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LELAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Week of October 26, 2009

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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.

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

Variety Show

Leland's Variety show will be on Nov. 20th at 7 pm in the cafeteria. There will be auditions on the 28th and 29th of October from 3 to 4:30. Sign up for time slots in the bank this week so we can show off all of Leland's talent!

Halloween Costumes

Please remember that Halloween costumes must adhere to dress-code standards. Skimpy and provocative clothes are not appropriate to wear to school, even if it is a part of a Halloween costume. Also, for the safety of all students, masks and weapons (real or fake) are not allowed. We thank you in advance for following these guidelines.

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.

Upcoming Events

OCTOBER

30th @ 4:30/7:00 pm

Friday Night Lights
Pat Tillman Stadium

31st

Halloween
Community

NOVEMBER

1st

"Fall Back" one hour
Daylight Saving Ends
Community

1st All Day

Speech and Debate
Tournament
Leland High School

3, 4, 6 & 7th @ 7:00

Drama Performance
Cafeteria

7th @ 1:30 - 4:00
p.m.

College Match Event
ITC (Library)

Parents, We Would Like Your Feedback!

Parents are invited to pick up Climate Survey results and complete the attached worksheet for suggestions on continuing to increase positive school climate. Survey results and worksheets are available in the main office. We encourage all parents to complete the worksheet and return it to the main office by November 4th, 2009.

Girls Basketball

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

Wrestlers!

Wrestling season starts on Nov. 2 and 'tryouts' will be held that entire week. All are welcome. Practices are 3-5pm in the Mini-Gym. Fall athletes are to check in at this time and report to practice after their sport ends. Athletes must turn in physical packets BEFORE they try out for winter sports or they will not be able to try out. Athletes who have already turned in their physical packets (fall athletes) are approved to try out.

H1N1 Update from the San Jose Unified School District

See attached newsletters for current information about the H1N1 Virus.

[English Newsletter](#)

[Spanish Newsletter](#)

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

The CAHSEE will be given on Nov. 3rd and 4th for seniors only. Please contact Mr. Tenorio or Mr. McClure for more information.

School Drama

Do you love Shakespeare, but never can find the time? Then, join us as the Leland Drama Department presents 'The Complete Works of William Shakespeare-Abridged' at 7 pm, November 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th in the Leland Cafeteria. This hilarious show features ALL of Shakespeare's play in less than 2 hours. Tickets are just \$5 each and will be available in the school bank and at the door before each show. There also will be two one-act plays as well. That's 7 pm November 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th for 'The Complete Works of William Shakespeare-Abridged.' Don't miss the Bard-bashing!

Career Center News

College Match Event: Leland will host a College Match Event for our students and their parents on Saturday, November 7th, from 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Leland ITC (school library). We will offer presentations about how to choose a college that is a good match, financial aid overview, college admissions testing basics, resources, post secondary options, and a panel presentation of Leland Graduates and parents. We will be selling books from Octameron Press at this event. Cost of the books range from \$6-13 (ASB Fundraiser). Titles of books: College Match, Do It Write, Behind the Scenes, Campus Pursuit and Don't Miss Out. This is a free event. You do not need to RSVP. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about helping students find the best post secondary option.

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.

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.

Community Service Hours (updated)

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
- "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?

- **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 volunteers for the 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.
- **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!!

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. 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)

- **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.

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.