



# Leland H.S.

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## LELAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Week of January 11, 2010

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### Career Center News

The January Senior Newsletter has important announcements for seniors and their parents about financial aid, notifying colleges of any changes, Mid-Year Reports for Independents, College Acceptances, Community College process, College Acceptances and SIR's, and a Senior Calendar.

[Senior Newsletter](#)

### Principal's Chat

The next Principal's Chat is on Jan 21 at 8:30 am in the Faculty Dining Room.

### Parent Brown Bag Canceled

The San Jose Unified School District Parent Brown Bag scheduled for Thursday, January 21 has been canceled.

### AP Tests

Registration for all AP tests will be held from Monday, January 25 through Friday, February 12. Students will be signing up in their AP classes on a schedule to be determined and announced by each teacher. A student may sign up for all of their AP tests at one time. Students may also sign up at the school bank during regular banking hours. The cost is \$95 per test. Checks should be made payable to Leland High School.

### Bank of America High School Leadership Summit for Juniors and Senior

Student Leadership Summit is an 8-week paid summer internship program held in Washington D.C. This is a fabulous opportunity for your junior or senior student. Refer to the [attached flyer](#) for more information.

### Junior Class Fundraiser

Junior Class Fundraiser at Fresh Choice on January 21, 2010 from 4-9 pm.  
Come out and support the Junior Class in their efforts to have a great Junior Prom, meanwhile getting some great food! Pick up a flyer in the bank or from one of the Junior Class Officers: Beneel Babaei, Anhad Bhurji, Nina Singhal, Rohan Dave.

- Save the Date: May 7th, 2010
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## Looking for a Badminton Coach

Leland is in need of a badminton coach for the upcoming season. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact Pam Headley, Athletic Director, at 535-6290.

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## 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.

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## Attention Graduating Seniors!!!

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. A representative will see each senior student in American Gov/Econ classes. Seniors MUST have a cap and gown for the graduation ceremony.

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## 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.

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## Leland Bridge Night

Leland Bridge Parents Group will be hosting its 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:assistant@lelandbridge.org) or visit [www.lelandbridge.org](http://www.lelandbridge.org) for more details.

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## Principal's Message

Happy New Year!! Welcome to the Spring Semester! We are all happy to be back to Leland and are looking forward to working with your students this second semester.

Leland's H1N1 vaccination program went very well. We vaccinated 656 students, all in one day! I want to thank all of our parent volunteers: Jengsen Hwang, Mary Shao, Linda Tran, Ann Brown, Lisa Calomeni, and Kevin Smith for giving us their time to help this program be so successful! Thank you!

## Upcoming Events

January 2010

13<sup>th</sup>

PSAT Results Info Night

ITC (library)

21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:30 am

Principal's Chat

FDR

21<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm

Recruitment Night

Cafeteria

29<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Talent Show

Cafeteria

31<sup>st</sup> @ 5pm

Leland Bridge Night

Cafeteria

## Principal's Message (Continued)

Fall semester grades were uploaded from the district on Tuesday, Jan 5 at 3:00pm. These semester grades will be officially entered on your student's transcript under "2009 fall semester." Next month, students will be receiving information in their social studies classes about classes they may take next school year. We strongly recommend that your student talk with their teachers, parents, friends, counselor, and with an administrator regarding which class would be most appropriate for them next year. The course selection forms will be available later in February and students will select their classes in early March.

I am confident that this will be a fantastic Spring Semester!

Liz Chamberlin,

Principal

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## 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.

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## Summer Opportunities

### Travel to Europe or Bring Europe to you!

Edu-Culture International, is excited to announce it's 2010 Summer Opportunities.

For those eager to travel and experience foreign culture first-hand, we have high-quality summer study abroad programs for high school students in Spain, Costa Rica, and France. Programs include: university credit option, host family or dormitory accommodation, intensive small-group language classes, lots of cultural activities, and amazing excursions. Live with a Spanish or French family during our unique immersion week. Scholarships available.

Bring Europe to you this summer! ECI is looking for families willing to share their home and culture for a few weeks this summer with a student from abroad. Many local families and community members are already sharing language and culture with our exchange students. Host families are asked to provide room, board, and a positive living environment. Students are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are busy during the weekdays with activities organized by ECI. Please visit our website, [www.educulture.org](http://www.educulture.org) and call our main office at 510.845.2230 for more information.

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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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](mailto:tom@lelandparentclub.com) to volunteer. We are looking specifically for parents of underclassmen to relieve the senior parents during this busy time.

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## Congratulations Charger Philanthropists!

A total of 6082 lbs. of non-perishable food items were collected from 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

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## 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>

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## 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.

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## Relay for Life

Save the Date: June 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> at Leland. Contact Marj Moehrke via email at [almadenrelayforlife@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

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## Need Community Service Hours?

- **Volunteers Needed:** Williams Elementary School is hosting a Crab and Pasta Feed on Saturday February 6, 2010 and we need your help! It will be at 6pm at the Scottish Rite Center (off Almaden and Curtner). We need volunteers to Setup, Decorate, Serve, Cook Pasta, Bus Tables and help with the silent and live Auction. Please volunteer at least 1 hour of your time. There are over 50 slots open and we need your help to make this event successful. To sign up and volunteer please go to <http://www.i-volunteeronline.com/WilliamsCommunity.asp> You will need to confirm your shift in an email after signing up. Or please email Jenny Teixeira (Crab Feed Chairperson) at [zakksmom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:zakksmom@sbcglobal.net). If you or anyone in your family would like to attend the Crab and Pasta Feed w/ Silent and Live Auction tickets are \$40 a person or buy a table for 10 for \$400 to guarantee seating with your friends. Be sure to attend we will be auctioning off box seats with full meal service to the Taylor Swift concert! Helicopter rides and much more!  
<http://www.williamscommunity.com/annualcampaigns/crabfeedauction.html>
- **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](mailto:joel_hjalmarson@sjusd.org)

## Need Community Service Hours? (Continued)

- **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](mailto: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](mailto:volunteer@prk.sccgove.org) or visit [www.parkhere.org](http://www.parkhere.org) for ongoing volunteering opportunities.
- **Volunteer Center of Silicon Valley:** For volunteer opportunities, go to [www.vcsv.us](http://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

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### 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](http://www.engineeryourlife.org)

Middle school girls: [www.engineergirl.org](http://www.engineergirl.org)

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

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### 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.

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### Peer Tutoring

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

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### 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.

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### Homework Center

There has been a slight change in hours for the Homework Center. Unfortunately, the Homework Center will not be open during 6<sup>th</sup> period. Students may choose to work in the school library during 6<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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

## 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](http://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.

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## 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!

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## 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](#)

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## 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>

NROC course content is an Open Educational Resource (OER) and is available at no cost for individual use here at our website. If your organization would like to integrate NROC content into your institutional curriculum, please contact us for information about NROC Network membership at [info@montereyinstitute.org](mailto:info@montereyinstitute.org).