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LELAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Week of November 16, 2009

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Nancy Edwards

It is with great sadness we inform you that Nancy Edwards, art teacher of Bret Harte and Leland students, passed away in her home last week after a two-year battle with cancer. She spent her final days in the garden, finishing art projects and playing with her grandchildren. She leaves behind her husband, two wonderful boys, Zach and Ryan, three grandchildren, two daughters-in-law and her two Golden Retrievers. Leland students observed a moment of silence in Mrs. Edwards' memory and also wrote personal messages to the Edwards family on a large poster that read, "You'll be in our heARTs."

Please go to <http://www.sjUSD.org/bretharte/> to view a memory book that Bret Harte has created for Mrs. Edwards. If you or your student would like to share a special memory or photo to be put into Mrs. Edwards' memory book on our webpage, please email Mr. Bejarano, Principal of Leland High School, at Dominic_Bejarano@sjUSD.org.

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>

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 to volunteer at tom@lelandparentclub.com. We are looking specifically for parents of underclassmen to relieve the senior parents during this busy time.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

10th

Staff Development Day

No School for Students

10th @ 2:30 p.m.

Girls Tennis Round One
CCS

LHS Tennis Courts

10th @ 5:30 p.m.

Boys Water Polo, Round
One CCS

Palo Alto High School

11th @ 7:00 p.m.

Girls Volleyball, Round
One CCS

LHS Main Gym

11th

Veteran's Day

School Closed

18th @ 5:30pm

Girls Water Polo
CCS Semi-finals

Lynbrook High School

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.

Winter Sports Meeting

The mandatory sports meeting for all winter athletes and their parents will be held on Thursday, November 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the main gym. There will be individual team break-out sessions after the main session in the main gym. A make-up meeting will be held on Friday, November 20th at 7:30 a.m. in the Faculty Dining Room.

2009 International Youth Fellowship (IYF) Symposium

Keynote Speaker, Ray Alde, currently an Engineering Program Manager for Apple and Engineering Consultant for LCROSS Spacecraft, has been invited to speak at the symposium held at Morris Dailey Auditorium at San Jose State University on Wednesday, November 18th at 6:30 p.m. Please refer to the [attached brochure](#) for more information.

Athletic Director's Report

Following their 7-2 victory over Gunn high School on Saturday, Girls Water Polo continues with post season play, taking on the St. Francis Lancers in round 2 action. The game is on Wednesday at 5:30, at Lynbrook high. If you've never been to a water polo game before, I highly recommend making the trip. It is an exciting, action-filled sport that our Chargers play extremely well. A Charger victory will lead to the CCS Finals on Saturday (Nov. 21) at Santa Clara University (time TBD).

Girls Volleyball played an exceptional match on Saturday, when they faced Mitty in second round CCS action. The girls played their hearts out, but fell short in 3 exciting, well-fought games. Congratulate a girls varsity volleyball player if you've got one...this team stood up to the number one team in the country and played with courage and passion, exemplifying what it really means to be a Charger athlete.

Both boys and girls cross country ran on Saturday and put up some top times in the section. The boys placed 14th while the girls came in 7th in team competition. Two of our young runners--freshman Richard Ho and freshman Alyssa Johnson advance to the state meet later in the month. And finally, Charger football earned the 3 seed in CCS division 2, securing a first round home game this Saturday at 7:00pm. The Chargers face the number 6 seed Titans from Gunn High School.

CCS Admission Prices

PLEASE NOTE

Regular-season admission prices for league games do not apply for CCS playoff games. Admission prices are set by CCS. Booster Club passes and ASB cards may not be used for free admission, whether it is a home game or not. Students with ASB cards may receive a discount off the general admission price at the gate. Please click on the following link, then click on 'Admissions' for exact pricing information for each specific sport:

<http://www.cifccs.org/playoffs/results/09-10/Fall%2009%20playoffs.html>

NOVEMBER
(Continued)

19th @ 8:30 a.m.

