



Leland H.S.

LELAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Week of August 31, 2009

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Back-to-School Night

Please join us on Back-to-School Night this Thursday, September 3rd to meet your student's teachers! Please read the [attached letter](#) from Mrs. Chamberlin for more information.

Principal's Chat - Date Revision

The first Principal's Chat of the year has been changed and will now be on Sept. 17th at 8:30 a.m. in the Faculty Dining Room (FDR). This is a monthly opportunity for parents to have an informal round table discussion with Mrs. Chamberlin. It will most likely be held on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Please sign in at the front office before heading over to the FDR.

Parent Club Membership

Become a member of the Leland Parent Club at Back to School Night. Technology is the focus of the membership drive this year. We will have on display some of the technology we would like to purchase for Leland this school year. Checks and Credit Cards will be accepted at Back to School Night from 6:00 – 8:30 pm. With a \$180 donation you will receive a Leland Logo cloth grocery bag and a Leland metal water bottle. There is a very limited supply of Leland logo sweatshirts and they will be distributed on a "first-come, first-served" basis.

Got SPIRIT?

Spirit Week (August 31 – September 4)

Be sure to remind your child to participate in next week's SPIRIT activities! Next week's "dress-up" days are as follows:

Monday – Leland Gear Day

Tuesday – Tie Dye Day

Wednesday – Superhero Day

Thursday – Patriotic Day

Friday – Class Colors Day (Freshmen: Yellow; Sophomores: White; Juniors: Columbia Blue; Seniors: Navy Blue)

Upcoming Events

Aug. 31st-Sept. 4th
Spirit Week

Leland

September 2009

3rd @ 6 p.m.

Back to School Night

Leland

3rd @ lunch

Freshman Elections

Leland (Photo ID required to vote)

4th

In-Class Rally

Gym ([Rally Schedule](#))

4th @ 5:30pm

Famous Dave's Tailgate Party

Leland Basketball Courts

4th @ 4:30pm & 7:00pm

Kick-off Football Game
Pat Tillman Stadium

Got SPIRIT? (Continued)

Please remember to make all outfits school appropriate. If you have questions about what may or may not be acceptable, feel free to contact Victoria Kim at victoria_kim@sjusd.org or at 535-6290 X208.

Our **first in-class spirit rally** for 2009/2010 will be held on Friday, September 4th. We will be following an [adjusted schedule](#).

We will end our spirit week with the Kick-off Football Game (JV: 4:30pm & Varsity: 7:00pm). Join us for a tailgate party hosted by the Booster Club and catered by Famous Dave's BBQ! Support Leland Booster's by purchasing a ¼ chicken, 2-rib + sides dinner for \$20! Go Chargers! Tickets for pre-purchase will be available at Back-to-School Night.

Truancy Letters

During the month of September, the District will be sending out truancy letters to students who have recorded unexcused absences during the first weeks of school. Due to the large increase in student enrollment at Leland High School, which necessitated a larger number of schedule changes than originally expected, our absence recording system may not be as accurate as in normal circumstances. If you should receive a truancy letter, know that we will double check to determine if your student's unexcused absence was due to schedule changes. If the unexcused absence is due to a change in schedule, the unexcused absence will be deleted. All other unexcused absence(s) will stay on record and will be counted toward a truant absence.

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](#)

Leland Website

We have had some recent changes to our webserver. Both addresses, "www.lelandhigh.org" and "leland.sjUSD.org", will now work both inside and outside our school network. Thank you for your patience.

Elementary School TA

Williams Elementary school is currently seeking high school students to help make a positive difference in a child's and a teacher's life. From grading papers and computer work, to working 1:1 with students, Elementary TA is an off campus class offered to students in grades 10 through 12. If this sounds like a class you would like to hear more about please pick up a flyer in the front office, contact Mrs. Kennedy at Leland, or call Mrs. Cressio at Williams Elementary School 535-6196.

7th

Labor Day

No School

11th @ noon

Club Rush Day

QUAD

17th @ 8:30am

Principal's Chat

Faculty Dining Room

Attention Golfers!!! Leland Booster Club Golf Tournament: "The Charger Invitational"

Coming soon, the Charger Invitational golf tournament! Go to www.lelandhigh.org for sign up information.

