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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (By Larry Oshodi)

Dear Parents,

During April this year we join high schools across the state in a trial run of the new statewide assessment replacing the old STAR tests. The new Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test is computer based and will be taken by only 11th graders. The field test this spring will be administered to only a small group of juniors and does not count against them. The real test will be taken for the first time by next year's juniors. The new SBAC test will assess students' mastery of the new Common Core State Standards in math and English. Our district is currently in transition to the new standards designed to better prepare students for success in college and careers.

I'm excited to inform you that we are now ready to implement the new Patriot Plus program starting next year. The program is a collaborative effort with input from students, parents and staff and has been designed from the ground up for the needs of Heritage students. It is an intervention/enrichment period run two days a week from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please view the Patriot Plus page in this newsletter for more detailed information.

As we look towards next year, I wish to remind you that Walk-Through registration dates for the 2014/15 school year have since been published. The dates are:

Thurs., July 17th (Noon – 7:00 p.m.)
Fri., July 18th (9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.)
Mon., July 21st (Noon – 7:00 p.m.)
Tue., July 22nd (Noon – 7:00 p.m.)

Congratulations Students of the Quarter!

Math

Zoe Brown
Griffin De Flores
Carlos Escobar
Bianca Anna Flores
Hannah Fogelstrom
Samantha Gonzalez
Eric Mou

English

Sherikat Braimah
Anare Bustos
Cage Cunningham
Luz Estrella Esperon
Erin Furnary
Annalise Hanel
Kelly Hunt
Arlette Meza-Navarro
Daniel Ortega
Sarah Pardi
Celeste Pintado
Nicole Rosillo
Blaine Spencer
Suttera Samonte
Catherine Yaroslavtseva
Meaghan Yeakley
Nicholas Zell

Social Studies

Claire Ashcroft
Haylie Grant
Addison Hughes
Jordan Jimenez
Austin Johnson
Caleb Michael
Melissa Robbins
Danielle Strock
Artae Ja Williams

Science

Jessica Cook
Tayler Hunziker
Sophia Mapalo
Cassidy Nelson
Janet Nguyen
Natalie Rover
Emma Sibley
Brianna Smith
Derrian Tabilin
Christian Tinio
Jerod Warren

Physical Education

Sara Baptista
Francis Ryan Del Rosario
Sophia Guernsey
Angel Lopez
Milez Moronez

Motivational

Martin Aseremo
Jade Box
Roseale Lawton-Apodaca
Marquis Washington

Visual & Performing Arts

Mitchell BeBeau
Derek Coley
Henna Maiwand
Margaret Winding
Breanna Zorrilla

Career Technology

Asiah Lane
Kayla Sipes

World Languages

Emily Culver
Kevin Kirk
Maya Isabelle Marquez
Stephanie Mitchener
Alondra Perez-Garcia
Hannah Strauss
Kayla Sutton

SUMMER SCHOOL 2014

(By Rose Thompson)

WHO: Presently enrolled (2013-14) 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th grade students (12th = 2014 non-grads).

WHAT: All required academic courses for graduation, except Govt. Econ and English 4, will be offered at Freedom High School. Govt. Econ and English 4 will be offered as independent study through Independence High School for 5th year seniors only (2014 non-grads).

WHERE: Freedom High School
1050 Neroly Road
Oakley, CA 94561
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

WHEN: 1st Semester: June 10-20, 2014
2nd Semester: June 23-July 3, 2014

WHY: Summer School provides opportunities for students to remediate FAILED required courses. **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

1st Semester-3:00 p.m., Fri., April 25, 2014

2nd Semester-3:00 p.m., Fri., June 6, 2014

PLEASE NOTE: Second semester “walk-in” applications will be accepted (if space is available) beginning June 11, 2014. No “walk-in” applications will be accepted on the first day of classes, June 10, 2014.

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 Heritage and Liberty High Schools at **7:30 a.m.** and transported to Freedom High School. The buses will leave Freedom High School at **3:10 p.m.** and transport students back to Heritage 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 CODES: 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 2014
COURSE SELECTION**

Semester 1: Freedom High School

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English 1	5
English 2	5
English 3	5
Algebra 1	5
Geometry 1A	5
Geometry	5
Earth Science	5
Biology	5
World History	5
U.S. History	5
*American Govt.	5
*Economics	5
*English 4	5

*Offered ONLY to 5th year seniors (2014 non-grads). Independent study at Independence High School).

Semester 2: Freedom High School

<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
English 1	5
English 2	5
English 3	5
Algebra 1	5
Geometry 1A	5
Geometry	5
Earth Science	5
Biology	5
World History	5
U.S. History	5
*American Govt.	5
*Economics	5
*English 4	5

*Offered ONLY to 5th year seniors (2014 non-grads). Independent study at Independence High School).

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

The next English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 17, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Career Center. We hope to see you there.

CPR/FIRST AID CLASSES
(By Sarah Davies)

There will be two more opportunities to get your American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR and First Aid certifications this year. Classes are April 15th from 3:30-7:30 p.m. and April 19th from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please email Ms. Davies at daviess@luhsd.net to sign up. The cost is \$30. Classes are limited to 10 participants each, so register as soon as possible to get your spot.

