Parent Pointer



Parent-Teacher-Student Association Newsletter

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Point Loma High Families,

On behalf of the staff at Point Loma High School, I want to thank all of you, our parents, families, and community members for your unfailing support of our students, staff, and programs at Point Loma High School. Our students and staff have had opportunities and programs available to them because of your hours of volunteering, financial support, and continual encouragement.

Some of the highlights which you have helped us achieve include:

- 97% of our graduating seniors are off to higher education.
- Our seniors earned over 1.7 million dollars in scholarships and grants. Over \$180,000 of that came from the our PLHS Foundation and Alumni Association, community members, and former students.
- Source again, PLHS was listed in the *Newsweek* list of top performing high schools. It is largely based on participation and success in Advanced Placement classes.
- Our music program is a model of excellence and growing by leaps and bounds. Our incredible Jazz band began this year and is already playing with professionals. Music boosters, we couldn't do this without you and, of course, the hard work of our student musicians and teachers.
- Our athletic department continues to excel with honor. The football team beat our rivals and went to "the Q" for the third straight year. The sailing team won national honors and the tennis team won CIF. Individually, students on every team won CIF or state honors and many seniors received athletic scholarships including full rides. Again, we have our booster groups to thank for recognizing the hard work of our students and coaches and being willing to support each team with hours of volunteering and fundraising.

Next year promises to be just as exciting and rewarding. We are adding some new classes including Mandarin Chinese, Surf PE, and LINK Crew which is a mentor program connecting juniors and seniors with the incoming freshmen. Keep your eyes out for the mailing in August for all the details of the next school year.

One final thank you to Kris Barry and the entire PTSA Board for their generous support of our students at PLHS. To those of you who say good bye to PLHS this year, remember Once a Pointer, Always a Pointer. And to those of you who will be returning, have a relaxing and safe summer. We have much more to accomplish in the future and look forward to achieving the best with you.

Bobbie Samilson, Principal

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It's Been a Fun Ride!

Kris Barry, PTSA President

It's always "bitter-sweet" seeing the end of another school year. I, like other parents, are ready to relax and let go of the "Did you finish your homework? What tests do you have this week? Turn off the TV!" But this year is different for me. I also hang up my hat with the schools here in Point Loma. Hard to believe that it's an end of an era for me.

I have to say that "working" with the PTSA, the incredible group of volunteer parents, teachers, staff and administration has been more than rewarding. Seeing the events like Kick-Off, College Night, Teacher Appreciation Week, to name a few, come to life every year and the smiles on the teachers' faces

Bell Schedule Change Effective '08-09 School Day Starts at 7:25 AM!

PLHS's school day begins earlier effective September 2, 2008. The bell schedule has been adjusted by five (5) minutes . . . school will start at 7:25! The "warning" bell will ring at 7:19 AM. Students that arrive late disrupt the instructional process; tardies affect the citizenship grade as well. Daily dismissal is at 2:10 PM. The "five" minute time change is built into the Minimum Day schedule with dismissal at 11:55 AM; the semester exam schedule Minimum Day (January and June) dismissal is 11:25 AM.

The Point Loma Ligh School Foundation and Alumni Association

asks that you MAKE A DIFFERENCE by supporting our new recycling program for: used cell phones and empty inkjet/laserjet cartridges at the following locations:

PLHS Campus: Main Office and the Media Center San Diego County Credit Union, 1004 Rosecrans St. San Diego National Bank, 1075 Rosecrans St. Ocean Beach Main Street Office, 1868 Bacon St. Jungle Java, 5047 Newport Ave.

Bone Appetite, 4845 Newport Ave.





Visit the PLHSFAA Website at www.plhsfaa.org. For more information, call Pat Baker, 619-223-9363 when we are able to provide funding for something that they are passionate about, is dear to my heart. Many thanks go out to all the PTSA committee "worker-bees" who have contributed to these successes as well as all the behind the scenes people, our treasurer, webmaster, e-blast queen, editor, grant decision makers, who make the magic, too. The PTSA is like an orchestra... many players who make beautiful music together! I am honored to have been the maestro! And on that note (no pun intended!), I am pleased to announce the PTSA President for the upcoming school year, Leslie Rose. I know that under her leadership, the PTSA will stay strong and that PLHS is in good hands! Welcome, Leslie and enjoy the ride!



