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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (By Larry Oshodi)

Dear Parents,

We celebrate 10 years of academic achievement and school community pride this year. The vision of our community of an inclusive and high achieving school is being realized from year to year – and we are not done yet! We look forward to the next 10 years with anticipation and excitement about the great heights our students will climb with the expertise and caring of our staff as well as the support of our parents and community members. The theme for our Homecoming activities this semester is “Decades” and next semester, our Open House activities will be dedicated to our 10th Anniversary and community relations.

I want to use this opportunity to invite Heritage parents and guardians to participate in the many events and volunteer opportunities this year. I also look forward to meeting with you at a ‘Coffee with the Principal’ event scheduled at different times during the year. Please see the school website (and below) for dates, times and locations.

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

Monday, November 17th, 6-7 p.m. at Starbucks (Streets of Brentwood)

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

Wednesday, April 29th, 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 – 2nd Floor of the Media Center. We hope to see you at one of the following meetings:

Wednesday, October 22, 2014

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

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

Armin Delic
Aidan Quinn
Jazlyn Sandoval
Arjun Sarkar
Alexandria Sheehan
Vivian Wang
Catherine Yaroslavtseva

English

Josephine Aseremo
Sara Baptista
Miranda Breves
Michelle Cereda
Kellie Chudzinski
Marie Martin-Nazareno
Michalyn Marzocco
Naomi Mason
Julia Seco Lopez deAvila
Jaeda Smith
Victoria Sorensen

Social Studies

Joshua Asuncion
Matthew Bryant
Gurjiwan Dhaliwal
Yvonna Elliott-Williams
Nathan Grovhoug
Nicolas Koukis
Danielle Tamura
Megan Zmerzlikar

Science

Isabela Angus
Aylish Chatterley
Danica Dolle
Julianna Farrar
Peyton Hamblin

Career Technology

Jasmin Asher
Aaron Hanible
Kelly Hunt
Joshua Joksch

World Languages

Brenden Barry
Josie Blubaugh

Justin Cassacia-Johnson
Noah Fanfa
Cole Lopez
John Milabu
Tianna Treichelt

**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:

October 23
November 20
December 18
January 22
February 26
March 12
April 23
May 28

**HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLY
(By Crystal Shaw)**

The Honor Roll Assembly will be held on October 23rd and 24th in the theater.

SLC-A – October 23rd at 10:00 a.m.
SLC-B – October 23rd at 12:05 p.m.

SLC-C – October 24th at 10:00 a.m.
SLC-D – October 24th at 12:05 p.m.

If your student qualifies for Honor Roll, they will receive an invitation to attend. Hope to see you all then!

**SENIOR PARENT MEETING
(By Crystal Shaw)**

There will be a meeting on October 28, 2014 for the parents of senior students. The meeting will be held in the Heritage Library at 5:00 p.m. We hope to see you there.

**Want to Play
College Sports?**

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



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

Cost: The cost is approximately \$350, depending on number of sign-ups and as-yet-unreleased 2015 ticket prices. Final pricing to be determined by October 15th. **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: RISING STARS BOOSTERS.**

Questions: Email Mr. Fallows at fallowsc@luhsd.net.

HERITAGE ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB
(By Cami Vernoy)

The HHS Athletic Boosters are excited for the 2014/2015 athletic season! We hope you have had a chance to hear about us and the many ways being involved and supporting the Athletic Boosters helps strengthen our athletic program. We have some fabulous spirit wear available in our trailer located on the home side of the field at ALL home games and we also manage both snack bars! We are always looking for volunteers to help, so stop by and let us know if you would like to get involved.

There is still time to become an Athletic Booster member. If your child is playing a sport and you are interested in getting a discount into ALL HOME GAMES, you can buy an individual \$35, family \$50, or business \$100 membership. With each of these memberships you will get a discount pass for the 2014/2015 season!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We already have a date for our May Event.....Saturday, May 2nd! We will be hosting a Mexican Fiesta at the Brentwood Community Center from 6:00-10:00 p.m. This is the **ONLY** opportunity to buy the Athletic Booster Member PASS, which allows entry into ALL HOME GAMES FREE! Cost for the event/pass/membership is \$75 and will be available soon. Dinner only tickets will be also be available for \$35. Please plan to attend; it is sure to be a lot of fun!!

RISING STARS
(By Chris Fallows)

Oregon Shakespeare Festival

The Rising Stars are going once again to Ashland for 4 days of theatre experience and awesomeness.

What: Four days and three nights at the Festival. It is a remarkable experience that students look forward to every year. This is a joint activity with Liberty High's theatre program.

Details: We will travel by chartered tour bus (not a school bus!) We will stay at the Stratford Inn, about a 5-10 minute walk from the Festival theatres.