BOYS & GIRLS STATE
(By Michelle Snyder)

The American Legion & Women's Auxiliary selects a junior girl and boy to represent their area post to California Girls State held at Pitzer College in Claremont and California Golden Boys State held at Sacramento State University. A week long camp will be held where delegates participate in a work and study program in functional government. They will have the opportunity to run for mock city, county and state offices. Students will discuss current issues in group sessions and participate in the legislative process. In addition, each state will select a few to represent at the

National level which will be held in Washington, D.C.

Girls State Delegate
Ifeoluwapo Ogunfunmi

Girls State Alternate
Heather Reed

Boys State Delegates
Aaron Cornejo
Jack Strauss

Boys State Alternate
Caleb Michael

SENIOR INFORMATION
(By Darlene Rodriguez)

Senior Ball – Sailing Under the Skyline

Date: May 17, 2014

Time: 7:00 p.m. – Midnight

Location: San Francisco Belle

Pier 3, Hornblower Landing
San Francisco

Ticket Sales: April 22nd – May 2nd

Ticket Prices: \$65.00 Seniors with ASB
\$70.00 without ASB and all
Guests

Cost includes dinner, drinks, casino tables, green screen photographs, and senior sunglasses.

****Senior Ball Pictures will be taken here at Heritage from 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. in the Library.**

Senior Banquet

Date: April 23, 2014

Location: Brentwood Golf Course
100 Summerset Drive
Brentwood

Time: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Ticket Sales: April 7th – April 11th

Ticket Price: \$20.00

Cost includes dinner, drinks, and dessert

HERITAGE BANDS
(By Steve Ernest)

The Heritage High School Bands have another busy quarter on the way.

First of all, congratulations to the Varsity Drum Line who took 1st place at the Brentwood Holiday Parade and are awaiting results from the Discovery Bay Parade of Lights.

Also, congratulations are in order for our Jazz Band. They earned a 3rd place in their division as well as a 2nd place section award at the Campana Jazz Festival on February 8th. Two outstanding soloists were awarded partial scholarships to summer music camps: Nick Perez, Lafayette Summer Jazz Camp and Andrea Cliscagne, UOP summer music jazz camp. Congratulations are in order.

A big THANK YOU for a job well done to our Pep Band for their support at the Girls and Boys Varsity Basketball games as well as the Girls Varsity Volleyball games. Their spirit was infectious and greatly appreciated by all.

Currently, with over 60 hours of rehearsals under their belts, our Pit Band will be an integral part of the Spamalot production opening February 28th and running through March 15th.

April will continue to be busy with several events on deck. First up will be our 7th Annual Sweetheart Spring Swing Fling on Friday, April 4th at the Shadow Lakes Event Center from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Heritage High School Jazz Band and the Summerset Big Band with dance lessons provided by Cozette Hileman. Tickets for this evening of dinner and dancing are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Please contact Cathy Kelley at 876-8150 for more information. This event is always a swinging good time!

Next up, our Wind Ensemble will be performing at the PacWest Invitational Band Festival at the University of the Pacific on Saturday, April 12th.

Our Varsity Drum Line will be performing at Deer Valley Percussion Night on April 10th at 7 p.m. Come out and support our outstanding percussionists.

Our Instrumental Music Showcase will be held on Wednesday, April 16th in the theater from 7-9 p.m. Our auditioned individuals and/or groups will have the opportunity to show off their musical talents. The ticket price will be \$5 per person.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 22nd as Wayne Gross, a tenor saxophonist, and Nate Lopez, an 8-string bass player, perform with us at our first Jazz Guest Artist Night. This unique night of entertainment will be held in the theater from 7-9 p.m. Cost: \$8 for adults and \$5 for students and seniors. The proceeds from this event will go towards the purchase of a soprano saxophone for the band.

We will finish out April with auditions for next year's Jazz Band. These auditions are by appointment only with Mr. Ernest on April 28th, 29th, and 30th.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming gigs.

BART YOUTH CLIPPER CARD
(By Rose Thompson)

BART is offering an easier way to apply for a Youth Clipper Card. In five quick steps, students can access discounts for BART, Sam Trans, SFMTA/Muni, AC Transit, Caltrain, Golden Gate Transit and Ferry, VTA, San Francisco Bay Ferry and other services.

The Youth Clipper Card provides access to Bay Area youth fares, including **BART's**

62.5% discount for children, ages 5 to 12. To apply, please go to www.clippercard.com/discounts.

PLEASE NOTE: The Youth Clipper Card does not affect the separate BART Orange Ticket Program. Also called the BART Teenage Student Discount Ticket Program or “Teen X-treem”, the Orange Ticket Program allows middle and secondary school students, ages 13 to 18, to receive a 50% discount for weekday student travel. For more information about the Orange Ticket Program, call (510) 464-6406.

Want to Play College Sports?
You MUST Know Your Core Course GPA.

Heritage High School has teamed up with CoreCourseGPA.com to provide student online software for all student activities 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 secondary topics. The service is free - every semester course!