Congratulations to the Class of 2008!!

By Kris Barry, Class Sponsor I've taken great joy in keeping you updated these past four years as class sponsor and even more joy in getting to know so many of the parents and students in the Class of 2008. Thank you all so much for your contributions to our senior class activities and offering to help in a variety of ways. As I write this, Disneyland and Parkway Bowl are a week or so away, but I am confident that all those that are participating will have a wonderful time and will store away memories to last a life time. Thank you to all who have helped make their dreams come true!

I will not say "good-bye", but will say "farewell" and I hope all our seniors will "fare well" in the years to come. Here, I will plagiarize the last paragraph from my son's English assignment to write a commencement speech:

"Finally, I hope all of us will take the education we have

Class of 2009

The Class of '09 is continuing to fundraise for next years Graduation night activities and Prom. Any junior class parents interested in helping to organize/plan next years senior activites please contact Linda Pendleton during the summer. The Junior Class would especially like to thank local businessman Mike Hardin of Hodad's for the generous \$1,000.00 contribution towards the Junior class account. Please remember that the Junior class will be selling the flower leis both before and after graduation ceremonies on Monday June 16th. If anyone would like to purchase a metal license plate holder during the summer, please contact Jr. Class parent sponsor Linda Pendleton @ 619 231-3034 or lpendleton1@sandi.net

Class of 2011

Lucy DeVito, Class Sponsor

Well the end of our freshman year is approaching very quickly. I think it's been a great year of teamwork, learning the "ropes" and figuring out how to make next year even more successful for our class.

The Class of 2011 was able to raise \$5200 this year-Which happens to be our goal for the year! I want to thank our parents for their support and to everyone who donated their time, money and energy to our class. I can't forget to thank our freshman ASB officers who helped whenever I made the request, especially Madison Friel. Madison you're a star!!! She made it all happen by organizing student volunteers at our school sales of Dip N Dots and the delivery of roses on Valentine's Day.

Next year promises to be as rewarding as this year. Robin LaDow has offered to run another Rummage sale for our class in the fall and Holly Kirkpatrick is planning a Golf Tournament in the spring. We plan to offer sponsorship on our class banner again - look for a flier next fall to get your company or family name on our banner. Caseman, Inc. will remain our sponsor through end of 2011.

If you didn't get to donate this year, there is always next year! See you in the fall.

been given, beginning in Kindergarten, building on that base, stepping stone by stepping stone, through 12th grade, and make the most of it. Believe in your dreams. Believe in yourselves. Listen to others. Thank those around you for their support. As Will Rogers said, 'Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.' Fellow students, take your diploma and run. Run for the end-zone, hit the home run, make the three point shot, drop in on the biggest wave of your life. Take a chance, try something new, ride the roller coaster of life, have fun and go for the gold. Make the most of your lives. You only get one ticket."

Best wishes to the Class of 2008! Kris Barry



We've had a wonderful year and it has truly flown by! With just two years left to fund-raise for our senior events, please keep our class in mind for all your PLHS logo clothing items. Get ready for the fall with sweatshirts, t's, shorts and sweatpants. E-mail me at maurmcgrat@aol.com or call me at 619-922-2441. These always make great gifts and are in high demand in the fall. Please use my same contact information if you'd like to be involved in the big Kick-Off football triple header celebration this September 6th. It takes a handful of volunteers to make this happen and I guarantee you'll have fun along the way!

Have a great summer! Maureen McGrath

SUMMER LUNCHE

Free Kids Meals lunches and snacks are served Monday through Friday at many City of San Diego Park and Recreation Centers

beginning June 23 through August 27. All children ages 2-18 are eligible -- no enrollment, no paperwork, no income qualifications!

Lunches served June 23-August 27 (not on July 4) at: Adams, Encanto, Linda Vista, M.L. King Jr., Mid-City Gym, Mira Mesa, Morley Field Sports Complex, Skyline Hills, Southcrest, and Stockton.

Lunches served July 22 - August 27 at: Azalea, City Heights, Willie Henderson Sports Complex, Mt. View, North Park, Paradise Hills, Penn Athletic Field, South Clairemont, and Tierrasanta.

