



Leland H.S.

LELAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Week of October 19, 2009

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Leland Blood Drive

Our first blood drive of the year will be on Tuesday, October 20th at 8:30 am to 2:30 pm in the school library. Students must have parent permission to donate blood. As always, all visitors must sign in at the main office.

Debut Concerts

Our premier concerts of year are coming up this coming Wednesday and Thursday. 7:00 PM in the Leland Cafeteria. Wednesday night includes the Jazz Combo and Choirs. Thursday night includes the Wind Ensemble and Orchestra. It is quite amazing what these students can do in only 2 months of rehearsal. Come out to support your musically talented Chargers!

Paperless Progress Reports

In an effort to conserve paper, Leland will be participating in a pilot program where parents and students will be able to view grades online. Therefore, the second six-week progress report cards, ending on Oct. 30th, will not be printed and mailed home. Please read the [attached letter](#) for more information.

Girls Basketball

Girls Basketball tryouts will be held on Nov. 2 - 4 in the gym from 5 - 7 pm. You will need a physical on file with the sports desk to tryout. For any questions, please contact Coach Tabares at coachrtabares@yahoo.com or call (408) 460-6767.

Interested in Middle College?

Middle College Night: Nov. 4th and/or Dec. 1st at San Jose City College
The Middle College program at San Jose City College is sponsored by San Jose Unified School District, under the auspices of the Learning Options department, in partnership with San Jose City College. It is designed to serve academically capable students in order to facilitate their graduation from high school and prepare them for higher learning. Middle College is a college preparatory program that allows student access to rigorous instruction at both the high school and community college levels. Students are given a chance to gain credits towards high school graduation in a small learning community that offers individual support.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

21st @ 4:30/6 pm

Girls Volleyball Spirit Game

Main Gym

21st @ 7:00 pm

Debut Choir Concert

Cafeteria

22nd @ 7:00 pm

Debut Orchestra & Band Concert

Cafeteria

23rd @ 4:30/7:00 pm

Friday Night Lights

Pat Tillman Stadium

30th @ 4:30/7:00 pm

Friday Night Lights

Pat Tillman Stadium

31st

Halloween

Community

Interested in Middle College? (Continued)

See following attached brochures for more information about Middle College.

[Middle College Night Brochure](#)

[SJUSD Middle College Brochure](#)

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

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

Tuesday Night Lights

Our night field hockey game scheduled for last Tuesday, October 13th, was cancelled due to stormy weather conditions. An alternate date for a night game is currently being discussed. Confirmed information to follow at a later time.

Attention Parents!

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 for more information.

Principal's Chat

The next Principal's Chat will be held on Thursday, November 19th at 8:30 a.m. in the Faculty Dining Room.

Need Community Service Hours?

- **Almaden Community Center is looking for volunteers for their Harvest Festival** on October 24th from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Please contact Pam Crider at (408) 268-1133 or email Pam.Crider@sjlibrary.org to sign up.
- **Graystone Elementary School needs volunteers for their Halloween Mystery Dinner** on Tuesday, October 27th from 4:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, serve dinner, and clean up afterwards. Dress: black pants and black top. Dinner will be provided for volunteers. Please call Graystone Elementary School at (408) 535-6317 to contact Melissa Powell. Head counts for dinner must be done by Friday, Oct. 23rd.
- **Almaden Library is in need of some volunteers for their Fall Book Sale:**
 - Friday, Nov. 6th: 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – 8 volunteers needed
 - Saturday, Nov. 7th: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – 3 volunteers needed
 - Saturday, Nov. 7th: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. – 8 volunteers needed

Please contact Ed Koetitz at (408) 808-3040 or email at edward.koetitz@sjlibrary.org to sign up.

NOVEMBER

1st

"Fall Back" one hour
Daylight Saving Ends
Community

1st All Day

Speech and Debate
Tournament

Leland High School

4-7th @ 7:00

Drama Performance
Cafeteria

Need Community Service Hours? (Continued)

- **Christmas in the Park Community Service Opportunity:** In October and November, volunteers are needed to help with the painting and cleaning of displays at the Christmas in the Park Workshop on Senter Road. On November 21, rain or shine, volunteers will decorate the displays in the Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park in downtown San Jose. All participants under 18yrs. must have a Minor Volunteer Service Agreement signed by a parent or guardian. You must bring this form to the first workshop you attend. The form is available at www.christmasinthepark.com All volunteers should wear clothing appropriate for painting and cleaning displays. **SHORTS AND/OR OPENED TOED SHOES ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Space is limited and **reservations are required** to volunteer. To reserve a date, call (408) 995-NOEL, mailbox #10. Leave your name and phone number to receive a return call confirming your reservation. Speak slowly, loudly, and clearly **stating your name and phone number two times.**