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

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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.

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.luhsd.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.

BOND REWARDS
A Smarter Way to Fundraise

Turn your everyday spending into money for you and Heritage High School by shopping at over 600 stores through the Heritagehsrewards.com website!

By shopping online at stores such as Target, Nordstrom's, Macy's, Home Depot and Best Buy through www.heritagehsrewards.com, you can save money and make money for Heritage!

You can also donate directly to our school or to various micro-projects and fundraisers.

HERITAGE HIGH LIGHTS
(By Rose Thompson)

✓ Congratulations to Ms. Laurie Laprade (Design and Art History teacher). Ms.

Laprade was voted Heritage's 2014 Teacher of the Year by her peers!

✓ Congratulations to Cherylynn Lima for winning a California Region Gold Key for her portfolio of art submitted to the Scholastic Art & Writing competition! Her work moves on to New York to be juried at the national level!

✓ Congratulations to Mrs. Jessica Banchieri (Leadership Advisor and Biology and Chemistry teacher). Mrs. Banchieri was chosen to receive the Bob Burton Spirit Award. This award is presented to a person who makes SPIRIT WORK, who makes a positive difference, who emphasizes inclusion with all students and members. She will receive her award at the CADA Conference in March.

✓ The Heritage Special Olympics Team received a Gold Level Award banner during the opening ceremonies on March 6, 2014. Way to go TEAM!!!

✓ Heritage High School was named a *California Business for Education Excellence Honor Roll School for 2013* for the second year in a row. This award is given to schools that raise student academic achievement. After an extensive analysis of student achievement data for every public school in California, Heritage stood well above the rest in getting our students to grade-level proficiency and beyond. We want to congratulate our staff, students, and parent community for this award.

✓ Congratulations to Kelly Hunt for winning the top award during the 77th Annual Lions Student Speakers Contest, sponsored by the Byron Delta Lions Club. The event was held at Excelsior Middle School. Other Heritage participants and finalists were Ava Alvarez, Jacob Janzen, Chiedu Metu, Paul Ramirez and Allison Rohlfs. Tacy Heath, Heritage English teacher coached the Patriot team. This year's topic was "Community Service—What Does It Mean?" Miss Hunt moves on to the Zone

Level on March 11th at Independence High School. From there, winners may continue to the final level with the chance to win up to \$21,000 in scholarships.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH (By Tyler Rust)

February was Black History Month and Heritage celebrated with numerous guest speakers. Our very own **Ron Rivers** spoke to students about lessons from his NFL career, **Anthony Trucks** spoke about his college experience and his work as a local entrepreneur. **Sylvester Henderson** (LMC Professor of Music) and former UC Berkeley lecturer, presented "Using the Liberal Arts to Close the Achievement Gap for Under-Served Communities", **Joe Cannon** spoke about his life as an entrepreneur and pastor, and growing up in a community of color. **Dr. Robert Jenkins** (Harvard PhD and physician at the Veterans Administration) spoke to our students about how to get into The Ivy League. **Rickey Vincent** (former guest lecturer in musicology at S.F. State University and UC Berkeley) spoke on the "History of Funk Music" in African American culture. Local chapters of **Black Fraternities and Sororities** explained the history of these groups and how they can assist African Americans in their collegiate and post-collegiate lives. Our **Black Student Union Step & Dance Team and Drum Line** performed in the quad during lunch.

COUNSELING CORNER

By C. Dalton, I. Magana, M. McClelland

Summer School

If your student failed a core class required for graduation, he/she is eligible for summer school.

Summer school will be offered at Freedom High School as follows:

- ✓1st Semester – June 10-20, 2014
- ✓2nd Semester – June 23-July 3, 2014

Applications are being accepted through April 25th for semester 1 classes, and June 6th for semester 2 classes.

Please apply soon as spaces are filled on a first come, first served basis. You can access the application by going to:

http://libertyunion.schoolwires.net/cms/lib7/CA01001129/Centricity/Domain/50/SS_Application_General.pdf

Los Medanos College

LMC courses are available for students in grades 9-12. If your child is interested in taking a summer course, he/she will need to see their counselor first to obtain a signature. He/she can submit the completed concurrent enrollment form to LMC toward the end of May.

For more information about the application process and concurrent enrollment form, please visit:

<http://www.losmedanos.edu/concurrent/>

Attention Juniors

College Eligibility Checklist for Current Juniors

- Sign up to take SAT/ACT online beginning this spring if planning to attend a 4-year college:

www.collegeboard.org for SAT

www.actstudent.org for ACT

- Begin college research:

www.csumenor.org

www.universityofcalifornia.edu

www.aiccu.edu

<http://californiacommunitycolleges.cccco.edu>

- Use this summer to visit college campuses.

- Narrow down college choices to 4-6 campuses.

- Maintain grades of “C” or better for college eligibility.

- Able to start community service hours (20 hours) for next year’s American Government class as soon as June 7th. Please check with the Career Center for community service opportunities.

- Consider volunteering as a way to show colleges that you give back to your community beyond the 20 hours that are a part of Government course.

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!**