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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (By Larry Oshodi)

Dear Parents,

We enter the holiday season with a deep sense of gratitude for the community we live in. Our school community continues to grow as a caring, warm and positive environment where all students are nurtured and challenged to excel. During the month of December, our Leadership class will run the "Acts of Kindness" program to acknowledge and appreciate students and staff, an example of the many ways that Heritage students, staff, parents and community members and partners take care of the Patriot family.

I wish you all the very best of this season and a wonderful and prosperous 2015!

## COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL (By Rose Thompson)

Mr. Oshodi would like to invite you to Coffee with the Principal.

This is a great time for parents to sit down informally with Mr. Oshodi and discuss all the important things happening at Heritage High School.

### Dates/Times/Locations

Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 8-9 a.m. at Willy's Bagels & Blends (390 W. Country Club Dr.)

Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 p.m. at Starbucks (Streets of Brentwood)

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ELAC) (By Lisa Sullivan)

All parent English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. in the Career Center – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Media Center. We hope to see you at one of the following meetings:

February – Whole District TBA  
Wednesday, April 22, 2015

Lisa Sullivan is the contact person at Heritage High School. She can be reached at 925-634-0037, extension 6011 or you can call Ms. Preciado, Spanish speakers, at 925-634-0037, extension 6016.

## *Congratulations Students of the Quarter!*

### Math

Maria Botross  
Armin Delic  
Eric Schrader  
Priscilla Stevenson

### English

David Gervasio  
Brianna Herbolario  
Haley Merin  
Jenna Morford  
Shane Mullen  
Devin Norris  
Aaron Richards  
Mackenzey Sutton  
Madisen Wright

**Social Studies**

Gurjiwan Dhaliwal  
Jack Mitchener  
Derrian Tabilin

**Science**

Matthew Bryant  
Erika de Guia  
Svetlana Korzhov  
Gabriana La  
Michalyn Marzocco  
Reynaldo Ordaz  
Vanessa Rodriguez-Vega  
Victoria Sorensen  
Tricia Zhou

**Motivational**

Kennedy Chisholm  
Tiffany DeVincenzi  
Alicia Nelson

**World Languages**

Christopher Alvarado-Turley  
Alexander Colefield  
Mindy Cook  
Allison Rohlfs

**SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)**  
(By Larry Oshodi)

Parents and students are welcome to attend our School Advisory Council Meetings. Meetings will be held in the Principal's Conference Room at 3:15. We hope to see you at one of the following meetings:

- January 22
- February 26
- March 12
- April 23
- May 28

**BIG BLUE MADNESS DANCE**  
(By Darlene Rodriguez)

The Big Blue Madness Dance will be on January 16<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 p.m. **The last day for ticket sales will be January 15<sup>th</sup>.**

**Want to Play  
College Sports?**

**You MUST  
Know Your Core  
Course GPA.**



**CORECOURSEGPA.com**

*Addressing Recruiting and Eligibility...at its Core.*

Heritage High School has teamed up with CoreCourseGPA.com to provide custom online software to all student-athletes to assist in tracking their progress towards meeting NCAA initial eligibility requirements.

CoreCourseGPA.com calculates core course GPA for both the Division I and II, provides corresponding minimum SAT/ACT scores, and a detailed report of core course credits earned and needed.

All student-athletes are encouraged to activate their **FREE** membership to begin tracking their core course GPA and learn more about important recruiting topics. The sooner, the better - every semester counts!

**Activate Your FREE Membership**

- Step 1:** Go to [www.CoreCourseGPA.com](http://www.CoreCourseGPA.com)
- Step 2:** Click "Free New Member Account"
- Step 3:** Enter School ID and School Code
- Step 4:** Complete Registration Form

**School ID: 050386**  
**School Code: 737678811**

**AP EXAMS**  
(By Lisa Sullivan)

Advanced Placement testing registration is due by Friday, January 30, 2015. The cost is \$91.00. You can also pay for the exams in two installments. The first installment of \$46.00 is due January 30, 2015 and the final installment of \$46.00 is due by Friday, March 6, 2015. Please contact Mrs. Sullivan at 925-634-0037 for more information about AP testing or cost.

