

# Pacific Coast High School

## JANUARY 2013 NEWSLETTER

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1/7 - Welcome  
back to school

1/9 - Biology Make-up  
labs

1/11 - All-Staff  
Conference - Campus  
closed

1/11 - and 1/12  
Student performances:  
Classical Greek &  
Shakespeare plays

1/15 - Art Exploration  
Class Art Show  
"Let It Be" 10-  
11:15a.m.

1/16 - Math Finals

1/18 - Trimester 2  
ends

1/21 - Martin Luther  
King, Jr. Day - Campus  
closed

1/22 - Trimester 3  
begins - campus  
closed

2/4 - 2/8 - Silent  
Auction

### A Message from the Principal



Welcome back to the final weeks of the fall semester. I encourage you to finish strong. Look at any late work that you can still turn in, do the best you can on the last few assignments, and make sure you get the grades you deserve in your courses. You should also be registered and ready to begin your spring courses in a few weeks. Please contact your instructors or your faculty advisor if you need any help.

I have a great resource for all high school students and their parents. This resource, developed by the College Board, is for students who do not know where to start when thinking about selecting a college. It is also a good resource for those who have an idea about where they want to go. This website includes almost every resource - guidance, options and financial support - you can possibly imagine. You have 3,993 college options.

Which is best for you? Two things I know for sure. The first is that there is a college for everyone, no matter what. The second is that college graduates have more job opportunities and more advancement opportunities for a successful future. Please take some time to review the resources on this site. I know you will start referring to it often once you see it.

[https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search?s\\_kwcid=TC|7002|big%20future|S|e|12533323844](https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/college-search?s_kwcid=TC|7002|big%20future|S|e|12533323844)

### Spring Registration

Spring registration paperwork should now be completed and turned in to PCHS.



### Spring Schedule Pick Up

All students' spring course schedules will be available for pick up in their rolling files on Wednesday, January 16th (math finals day). Questions regarding spring registration should be directed to Sandi Curtis at [scurtis@ocde.us](mailto:scurtis@ocde.us) or 714-245-6511.

## Math Finals



**When:** January 16, 2013

Math Final Exams will be conducted for all courses except Hybrid Consumer Math. Exams must be taken by 3 p.m. on 1/16/13 to receive full credit.

If you are unable to attend the testing date, contact your instructor to make arrangements to test earlier. Any exam taken after the testing date will incur a 50% penalty off earned points.

Math exams are not timed, and may take 30 minutes to a few hours to complete.

All exams must be completed by the school closing time of 3 p.m.

Exam start times are for both online and hybrid classes and are scheduled according to each student's last name:

8:30 - First initial of last name A-F

9:30 - First initial of last name G-L

10:30 - First initial of last name M-S

11:30 - First initial of last name T-Z

Please bring a pencil, a calculator and any handwritten notes.

## Clubs and Events



### Graduates: Walking in June?

Cap and gown orders, current photograph, and baby pictures were due Nov. 30.

If you have not turned yours in, please do so this week.

Contact Cindy Scarborough, [cscarborough@ocde.us](mailto:cscarborough@ocde.us) with any questions.



### Grad Nite 2013

Plan now for Grad Nite at Disneyland on June 13, 2013. Ticket price is \$69 (cash only). Tickets include all-day entry to both Disneyland and California Adventure. PCHS students may bring one guest each. A copy of a photo ID for the guest must be presented at the time of ticket purchase.

Tickets are available beginning Feb. 1 (see Cindy Scarborough). Tickets must be purchased by March 8. For more information, contact Amy Sydoruk.

## Pacific Coast High School Presents:

**"The Greek Mythology Olympiaganza" and "The Hamlet Thrill-Ma-Geddon"**



**When:** Jan. 11, 4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 12, 2:30 p.m. & 7 p.m.

**Where:** The Attic Community Theatre, 2834 S. Fairview, Santa Ana  
**Cost:** \$10.00

For more information or to buy tickets, contact Amy Sydoruk: (714) 245-6492



### Prom 2013

Save the date for the PCHS 2013 prom

**Theme:** *Twilight in the Garden*

**Date:** Friday, May 3

**Location:** Disneyland Hotel

All 9th - 12th graders are welcome to attend. Students may bring outside guests.

## Silent Auction for Scholarships



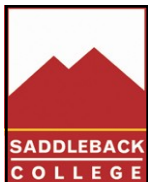
Join us online Feb 4-Feb 8 for our annual online fundraiser.

Invite relatives, friends, and neighbors to join you in bidding online for gift certificates, educational outings, theme park tickets, and more.

Proceeds from this event provide scholarships for PCHS graduates.

**Interested in helping?** Donations of gift certificates, movie passes, event tickets, etc. are gladly accepted. For more information, please contact Cindy Scarborough, [cscarborough@ocde.us](mailto:cscarborough@ocde.us) or 714.245.6495. A list of auction items and bidding instructions will be available in the PCHS lobby or at the website beginning Jan. 22, 2013.

## Opportunities



### Saddleback College, Early Bird Program

Saddleback College has made changes to their Early Bird process for seniors.

This year they are starting earlier!

The Early Bird application will be available to your students beginning December 1.