Look for information/sign up table at back to school night on Thursday, August 3rd.

September 25th is the day!

Proceeds benefit Leland Athletics. See you there!

New Leland Apparel

We have new Leland apparel being sold in the school bank. Items can be found on the school website. 7 new sweatshirts and 2 new t-shirts, beanie, day packs and lanyards. Purchase your Charger gear today!

Preparing for the SAT or the ACT?

To Enroll in any preparation option, Call **1-877-REV-PREP** or Visit www.revolutionprep.com Read below for more information...

Mock SAT's and ACT's

Taking a mock exam is a valuable way for students to find out areas of strength and weakness on college admission exams. The following will be held in the ITC (library):

Mock SAT: Saturday, August 29th from 9am-1pm

Mock ACT: Saturday, September 12th from 9am-1pm

Follow-up Workshop: Tuesday, September 15th from 6:30pm-8pm

Cost: \$15 per test (\$25 for both).

All proceeds benefit the College and Career Center.

SAT and ACT Prep Courses at Leland

Our 6 week courses include 5 practice exams, our innovative curriculum, awesome teachers, and a 200-point score improvement guarantee!

Prep Class leading up to the Oct. 10th SAT starts Saturday, August 29th

Prep Class leading up to the Oct. 24th ACT starts Tuesday, September 15th

Prep Class leading up to the Nov. 7th SAT starts Saturday, September 26th

Revolution Prep One-on-One Private Tutoring

We'll match you with a tutor that is right for you. Our private tutoring students take proctored practice tests, get our online course for free, and receive a 250-point score improvement guarantee!

Junior College Courses Taken on Leland Campus - New enrollment procedure:

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.

Need Community Service Hours?

- The City of San Jose's Redevelopment Agency is looking for high school students who might be interested in making a mural for the North wall of 250 Stockton. Contact Miss Kim at victoria_kim@sjusd.org to sign up.
- 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.

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.

Kick-off Football Game

Be sure to join us for our first home football game on Friday, September 4th in the Pat Tillman Stadium. We will start this year with a TAILGATE PARTY catered by Famous Dave's BBQ! BBQ dinner includes 2 ribs, ¼ chicken, potato salad, beans, corn muffin, and a drink for \$20. All proceeds go to the Leland Booster Club. Dinner will be ready at 5:30 (JV half-time). The JV game begins at 4; Varsity begins at 7:00.

Donation Request

Due to budget shortfalls for the 2009-2010 school year, the San Jose Unified School District will not be able to fund magazine subscriptions for our library. Our magazines are an important part of our research materials for the students to use for class projects. It is important to maintain continuity because breaks in the collection cannot be replaced. Leland is requesting that the following magazine subscriptions be donated to the school library:

American History	Newsweek
Foreign Affairs	Popular Science
Journal of Modern History	Sports Illustrated (School Edition)
National Geographic	People

Please contact the school librarian, **Maureen Stanaway**, at 535-6290 or via email at maureen_stanaway@sjusd.org for additional questions.

ASB Officers for 2009-2010

Michelle Hsieh, President
Zade Shakir, Vice President
Megan Mogannam, Treasurer
Sam Pandey, Secretary

Class Officers for 2009-2010

The following students were elected to represent their respective classes in the 2009-2010 school year:

SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS:

Florence Wong, President
Jocelyne Cardona, Vice President
Andrew Garg, Secretary
Eiden Babaoghli, Treasurer

JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS:

Rohan Dave, President
Anhad Bhurji, Vice President
Beneel Babaei, Secretary
Nina Singhal, Treasurer

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS:

Christina Nguyen, President
Mark Syn, Vice President
Melissa Carl, Secretary
Aneeka Patel, Treasurer

Freshman Officers

Freshman officer election week will begin on Monday, August 31st and will end with elections held on Thursday, September 3rd. Results will be announced at the in-class rally on September 4th. For more information, contact Assistant Principal of Activities, **Victoria Kim**, at 535-6290 x208 or via email at victoria_kim@sjusd.org.

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

Community Service Hours (Continued)

- 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.