**HHS MOCK TRIALS TEAM**  
(By Tyler Rust)

The Heritage High School Mock Trials Team travelled to Marin to scrimmage the San Rafael High School Team. The students had fun and benefitted from the experience. They are preparing to travel to Foothill High School in Pleasanton and Miramonte High School in Orinda on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

RISING STARS  
(By Hillary Pedrotti)

*HHS Rising Stars Presents*



Show Dates/Times

February 26, 2015 @ 7pm  
February 27, 2015 @ 7pm  
February 28, 2015 @ 7pm  
March 3, 2015 @ 7pm  
March 5, 2015 @ 7pm  
March 6, 2015 @ 7pm  
March 7, 2015 @ 7pm  
March 12, 2015 @ 7pm  
March 13, 2015 @ 7pm  
March 14, 2015 Matinee @ 1pm

See [hhsrisingstars.com](http://hhsrisingstars.com) for information on how to buy tickets.

TARGET'S TAKE CHARGE OF  
EDUCATION PROGRAM  
(By Rose Thompson)

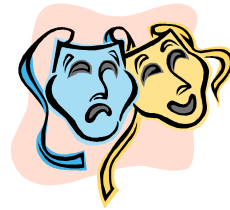
To date, Target® has donated over \$300 million to help K-12 schools through their Take Charge of Education program. When parents, teachers, and other school supports use the REDcard®, Target donates up to 1% of their purchases to the eligible K-12 school they designate. To learn more about the program, visit [Target.com/tcoe](http://Target.com/tcoe)

RISING STARS  
(By Hillary Pedrotti)

SAVE THE DATE  
May 2, 2015

The Rising Stars and the Rising Stars Boosters are proud to invite you to a Fundraising Gala to celebrate 10 years of Theater Arts at Heritage High School. Current Rising Stars students will be performing a showcase of scenes & songs representing the past 10 years.

Followed by Dinner, Dancing, Raffles



Time: 5:00 p.m.      Dinner: 7:30 p.m.  
HHS Theater      HHS Multipurpose Rm.

SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE

AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB  
(By Charleen Lovick)

**Students:** Need help with your homework? Want someone to proofread your papers? Need to type a paper but don't have a computer at home?

**H.E.L.P. is here!!**

(Heritage Extended Learning Program)

**3:00-4:30 p.m.**

**Monday\* thru Thursday**

**Room C-111**

(\*Exceptions include: 2nd Monday of the Month)

You must follow all school rules and be working on homework in order to come

to the HELP program. Disruptive students will be asked to leave and/or receive a referral.



**HOLIDAY FOOD & TOY DRIVE**  
(By Matt Carr)

The Law, Government and Public Service Club is assisting the "Brentwood Community Chest" in a holiday food and toy drive. Founded over 45 years ago, the Brentwood Community Chest vision is of "the community supporting its' own". Families in need may confidentially contact Lil Pierce at (925) 813-1320 or access the website at [www.brcchest.org](http://www.brcchest.org) in order to obtain dates, times, and locations to register to receive. Nonperishable food items may be donated in each student's SLC. We are holding a competition between classes (Freshman-Seniors) to see which class has the most spirit! Donations may be made through December 10<sup>th</sup> at which time they will be collected to be distributed on December 12<sup>th</sup>. Look for a donation gift tree to be posted on the wall of the main Administration Building with ornaments of description of the age and sex of children in need with specific gift requests. Newly packaged toys may also be dropped off in the Attendance Office gift barrel to be randomly distributed by the Brentwood Community Chest to those in need. "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone"- Ronald Reagan. All donations stay within the East County.

**YEARBOOKS**  
(By Ken Silman)

Yearbooks can be purchased through the Student Store for \$85.00. The price will increase to \$100 after the December break. Yearbooks can be purchased until the end of the school year or until we reach our sales limit. Supplies are limited so act now.

**HEALTH & RECREATION  
ACADEMY/CPR CERTIFICATION**  
(By Darlene Rodriguez/Sarah Davies)

Seniors who are in the Health and Recreation Academy who are missing their CPR Certification must show Ms. Rodriguez in HR-105 proof of their CPR Certification by **March 13, 2015** if you would like to be recognized at graduation and the Senior Awards Night on May 7, 2015.

CPR Certification may be completed here at Heritage with Ms. Sarah Davies on the following days/times:

January 24, 2015 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
January 27, 2015 from 3:30 pm-7:30 pm

February 24, 2015 from 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
February 28 2015 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

The cost is \$30.00 and classes will be held in HR-103. Please contact Ms. Davies at [daviess@luhsd.net](mailto:daviess@luhsd.net) or in HR-103 to register for the class. Seats are limited so sign up early.

