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# Leland H.S.

## LELAND HIGH SCHOOL NEWS - Week of September 21, 2009

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### 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!

### Saturday School Reminder

Parents, please keep in mind that if your student has a Saturday school obligation to fulfill on or prior to Oct. 3rd, the Saturday school must be completed or your student will not be able to attend the Homecoming Dance. Purchased tickets will not be refunded if students do not fulfill Saturday School obligations.

### Charger Invitational

Only 2 days left to sign up! Go to [www.lelandhigh.org](http://www.lelandhigh.org) for sign up information. Proceeds benefit Leland Athletics. See you there! Sept 25th, 2009 at Santa Teresa Golf Course.

### Challenge Success Fall Conference at Stanford University (Open Invitation)

*The Long View: Preparing our Children for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Success*

Friday, September 25, 2009: 7:30-9:30 p.m. in Memorial Auditorium (Stanford University)

Challenge Success is having a plenary session, open to the public, on academic stress and coping strategies for middle school and high school students on Friday evening, September 25, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Memorial Auditorium. The session is free and open to the public. Please RSVP at [www.challengesuccess.org](http://www.challengesuccess.org)

## Upcoming Events

### September 2009

25<sup>th</sup> @ 1 p.m.

#### Charger Invitational

Santa Teresa Golf Course

28<sup>th</sup> - Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> @ 1 p.m.

#### Homecoming Skits

QUAD at lunch

### OCTOBER

1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

#### Homecoming Rally

Main Gym

2<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:30/7:00

#### Homecoming Football Game

Pat Tillman Stadium

3<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00 p.m.

#### Homecoming Dance

Cafeteria

10<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30 p.m.

#### Novice Speech Event

LHS

## Homecoming

Homecoming festivities are just around the corner! We'll kick off the week with the first Homecoming skit performance on Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at lunch in the QUAD. After each class presents its skit on their respective day, we will announce winners at the Homecoming Rally on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the main gym. We'll cheer on the football teams during their game against Leigh on Friday, and then end the festivities with a dance on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets for the dance are currently on sale during lunch and after school at the school bank; prices are as follows:

#### Week of September 21<sup>st</sup>: **SEMI-EARLY BIRD SPECIAL**

\$20 with an ASB Activity Card

\$25 without an ASB Activity Card

#### Week of September 28<sup>th</sup>:

\$25 with an ASB Activity Card

\$30 without an ASB Activity Card

## ASB's Request for White Lights

The Homecoming theme for this year is "Life is But a Dream." In order to decorate for our theme, we are asking for donations of white Christmas lights. Please attach a piece of tape near the end of the lights and put your first name, last name, and phone number so that we can return them to you after the dance. Jennifer Jeziorski, ASB Advisor, will be available for any questions via email at [jen\\_jeziorski@sjusd.org](mailto:jen_jeziorski@sjusd.org). There will be a drop off box in the front office; we would like to have the lights in by Tuesday, Sept. 29. We appreciate your support.

## Parent Volunteers Needed

Parent volunteers needed for assistance at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. Hours may be separated into two shifts. Duties include help with check-in, coat check, and stamp verification. Parents will NOT be asked to enter the dance area. Please contact Victoria Kim, Assistant Principal of Activities, via email at [victoria\\_kim@sjusd.org](mailto:victoria_kim@sjusd.org) or by phone at 535-6290 x 208 to sign up.

## Career Center News

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

## Applying to a Private College?

Senior Reminder: If you are applying to a Private or Independent College/University, please remember to turn in your letter of recommendation packet by October 2. If you have not picked up your letter of rec packet, now is the time to do so! They are in the Career Center and on the school website under 'Career Center' and then 'Seniors'. Barbara Spindler, Career Center, will be happy to answer any and all of your questions!

**OCTOBER**  
*(Continued)*

**10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m.**  
**Dandia Raas Dance**  
Main Gym

**13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30/7:00**  
**Tuesday Night Lights**  
**Girl's Field Hockey**  
Pat Tillman Stadium

**14<sup>th</sup>**  
**PSAT**  
LHS  
(regular start time)

## Meet Assembly Member Jim Beall

A message from Jim Beall:

"Unemployment is at an all-time high, foreclosures continue, and families are fighting to survive as vital services are cut. The decisions made in the new legislative session will have long-lasting effects on California's future and those decisions must be correct. This is why I plan to spend more time than ever in the community to seek out the opinions of my constituents. Please join me at any one of the events listed below."

### Coffee Klatsch

Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – Campbell, 9-11 a.m.

Orchard Valley Coffee, 349 E. Campbell Avenue, Campbell, CA 95008

### Coffee Klatsch

Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup> – Willow Glen, 9-11 a.m.

Willow Glen Coffee Roasting Company, 1383 Lincoln Ave, San Jose 95125

### Free Community Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, October 3, 2009, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

Campbell Community Center, 1 W. Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA 95118

### Coffee Klatsch

Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Cambrian, 9-11 a.m.

Heartbeat Café, 14392 Union Avenue, San Jose 95124

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## Minimum Day - Wednesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>

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

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## PSAT Information

Leland will be offering the PSAT on Wednesday, October 14th during the regular school day. The PSAT is for all Juniors; they do not have pay or register to take the test. Because the PSAT is geared for juniors, we do not encourage sophomores to take it. However, if a sophomore is in Algebra II, they may consider taking it for practice. Freshmen will not be permitted to take the PSAT.

\*For Sophomores Only: Sophomores may register for the PSAT during school and directly after school in the Career Center ONLY on: Tuesday, October 6 and Thursday, October 8. The cost for the test is \$15. We accept cash or checks, which may be made payable to Leland High School – please write "PSAT" in the memo line.

PSAT results will be distributed to students in their social science class in late December. Revolution Test Prep will offer an informational meeting about understanding the PSAT results to students and parents in early January.

## 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](http://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. 10	CITP Workshop	9 a.m. – noon
Oct. 17	CITP Workshop	9 a.m. – noon
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 <a href="http://sjholidayparade.com">sjholidayparade.com</a> )

- 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](mailto: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](http://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.

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## 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](#)).

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### Preparing for the SAT or the ACT?

**TO ENROLL IN ANY PREPARATION OPTION, CALL 1-877-REV-PREP or VISIT [www.revolutionprep.com](http://www.revolutionprep.com)** Read below for more information...

#### 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. 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!

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### Donation Request

Thank you to those of you who have made the charitable donations of the requested magazine subscriptions for the school library. Our students will continue to benefit from the various educational magazines available for them in the library. We have almost all of the requested subscriptions covered; the following magazine subscriptions are still needed:

***Journal of Modern History* and *Newsweek***

Please contact the school librarian, Maureen Stanaway, at 535-6290 or via email at [maureen\\_stanaway@sjusd.org](mailto:maureen_stanaway@sjusd.org) for additional questions.

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### 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.

## 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.

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## 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](#)

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## 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.

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## 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!

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## 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)**

## Junior College Courses Taken on Leland Campus (cont'd)

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.

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## 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](mailto:info@montereyinstitute.org).

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## 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.

## Pandemic H1N1 (cont'd)

-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.

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## 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.