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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (By Larry Oshodi)

Dear Parents,

We just concluded a very busy 3rd quarter with a variety of activities in and outside our classrooms. Students and staff continue to work through curriculum revisions in English and math as well as other content areas. Our Leadership classes facilitated activities, including spirit weeks and assemblies to keep school spirit and the unity on campus at the current all-time high level. We saw our new JROTC program take off beyond our best expectations. Our cadets have already made their marks by winning awards and competitions in our very first year. In the visual and performing arts, our students displayed their original artworks both at the City of Brentwood Community Center as well as the Los Medanos College Gallery of Arts, our band and choral programs performed with distinction at various local venues, and the musical *Les Miserables* confirmed that we have one of the pre-eminent theater and band programs in the state of California. We also had a busy and successful winter athletic season with league championships in Girls Volleyball, Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, Boys Water Polo, and Boys Cross Country.

The 3rd quarter also saw the culmination of our formal school-wide *Focus on Learning* self-study which began over 18 months ago. A 7-member visitation committee from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) spent four days at Heritage in March to review our

instructional program and verify the contents of our self-study report. At the end of their visit they left us a report which commended our school and reinforced the areas we identified for focus in the future. I want to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who participated directly or indirectly in the process. I appreciate the time and resources given by our Patriot Parents Organization, Athletics Boosters and other community organizations and businesses. We will receive the final report and accreditation term before the end of this school year.

The 4th quarter promises to be just as busy as we compete in all the spring athletic contests, participate in the first ever statewide computer-based testing in English and math for all 11th grade students, bring the community onto our campus for a 10th anniversary Open House event, and plan a distinguished graduation ceremony for our senior class, just to name a few upcoming activities.

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.

Date//Time/Location

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

Joseph Shirk
Tyson Sperber
Zachary Taylor
Isabella Wetzler
Morgan Zamora

**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 – 2nd Floor of the Media Center. We hope to see you at one of the following meetings:

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.

Social Studies
Sherikat Braimah
Miranda Breves
Matthew Bryant
Austin Karwowski
Casey Thacker

Motivational
Tiffany DeVincenzi

World Languages
Aorzala Atmar
Gurjiwan Dhaliwal
Dominic Gallegos
Jordan Moreno
Kyra Purcell
Sabira Saadiq

Congratulations Students of the Quarter!

Math

Viviana Gonzalez
Alexandra Jeffry
Avinash Pai
Deandra Procassini
Terrell Sipin
Matthew Tolero
Dane Winding

English

Francesco Bianchi
Ashley Gildersleeve
Victoria Goley
Demi Gonis
Lauren Gregerson
Richard Kabasinskas
Nicolas Khonaysser
Sydney Manza
Chiedu Metu
Sarah Morales
Meredith Muller
Celia Rivera
Haley Roach

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2015
(By Rose Thompson)**

WHO: Presently enrolled (2014-15) 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade students (12th = 2015 non-grads).

WHAT: All required academic courses for graduation, except Govt. Econ and English 4, will be offered at Heritage High School. Govt. Econ and English 4 will be offered as independent study through Independence High School for 5th year seniors only (2015 non-grads).

WHERE: Heritage High School
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WHEN: Session 1: June 9-19, 2015
(1st semester courses only)
Session 2: June 22-July 2, 2015
(2nd semester courses only)

WHY: Summer School provides opportunities for students to remediate FAILED required courses or improve D

grades (if space is available). **Summer School is NOT MANDATORY; it is an opportunity.** Students who attend Summer School should expect to be dropped if they do not comply with all attendance and behavior policies.

ATTENDANCE: Attendance is mandatory. Each session (9 days) is equal to one semester. Students must attend **all 9 days** of class (*each semester*) or their grade and credit will be jeopardized. One **excused absence, ONLY**, (with written verification of severe illness or hospitalization of student, or immediate family member death) will be permitted before the student is dropped from the program.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

Session 1 - 3:00 p.m., Fri., April 24, 2015
(Only 1st semester classes are offered during Session 1.)

Session 2 - 3:00 p.m., Fri., June 5, 2015
(Only 2nd semester classes are offered during Session 2)

PLEASE NOTE: Second semester “walk-in” applications will be accepted (if space is available) beginning June 10, 2015. No “walk-in” applications will be accepted on the first day of classes, June 9, 2015.

Summer School applications are now available. Please see your student’s counselor for an application.

FOOD SERVICES: The Summer School campus will be considered a **CLOSED CAMPUS**. Students will not be allowed to leave campus during breaks or lunch. Food service will be provided on campus. Free/reduced lunch is provided for those students eligible.

TRANSPORTATION: LUHSD shuttle service will be available for those students attending Summer School. Students will be picked up in front of Freedom and Liberty High Schools at **7:30 a.m.** and transported to Heritage High School. The buses will

leave Heritage High School at **3:10 p.m.** and transport students back to Freedom and Liberty High Schools. **Students WILL NOT be picked up or dropped off at home!** Transportation will **NOT** be available to/from Independence High School for students in the Independent Study Program.