CPR Certification may also be completed at outside agencies.

**ABI PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION**  
(By Gina Kroner)

The Liberty Union High School District has transitioned to a new Student Information System, Parent Portal through ABI (Aeries Browser Interface) for parents. We think you will enjoy the new interface and access to more timely information. The attendance in the portal is updated live-time, as are any assignment updates completed by the teachers.

**How do I get an account?**

Accounts were generated at the end of the first quarter. Any parent with an accurate email address listed in the student's electronic record received an email with the login process as soon as the portal was opened.

**Do I have to have an email address listed to get an account?**

Yes. If your email address is not listed in your child's record and/or you did not update it at walk-thru, please contact the school or email [hhsattendance@luhsd.net](mailto:hhsattendance@luhsd.net) to have that information listed in your child's electronic record. If you do not have an email account, you can create one for free through G-mail.

**Can my son/daughter sign up for an account?**

Yes, your son/daughter can sign up to access his/her own account. To do so, your son or daughter's email address should be listed in the student's record. The view for a student is identical to that of a parent, so they will want to select "Student" when asked what type of account they want to create.

**Are there resources available to me so I know what to do?**

The ABI Parent Portal website was completed with FAQs, video instructions, and other documentation to assist you in navigating the portal. The interface is intuitive, so I think you will really enjoy the new service.

**Who do I contact if I need assistance?**

If you need assistance, you may contact Heritage directly; however, we request that you first go to the online resources on the **Parent Info** tab to address your questions.

**CAFETERIA COMPUTERIZED  
PAYMENT SYSTEM**

The Liberty Union High School District recently adopted the Nutrikids computerized Point-of-Sale payment system for meals purchased in the district's cafeterias. Some parents may be familiar with a similar system that is used by some of the elementary schools.

Each student has their own meal account based on their Student ID number. Transactions will only require that the student swipe their ID card across a scanner that is located at each cashier terminal.

The posting of credits to your child's account is done on the Nutrikids website by using a credit card or via Paypal. A link to [nutrikids.com](http://nutrikids.com) is on the Parent Portal, and also on the HHS website. You will be able to view your child's meal purchases online, by accessing your account on the Nutrikids website. We are encouraging you to create an account for your child, but the system is flexible, so you may still pay for meals with cash.

If your child qualifies for Free-or-Reduced price lunches or breakfasts, this information is securely contained within the system and the transaction will be processed just as it is for all other students.

If you are concerned about a food allergy that your child has, please provide the cafeteria with this information. A warning will appear on the cashier's screen for a quick review of the items on the student's meal tray.

**TRANSCRIPTS**  
(By Michelle Snyder)

Need a Transcript? Visit the HHS website at [www.luhdsd.net/heritage](http://www.luhdsd.net/heritage) and visit the Counseling page under the Student Info tab. There are two options for transcript requests - Electronic or Other. The electronic process is quick, easy and provides a tracking system. The other process requires printing out a completed form, turning in the form to the Registrar for processing, then pick up/mail out. There is no tracking method with this process.

**FINANCIAL AID NIGHT**  
(By C. Dalton, J. Jones, N. Mathrole,  
and I. Preciado)

Would you like to know how to reduce college costs through financial aid, scholarships, or other strategies?

On Thursday, January 15th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Heritage Theater, Mr. Dan Claffey will discuss how to make college affordable. He will talk about Financial Aid and the FAFSA. He will also discuss Cal Grants, CSS Profile, scholarships and much, much more. The Counseling Office is hosting this important presentation. We want parents and students to attend and have their questions answered from A to Z on the Financial Aid Process. Even if you don't think you qualify for aid, come and hear Mr. Claffey's advice on how to reduce your college costs. This meeting is open to all interested parents and students.

To learn more, please visit us at [www.edmd.org](http://www.edmd.org).

**SAFETY CORNER**

► Due to the amount of traffic in the student parking lot before and after school, Heritage encourages parents to drop off/pick up in the designated areas on American Avenue and to arrange carpools when possible.

► Be careful when driving to and from school in wet and freezing weather. AAA advises people to prepare well in advance for rainy day driving. Leave earlier than usual to account for slippery roads, traffic jams, etc. Slow down and be more aware of your surroundings when driving in wet weather.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP  
OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE!**