Principal's Chat
Faculty Dining Room

19th @ 4 – 9:00 p.m.
Senior Class Fundraiser
Fresh Choice

19th @ 7:00 p.m.

Winter Sports Meeting
Main Gym

20th @ 7:30 a.m.

Make-up Winter Sports
Mtg.
Faculty Dining Room

Nov. 21st @ 7pm

Varsity Football, Round
One CCS
Pat Tillman Stadium

Nov. 25th

Minimum Day Early
Dismissal
LHS

Nov. 25th @ 5/7pm
Girls and Boys Annual
Alumni Basketball Game

Main Gym

Nov. 26th and 27th
Thanksgiving Break
No School

H1N1 Vaccination Day

At this time, we do not know the exact date of the arrival of the vaccine so a school-wide vaccination date cannot be scheduled. Once the district has the vaccine, the district office will notify the schools 2 days in advance.

We are **still in need of parent volunteers** to help out on the day of vaccination. Please notify Victoria Kim, Assistant Principal of Activities, if you are available to volunteer for this event. Contact her via email at victoria_kim@sjusd.org or via phone at 535-6290 x208

Famous Alumnus to Visit Animation Class

Joe Murray, a Leland High School alumnus and a famous cartoonist (creator of the TV series Rocko's Modern Life), will be visiting Leland High School on Tuesday, December 1st from 8:30am-2:00pm. Mr. Murray will be talking about his work as an cartoonist, animator, and creator. He will also be providing feedback to Leland Animation students on their work.

Senior Class Fundraiser

The Class of 2010 will be having their first fundraiser at Fresh Choice (Almaden Expressway and Blossom Hill Road) on Thursday, November 19th from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. All proceeds go to the Senior Ball budget. Be sure to download the [attached flyer](#) and turn it in at the time of payment. Bring your friends and family to eat a healthy meal and support the Senior Class!

Winter Ball - "Midnight Masquerade"

This year's Winter Ball will be held on Saturday, December 5th in the school cafeteria. Dress is semi-formal. Tickets will go on sale on Monday, November 16th at the school bank. We will sell tickets at lunch and after school every day until Thursday, December 3rd, with the exception of Wednesday, November 25th. Tickets will only be sold at lunch on that day because of the Minimum Day Schedule. Tickets start at \$15 with an ASB card, and \$20 without an ASB card. Prices will increase by \$5 each week. Buy your tickets early!!!

Parent Volunteers Needed for Winter Ball

If you are able to volunteer at the Winter Ball, Saturday, December 5th, please contact Victoria Kim, Assistant Principal of Activities. Shifts will be from 7:30-9:00 and 10:00 – 11:30.

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.

Attention CCOC Students and Parents

Due to the minimum day schedule on November 25th (day before Thanksgiving), there will be no CCOC for Leland students that day.

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.

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?

- **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.**

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)

Need Community Service Hours? (Continued)

- **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.
- **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

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.

Career Center News

UC Info: University of California has a new freshmen admission policy beginning with the Class of 2012. SAT Subject Test will no longer be required; however, the Classes of 2010 and 2011 must still meet the SAT Subject requirement of two tests in different subject areas. Only 10% of high school graduates will receive an admissions guarantee vs. 12.5% now. Visit <http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/eligibilitychanges/> for additional information.

Senior Info: Seniors and their parents are encouraged to look in the Senior Section for resources and assistance with college applications. The Career Center Presentation that was given to Seniors recently is posted in the Senior Section. Mr. Tenorio, Assistant Principal of Guidance, also presented information and Seniors were given an updated copy of their transcript. Seniors are encouraged to visit the Career Center for additional resources.

Click here for the [November Career Center Newsletter](#).

Peer Tutoring

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

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.

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

H1N1 Update from the San Jose Unified School District

See attached newsletters for current information about the H1N1 Virus.

[English Newsletter](#)

[Spanish Newsletter](#)

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

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

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](#)

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!

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.