SOCIAL HOST LAW

In May 2006, a law was enacted in San Diego which says that adults who allow groups of three or more people under the age of 21 to drink alcohol in their homes can be charged with a misdemeanor, fined up to \$1,000, face up to 6 months in jail, and pay recovered costs of law enforcement and emergency services. A couple of additional points that some of the panel members that work with recovering teenage alcoholics shared are many teenagers that begin exhibiting issues with drinking have reported that role modeling in their homes was a factor - parents that demonstrate unhealthy drinking habits and alcohol dependency can con-

PARENT PLEDGES

Please join the Parent Pledge, ensuring that events in your home for children and teenagers will be chaperoned, alcohol-free and drug-free. Watch our list grow in every Parent Pointer by e-mailing us with your pledge at pointlomapointer@hotmail.com or filling out the pledge

form below and returning it to the school office.

PARENT PLEDGE

I will take responsibility to ensure that all events in my home for children and teenagers will be chaperoned, alcohol-free and drug-free.

Yes, I/we support the Parent Pledge

Parent(s), guardian(s)

Name(s) of student(s), grade(s), school(s):

Address: ____

Home phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

E-mail: _

Yes, I give my permission to have my name published in the Parent Pointer. I want other parents and guardians to know their children are safe when at our home!

After signing, please return this form to:

PLHS - PTSA 2335 Chatsworth Blvd. San Diego, CA 92107

Or, send an e-mail to PointLomaPointer@hotmail.com

Thank you for caring about the safety of our students!!

tribute to a teenager's attitudes toward alcohol. Human brains are still developing up into the young person's early twenties and instances of excessive drinking during this time can harm them more than an adult. The earlier a young person begins drinking, the greater their chances are of becoming a problem drinker in their life. The forum encouraged parents to know where their teenagers are and to know that their teenagers are having fun in ways that are not dangerous to them (calling the parents ahead of time if their child is planning to attend a party in their home, for example.) Let's all have a safe and healthy school year!



their welfare and held accountable for their actions.



2008 Senior Class:

Stadium seat cushion\$20
PL Hats
(maroon w/gold PL) \$15 & \$18
(white)\$10
Class of 2008 hats \$15 & \$20
Fleece muffler scarves\$10
Glass bead earrings\$ 5
Beaded key chain\$10
Beaded bookmark\$ 5
Photo key chain\$ 5
Tote bag\$ 5
Antenna/pencil top balls\$ 2
Class Contributors:

Flowers of Point Loma and Southland Auto Body Contact: Kris Barry; 619-222-2075 or ekbarry@cox.net

2010 Sophomore Class:

Hooded sweatshirt\$30
Sweatpants\$20
Polo t-shirt\$20
PL Visor\$18
Girls' tank top\$15
Shorts\$15
Children's "L'il Pointer" t-shirts \$15
Megaphone\$ 3
Booster Pom each \$ 3
or 2 for \$ 5

Magazine subscriptions at:

......www.1293443.fundraizine.com Contact: Maureen McGrath 619-223-2441 or; maurmcgrat@aol.com

Specialty Class of 2008 Hats



Show PLHS the Spirit of 2008 Pointers!

FlexFit \$20 – Soft Ballcap \$15

Call or e-mail Kris Barry to order ekbarry@cox.net or 222-2075

2009 Junior Class:

License plate frame\$20
Lanyard\$10
Billed knit beanie\$20
Unbilled knit beanie\$15
PLHS pencils2 for \$ 1
PLHS imprinted
Write 'N Light laser pen \$ 3
Pointer magnet .each \$ 3 or 2 for \$ 5
Woven bracelet\$10
Pennant\$10
PLHS button\$ 1
Contacts:
Linda Jaros; Ijaros@sandi.net or Vickie Kerley; 619-
226-7770, plhsclassof2009@cox.net,

2011 Freshman Class:

PL logo cooler\$20
Drawstring backpacks\$14
Paw print decals\$5
Contact: Lucy DeVito: 225-0082

Contact: Lucy DeVito: 225-0082 or, Idevito@pacbell.net

Have a new driver in the family? Have a few dings and dents in the family car? Had a major crash, boom, bang? SOUTHLAND AUTO BODY TO THE RESCUE!!

