been a slight change in hours for the Homework Center. Unfortunately, the Homework Center will not be open during 6th period. Students may choose to work in the school library during 6th period. Here are the new hours for the Homework Center:

Mondays & Wednesdays:	2:45-4:00
Tuesdays:	1:52-4:00
Thursdays:	2:45-4:00

A Message from the Health/Family Support Services of SJUSD about H1N1 Flu

See [Attached Letter](#) for both English and Spanish speakers

LelandDriversEd.com Notification

The Leland Booster Club has decided not to use DriversEd.com as a fundraiser for Charger athletic programs. Please note: Leland High School is not affiliated with this company. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

H1N1 Update

Health officials are expecting a very bad flu season this year, with both H1N1 and seasonal flu directives from our Public Health Officer.

To receive current information about H1N1, please refer to the San Jose Unified School District website (www.sjUSD.org) or the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website (<http://www.cdc.gov/H1N1FLU/>). The district website is updated on a regular basis, and both sites provide helpful information available to parents.

Leland's API: Way to Go!

Based on California Standards Tests of 2008/2009, Leland's API score went up 20 points to 869! In addition, our CAHSEE pass rate was 95%, our graduation rate went up to 98.7% and our overall AP exam pass rate was 89%. These scores are fantastic and some of the highest in the state! Congratulations students, parents, and staff! Go Chargers!

Parent Education Classes

Please see the following attachments of the different programs that the Office of Parent Education is currently sponsoring. The presentations and classes vary on sessions, depending on the curriculum, and the needs of the parents throughout the district.

[Parent Education Scheduled Events](#)

["Parent Project" Flyer](#)

[List of Parenting Programs](#)

[Middle & High School Orientation Classes for Spanish speaking Parents](#)

Junior College Courses Taken on Leland Campus

In order to streamline and clarify the enrollment and credit process for our students, Leland and our partner junior colleges have started a new process for the 2009-2010 school year.

Students who wish to take the following courses at Leland this year:

- **American Sign Language (San Jose City College)**
- **Differential Equations/Inter Calc (San Jose City College)**
- **Intro to Business/Business Law (West Valley)**

Students **MUST** register for these classes through the Junior College enrollment application process. This includes obtaining the application form and R-40 form from the Admissions Office or their website. The forms then need a Leland approval signature before they go back to the Junior College for processing. The JCs may require the students to take an assessment, so it is best to do this soon so there is time to schedule it.

After the course is completed, students who want the grade and credits for this course on the student's high school transcript, must bring the JC report card or transcript in to the Leland Registrar, Karen Johnson, to have the credit and grade applied to the high school transcript. Contact Dorothy Kennedy, AP Instruction, if you have questions @ 535-6290 x299

If you have already enrolled in one of these classes, look for signs posted around the office for start dates and room numbers.

Open Source - free online tutorials

Below is a site that has free Middle and High School online tutorials. Many are animated tutorials that can be used as enrichment, support or as an augmentation to lessons taught in class.

<http://www.montereyinstitute.org/nroc/nrocdemos.html>

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