Seating: Seating is limited to 25 students, then students will be placed on a waiting list. Placement is based in order in which deposit money is turned in. First come, first served.

Deposit: \$175 due by 9/26, non-refundable after 10/31.

With all the above fundraising going on, you are probably wondering...where does the money go???? Well, in addition to giving away \$13,000 in athletic scholarships to a few of our 2014 graduates, we have started the school year by giving just over \$20,000 to all of our athletic departments to help get their year off to a great start. That said, we couldn't do it without the support of so many Heritage families! Thank you!

We meet the first Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the staff lounge of the Administration Building. If you are interested in getting involved, we would love to have you!

OCTOBER IS CREEK AND CHANNEL
SAFETY AWARENESS MONTH
(By Rose Thompson)

As children return to school and the rainy season approaches, the Contra Costa County Flood Control District would like to take this opportunity to direct your attention to their website for information and suggestions for promoting safety and awareness regarding local creeks and channels. Visit their website at www.cccounty.us/creekandchannelsafety.

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.



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.

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 lhsattendance@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.luhhsd.net/heritage and visit the Counselor 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.

LAW, GOV’T. & PUBLIC SERVICE ACADEMY
(By Matt Carr)

The Law, Government & Public Service Academy comprises course offerings and

internships for students interested in law, government, public services, mass communications and education. The Academy provides for a broad introduction and foundation of practical law and culture and/or human psychology and offers the following pathways:

- **Law and Government:** For students interested in careers in legal fields such as law enforcement, government, leadership, history, politics, and economics.
- **Public Service:** For students interested in law enforcement, attorney, emergency medical response, forensics, firefighting, and other social and civil service positions.
- **Mass Communication:** For students who are interested in careers in the communication and performing arts fields; including journalism, broadcasting, publishing, video productions and broadcasting, graphic arts, digital recording, acting, directing and the theater arts, and world languages.
- **Performing Arts:** For students who are interested in careers in theater, music, broadcasting and video production.

Why pursue a public service pathway?

Public service careers are dynamic and defined by shifting values, entrepreneurship, and information technology. Public service careers require enhanced technical, ethical, and leadership competencies. These professions provide challenges that often change daily, a sense of social satisfaction in helping others, competitive pay, solid retirement packages and often job security. Public service doesn't just involve government work. It now involves work with nonprofit organizations and private firms.

Courses in the Academy provide for practical learning, team work, communications and hands-on tasks. The courses provide opportunities to apply your learning in a practical manner and many times outside of the classroom in mock and real situations.

Academy application, recognition and internship course:

A student wishing to apply to an Academy should pick up the Academy Application form from their SLC and turn it in to their SLC once completed and signed by the parent/guardian. The form is forwarded to the applicable Academy Coordinator for consideration. The student, when admitted to an Academy, will be added to the Academy Coordinator's 9th period. Don't worry, the student doesn't show up for a 9th period. This is how the Academy Coordinator tracks and monitors their Academy students.

If desired, academy students may apply for the Academy Internship with Industry Partners course during registration for their Senior classes. The Academy student must be on course to complete the Academy pathway with no lower than a 3.0 GPA and no lower than a B in any Academy course to qualify for the Internship Course their Senior year.

Academy students in their Senior year will complete and turn in to their Academy Coordinator the Academy Recognition form if they are on course to complete the Academy pathway with no lower than a 2.0 GPA and no lower than a C in any Academy Pathway courses. Students who satisfactorily complete the Academy Pathway(s) will be recognized at graduation with an Academy medallion.

For a list of required classes for the Law, Government & Public Service Academy, go to our website (www.luhsd.net/heritage) and click on Academics and Career Academies.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
ACADEMY
(By Breanna Horton)

The Environmental Science Academy gives high school students the opportunity to focus in on specific science classes that will help them be prepared when they become a science major in college. We offer some science classes that many other schools do not, such as Entomology, Field Studies, and Biotechnology. All of these classes focus on lab and field skills that will give students a head start to college. Furthermore, enrolling in the Environmental Science Academy will give students the experience to be successful and well prepared for their college career.

earthquake, and intruder drills at least 4 times a year.

► 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.

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

SAFETY CORNER

In this section of our Parent Newsletter, we cover topics related to campus safety and how you can assist. The Safety Corner will also be available on the school website where you can make comments and ask general safety questions.

► All visitors, including parents who need to drop off items for their student, must park in a visitor parking space (located near the front of the school) and report directly to the Administration Building.

► Students have been doing a great job wearing their school ID allowing us to better identify potential non-students on campus. Please continue to help your student remember to wear his/hers everyday.

► On Professional Development Days (specific late start Wednesdays), all staff members are required to collaborate and supervision is unavailable until 9:15 a.m. Therefore, we ask that students not be on campus until then.

► Heritage High School complies with State law, coordinating and practicing fire,