DRESS CODE: District Dress Code (BP/AR 5132) will be strictly enforced. All clothing shall be within bounds of decency and good taste. Shirts and shoes are required at all times. Hats and sunglasses are not to be worn in classrooms/instructional areas. Wearing of any gang symbols, such as handkerchiefs, suspenders, belts, shoestrings, jewelry, jackets associated with group intimidation or gang affiliation is strictly prohibited. Cell phones – **“NO SEE, NO HEAR”** during school hours.

BEHAVIOR: Students must fulfill the expectations listed in the student agreement. Parents/Guardians must support their child in these behavior expectations.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2015 COURSE SELECTION

Session 1: Heritage High School
(Only 1st semester courses offered during Session 1.)

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English I (1 st semester)	5
English II (1 st semester)	5
English III (1 st semester)	5
Algebra I (1 st semester)	5
Geometry IA (1 st semester)	5
Geometry (1 st semester)	5
Earth Science (1 st semester)	5
Biology (1 st semester)	5
World History (1 st semester)	5
U.S. History (1 st semester)	5
*American Govt.	5
*Economics	5
*English 4	5

*Offered ONLY to 5th year seniors (2015 non-grads). Independent study at Independence High School.

**Session 2: Heritage High School
(Only 2nd semester courses offered during Session 2.)**

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English I (2 nd semester)	5
English II (2 nd semester)	5
English III (2 nd semester)	5
Algebra I (2 nd semester)	5
Geometry IA (2 nd semester)	5
Geometry (2 nd semester)	5
Earth Science (2 nd semester)	5
Biology (2 nd semester)	5
World History (2 nd semester)	5
U.S. History (2 nd semester)	5
*American Govt.	5
*Economics	5
*English 4	5

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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

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

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:

April 23
May 28

**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

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.

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.

Tickets: \$40/person

SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE

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 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 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 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.

SPRING BREAK

(By C. Dalton, J. Jones, N. Mathrole,
and I. Preciado)

As we approach Spring Break and enter into the last quarter of the school year, the counseling department has a few recommendations to help support your child during the two week break. We of course want you and your child to take advantage of resting and enjoying your family. But, as you regroup to finish the last 10 weeks of the year, Spring Break is a great time to also support your child academically and to support them in their choices after high school. Here is what we suggest:

- Take advantage of road trips to visit college campuses. During Spring Break you and your child can actually see the students and classes firsthand. Campus tours are always available to provide insight on the various campuses.
- Juniors: Spring Break is a great time to study for and take college entrance exams. Your child is removed from the daily stress of classes and can focus better.
- If your child struggled third quarter in a class, the two week break is a perfect time to review and prepare for fourth quarter. Remember, quarter grades are still warning grades. Your child has 10 weeks to improve the grade.
- Summer school: If you have not signed up your child for a core class he/she may have failed, be sure to contact your child's counselor immediately to fill out the application. Remember, it is first come, first serve and spaces are limited.
- Seniors: The last quarter still counts. Colleges will want final transcripts and expect grades not to drop.

The counseling department wishes all of you a safe and relaxed Spring Break. We look

forward to working with and supporting your child during the fourth quarter.

BOYS & GIRLS STATE
(By Michelle Snyder)

Every year, the American Legion and the Women's Auxiliary sends a Heritage High School junior boy and girl to California Boys or Girls State. The Delegates are students that have a sense of civic responsibility and relates with other boys/girls with a positive attitude.

Boys State is held at Sacramento State University and Girls State is at Pitzer College in Claremont where the Delegates will work and study programs in functional government. Current issues are discussed in group sessions and carried out through the legislative process. Congratulations to the following Delegates and Alternates.

Girls State Delegate
Kelly Hunt

Girls State Alternate
Katrina Sudweeks

Boys State Delegates
Ben Sheehan
Myles Youngblood

Boys State Alternate
Chandler Hancock

SENIOR INFORMATION
(By Tacy Heath/Bill Cook)

Senior Ball – Old Hollywood

Date: May 23, 2015

Time: 8:00 p.m. – Midnight

Location: S.F. Galleria Design Center
101 Henry Adams Street
San Francisco

Ticket Sales: April 16th – May 1st

Ticket Prices: \$75.00 for Seniors
\$110.00 for Guests

Last day for bids is
April 24th.

Senior Ball Pictures: Location and time to be announced.

Senior Banquet

Date: April 21, 2015

Location: Nines/Wedgewood
100 Summerset Drive
Brentwood

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Ticket Sales: April 6th – April 10th

Ticket Price: \$30.00

(Cost includes dinner, drinks, and dessert)

Senior Sunset

Date: May 29, 2015

Location: Patriot Stadium (no fee).

SAFETY CORNER

Parents, please remind your student of the following:

► As spring approaches, so does the increased number of student drivers. If your student plans on parking on campus, be reminded that they will need to complete a parking application immediately in SLC-C. Permits are FREE, but space is limited. Students are not permitted to park on campus without a permit.

► For the safety of all, please discuss with your student driver about the dangers of texting and driving.

► If you notice any health or safety concerns on campus, we would like to know. Please e-mail Assistant Principal Heather Harper at harperh@luhsd.net.

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

