



Leland H.S.

Leland High School
6677 Camden Ave
San Jose Calif, 95120
(408) 535-6290

LELAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Week of November 30, 2009

News in This Issue (New & Updated)

- Spring Musical Meeting
- Athletic Director's Report
- First Aid Certification Opportunity
- Winter Ball – "Midnight Masquerade"
- Parent Volunteers Needed for Winter Ball
- Coat Drive
- Earn Community Service Hours
- Semester One Finals' Schedule
- Service Project at Graystone
- Message from Parent Club
- Attention Parents!
- H1N1 Vaccination Day
- Save the Date: May 7th, 2010
- Relay for Life
- Updated Important Information About Community Service Hours
- Need Community Service Hours?
- Repeat News (From Last Newsletter)

Spring Musical Meeting

All Leland Students interested in coming out for our spring musical, *Bye Bye Birdie*, should plan to attend an informational meeting from 2:30-3:30 pm, Thursday, December 3rd in the Leland Cafeteria. At this important meeting, Mr. Dini will discuss the parts available, explain the rehearsal schedule and announce the audition dates.

Athletic Director's Report

Charger Football ended their season on Saturday with a loss to the Chargers of Wilcox High in CCS semifinal action. Our Chargers mounted an exciting comeback late in the game, only to fall short 47-28. The Charger football program had a highly successful season, finishing with an 8-4 record on the year.

The Chargers were represented in Norcal competition on Saturday as well. Two young runners, freshmen Richard Ho and Alyssa Johnson, competed in the Norcal Cross Country meet in Fresno. Richard was the number 1 freshman in the field of 971 runners, finishing 190th overall. Alyssa finished in the top 1/3rd of the field, taking 291st place out of 933 runners. The future looks bright for the Leland Cross Country program.

First Aid Certification Opportunity

The American Red Cross, Youth Services will be offering a First Aid Class on December 6, for students ages 13-18, the class will be held at the SJUSD District Office from 8:45-1:00. Seats are limited to 100 students. Students must call American Red Cross at 577-2042 to register. More details in the [attached flyer](#).

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 are currently on sale. We will sell tickets at lunch and after school every day until Thursday, December 3rd. Tickets are currently \$25 with an ASB card, and \$30 without an ASB card.

Upcoming Events

December 2009

5th @ 8-11pm

Winter Ball
Cafeteria

7 - 11th
Spirit Week

LHS

8th @ 7pm
Winter Band & Orchestra
Concert

Cafeteria

10th @ 7pm
Winter Choir Concert

Cafeteria

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

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.

Coat Drive

Club SAGE, with the assistance of Leland High School, will be having a Coat Drive! With the holidays around the corner and the cold weather approaching, it is very important that we lend a hand! We have begun on November 23rd and will end December 11; coats are to be dropped off in the bin at the main office! Share the WARMTH this Holiday Season!! [See attached flyer.](#)

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

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.

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

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.

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

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?

- **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.sccgoe.org or visit www.parkhere.org for ongoing volunteering opportunities.
- **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.**

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.

Repeat News from Last Newsletter

T-shirt Design Contest Opportunity

A message from Sacred Heart Community Service:

Seasons' greetings from Sacred Heart Community Service in San Jose. Some of you have long-standing and meaningful relationships with us and some of you aren't too familiar with us. For the latter group; Sacred Heart is a multi-faceted community service center in downtown San Jose. Our vision is a community united to ensure that every child, woman and man is free from poverty. We know we can end poverty in our community. All it'll take is dignity, compassion & respect, and strong community involvement. [Goodjoe.com](http://www.goodjoe.com) is a socially conscious T-shirt website.

They've teamed up with us to have a T-shirt design contest. The aim is to create a design that best expresses and exemplifies the vision and goal of Sacred Heart. It runs till the Sunday after Thanksgiving and there's a lot at stake- there's scholarships, cash prizes and royalties on sales of the winning design up for grabs! The winning design will be the official T-shirt of SHCS for the next year. If you have a student who'd be interested in participating, please visit the Goodjoe contest site:

<http://www.goodjoe.com/Contests/Browse.aspx?id=5>.

Feel free to also visit us at <http://www.shcstheheart.org/nflash.html>

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.

Congratulations Scholar Athletes!

Congratulations to the 2009-2010 CCS FALL SCHOLASTIC CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS:

Boys Cross Country: 3.9000

Girls Cross Country: 3.8805

Girls Golf placed 2nd with a 3.6603 team GPA, and Boys Water Polo was 4th overall with a 3.4728.

Way to go Chargers!!!

Please see the [attached announcement](#) for more information.

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 Bret Harte Middle School, at Dominic_Bejarano@sjUSD.org.

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.