Students have until March 31 to complete the Early Bird process of online orientation, in-person assessment testing, and online advisement.

In April, the college will begin assisting students who transition from high school, offering in-person counseling and student success workshops.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact:  
Leslie Humphrey, Director of Outreach and Recruitment Counselor  
Penny Skaff, Matriculation Coordinator

### FAFSA and Cal Grants



To apply for your Free Application for Federal Student Aid, (FAFSA), go online to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) soon after Jan. 1.

All FAFSA questions are on the "FAFSA on the Web" worksheet.

Any graduate planning to attend a California College or University should also file for the Cal Grant.

First, provide Kathy Fusaro at PCHS with your Social Security Number.  
Kathy files your Cal Grant GPA electronically to the state, which matches your SS# to your FAFSA filing.

For more information regarding Cal Grants go to:  
<http://www.calgrants.org/>  
The deadline for California FAFSA and Cal Grant is March 4, 2013.



### Online Courses at Santa Ana Community College

Santa Ana Community College is offering quite a few online courses this spring. One of the online courses offered is Chemistry 209 - which meets the high school requirement.



The California Independent High School Teams will provide independent study (IS) high school students in grades 9 -12 the opportunity to play on their own ice hockey teams, train in the AAA environment, and participate in elite academic programs with professional tutors.

For more information contact [katom@yahoo.com](mailto:katom@yahoo.com)  
Phone: (562) 673-4235

### California Independent High School Ice Hockey Teams

## Scholarships



**The California Scholarship Federation (CSF)** recognizes students for their academic achievement.

Membership is based on GPA qualifications and classes taken.

Students planning to apply for CSF membership next semester need to be aware that the qualifying course list for our school has changed.

Students interested in applying should go to the PCHS website and click "forms." There you will find the CSF flyer application and course list.



**CAC Educational Scholarship Foundation**

The California Association of Collectors (CAC) is thrilled to

announce a scholarship opportunity for 2013 graduating California high school seniors for their use at any accredited college, university or vocational school.

All entries must be postmarked by January 15, 2013.

If you have questions, contact the CAC office at (916) 929-2125 or visit the scholarship website at [www.cacesf.org](http://www.cacesf.org)



**The American Legion**

**Need a lift?**

The American Legion wants to ensure higher education is a possibility

for children whose parents have been killed while serving our country.

For scholarship and financial aid information, visit: [www.Legion.org/needalift](http://www.Legion.org/needalift)



**WACE**

**advancing cooperative & work-integrated education**

This year we are awarding 195 merit scholarships through our National Co-op Scholarship Program.

For more information on the Co-op Scholarship Program, visit our website, [www.waceinc.org](http://www.waceinc.org)



**Italian Catholic Federation**

The Italian Catholic Federation is offering \$400 scholarships to Roman Catholic graduating seniors of Italian descent.

For more information, visit the web site at [www.ICF.ORG](http://www.ICF.ORG) or call 1-888-423-1924

## Travels Abroad



### England and France, here we come!

**When:** Jul 4 - Jul 13, 2013

**Where:** London, Normandy, Loire Valley, and Paris

**Who:** PCHS students, family, and friends

#### Highlights:

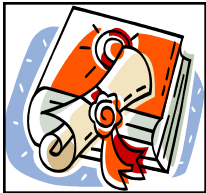
- London tour with guide, St Paul's Cathedral, Stonehenge, Salisbury Cathedral,
- Portsmouth-Caen Ferry, American Cemetery at Colleville-sur-Mer
- Pointe du Hoc— cliff top on west end of Omaha Beach with intact fortifications and bomb craters from Operation Overlord in World War II
- Châteaux de Chenonceau et Chambord, Loire Valley Culture Quest
- Chartres Cathedral, Paris tour with guide, Notre Dame, Louvre
- Versailles Château and Gardens with ACIS Audio guide & bike tour

For more information, contact:

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Nancy McKeegan @ [nmckeegan@ocde.us](mailto:nmckeegan@ocde.us)

## Yearbook



### Have you purchased your yearbook?

Yearbooks are still available for \$40. Yearbooks have sold out in the previous years; see Debbie in the lobby to purchase yours today.

#### Photographs needed

The yearbook staff is looking for photos of you with siblings and/or friends who attend PCHS. Suggested photo settings: playing sports, playing music, performing (dancing, acting, painting), traveling, workplace or your favorite hangout.

Please email all pictures to the yearbook staff at [pchsyrbk@gmail.com](mailto:pchsyrbk@gmail.com).

### Public Display of Affection

There will be a limited amount of space for senior PDA (Public Display of Affection) ads. PDAs are \$40 for a half page and \$80 for a full page. You can design the page on your own and give us the information to publish or you can work with a yearbook staff person and create the page together.

Please see Debbie, at the front desk, or Shanti Schiller to purchase a PDA.

## Coat Drive - a success!

A big thank-you to the students of the PCHS National Honor Society for collecting 425 pieces of winter clothing for the Orange County Rescue Mission. An additional thanks goes out to the PCHS friends and families who donated many of these items.



### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Is a United States federal holiday marking the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

King was the chief spokesman for nonviolent activism in the civil rights movement, which successfully protested racial discrimination in federal and state law.