Oct. 24	CITP Workshop	9 a.m. – noon
Oct. 31	CITP Workshop	9 a.m. – noon
Nov. 7	CITP Workshop	9 a.m. – noon
Nov. 21	Plaza de Cesar Chavez	9 a.m. – noon
Dec. 6	Holiday Parade	9 a.m. – noon (For info call 408-793-4192 or sjholidayparade.com)

- **The Football Program** has Community Service hours available for the students! If you can work in the snack shack or sell football merchandise during the JV or Varsity Football games, please contact Dody Gemette at lgemette@comcast.net, Text or Call 408-476-6054. The Football Program could really use the help this year and we love having the students in the shack with us!!! Bring your Community Service sign off sheet with you and we'll sign it that day!!
- **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.

Go Chargers! Kudos to:

The Charger Account staff for receiving the Gold Medal Certificate from Columbia Scholastic Press Association. Congratulations Charger Account and Mrs. Taylor!

Leland Quixilver Robotics Team for success at last Saturday's CalGames 2009 competition. The team came away a BIG winner and was recognized in several categories: Blade Entrepreneurial Award for their Business Plan and the BAE Systems Design Award. Congratulations Quixilver Robotics Team and Mrs. Arrington!

Leland Speech and Debate Team ranked #1 in the nation by the National Forensic league. This is the second year in a row we were ranked #1. Congratulations Speech and Debate and Mrs. Brasher!

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.

Denim 2 Diamonds 2010

Mark Your Calendars!

Denim 2 Diamonds 2010: Friday, March 19th. More information will be coming soon!

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.

Minimum Day - Wednesday, November 25th

There will be a district wide minimum day on Wednesday, November 25th to begin the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please refer to the [attachment](#) for revised bell schedule.

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!

Career Center News

Please view the [attached newsletter](#) for information from the Career Center.

Homework Center

We are very happy to announce that we will be able to fund and open up our Homework Center starting Tuesday, Sept. 8. Here are the following hours:

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

Healthy Start Newsletter

Please download and peruse the attached September newsletter from Healthy Start (available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#)).

A Message from San Jose State University

Welcome to the new academic year! There are several items that we need to share with you regarding fall 2010:

San Jose State University will be impacted for the 2010-2011 academic year. For more specific information about how this might affect an individual applicant, please visit <http://info.sjsu.edu>.

****All frosh applicants will be required to submit SAT (critical reading and math) or ACT Composite scores from a test taken no later than the November test date.****

SJSU's application period for Fall 2010 will open on October 1, 2009 and will close on November 30, 2009. Please encourage your students to apply early. There will be no exceptions to the November 30, 2009 deadline.

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>

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.

Pandemic H1N1

An update on Pandemic H1N1 (the new term for Swine Flu):

- Pandemic H1N1 is currently a relatively mild form of the flu, presenting with fever, congestion, cough, runny nose and sometimes vomiting. Unlike seasonal flu, H1N1 the worst infections seem to be amongst the 5-24 year old age group. Pregnant women are at higher risk and should contact their doctor if they become symptomatic.
- Santa Clara County has experienced a high number of Pandemic H1N1 cases over the summer, which is very unusual for influenza.
- The Public Health Department is currently not anticipating school closures due to Pandemic H1N1. Decisions to close schools will be made on a case-by-case basis by the Public Health Officer.
- Staff and students at San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD) elementary through high schools who are ill with flu-like symptoms may not return to work until they are fever free (without medication) and without productive cough or sore throat for a minimum of 24 hours. This is a change from last year.
- The best prevention strategies for the flu remain to be hand-washing and covering coughs.
- H1N1 vaccines will not be available until late October- at the earliest. The CDC will prioritize who should get the vaccine. Currently, children 6 months to 18 years are a priority.
- The CDC is recommending everyone get a season flu shot. While this will not protect against H1N1, it will help keep the number of flu illnesses down overall and protect people for getting the seasonal flu- keeping them stronger to combat H1N1.

Community Service Hours

Reminder – Important Information:

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
- Service must not be affiliated with any religious teachings. This includes setting up for church services, Sunday School, helping out in the nursery during a church service, vacation bible schools, bible studies, etc. PLEASE see Miss Kim if you have any questions regarding the approval of community service completed through a church or religious organization

- 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.