> \$25.00 will be donated to the Class of 2008 with a minimum \$300 "fix it" job.

Discounted labor rate will also be extended to PLHS families and staff!

Call for an appointment: 619-474-7025

141 W. 18th St. | National City • Owner/Manager: Vicky Haye-Roberts Southland Auto Body is a member of the Better Business Bureau

Name:_

Phone Number(s):_____

Repair amount: ____

_____ Donated amount:__

Point Loma High School Class of 2008 Post-High School Plans

University of California

UC Berkeley - 8 UC Davis - 3 UCLA - 3 UC Santa Barbara - 13 UC Santa Cruz - 6 UCSD - 7

California State (CSU)

Cal Poly Pomona - 2 Cal Poly San Luis Obispo - 4 Cal Maritime - 1 Channel Islands -1 Chico State -1 Domínguez Hills -1 Fullerton - 2 Humboldt - 3 Long Beach - 2 Monterrey Bay -2 Northridge - 4 Sacramento - 1 SDSU - 59 San Francisco - 3

California Private Colleges

& Universities

Pepperdine - 1 Point Loma Nazarene - 10 Saint Mary's College - 1 Stanford - 1 University of Redlands - 1 University of La Verne - 1 USC - 1 USD - 3 Westmont - 1

Out of State

Brandeis University -1 Colorado State University -1 Evergreen State College - 1 Howard University - 1 Lewis and Clark College - 1 Louisiana State University - 1 Morgan State - 1 Oregon State -1 Pace University - 1 Rutgers University - 1 Seton Hill University - 1 U.S. Merchant Marine Academy - 1 University of Arizona - 2 University of Colorado - 1 University of Nevada - 1 University of New Orleans -1 University of Oregon - 1 University of Oregon - 1 University of Rochester - 1 Wesleyan University - 1 Willamette University - 1 Witworth University - 1

Military - 6

Work or Travel - 8

Other/Undecided - 9

Trade / Vocational Schools

Academy of Art -1 Art Institute of CA -1 College of the Arts -1 Brooks Institute of Photo. - 1 Concordia Career College -1 FIDM - 2 Musician's Institute - 2 School of Healing Arts - 1 UTI - 2

Community College

City College - 43 Cuyamaca - 2 El Camino College - 2 Grossmont College - 16 Fresno City College - 1 Mesa College - 11 Miramar College - 3 Palomar College - 1 Santa Barbara City - 4 Santa Monica College - 1 Southwestern - 15

End-of-year update from the PTSA Gifts & Grants Committee:

Following is a recap of how the gifts & grants budget was distributed during the 2007-08 school year. Congratulations to all the grant recipients!

Department/Group

Amount Granted

NJROTC: entry fee for qualifier field meet\$ Ms Johnson's Journalism class\$	
NJROTC: cover the cost of participation in the Air Rifle Postal Matches\$	350.00
Ms Cascia's wheel class (3 cameras for pod casting)\$	280.00
Ms Holbrook's Spanish class: transportation to the San Diego Latino Film Festival .\$	400.00
Ms Lamont's Special Ed (Applied classes)\$	750.00
Ms Kwayana's English class (performance of Hamlet)\$	400.00
Mr. Dally: Purchase of sheet music for the Band\$	630.58
Mr. Benz: Physics/Electric cars project supplies\$	889.66
Athletics Dept: digital video camera\$	
History Department banquet\$	700.00
History Department: AP Human Geography textbooks\$1	

TOTAL: \$6,525.24

Founder's Day Luncheon and HSR Rwards

On Wednesday, May 28 the PTSA held its annual Founder Day's Luncheon to honor some very special people. At this luncheon the Honorary Service Award (HSA) was given out to parents, teachers, staff and community members who "have provided outstanding service to the students and community of PLHS." Leslie Hanna and Susan Blair chaired this event and the entire staff and faculty, and family and friends of the honorees were treated to a festive Greek lunch.

The HSA award was given out to Tim Cunningham for coming out of retirement as the Head Girl's Basketball Coach. Tim helped guide the team to their first league win in over 4 years and their first Division II playoff in over 5 years. Tim's wife Karen stepped in to be the team's scorekeeper. Community member, Lou Ghio was recognized for her 10 years and countless volunteer hours as Surf Team manager. She managed even when she didn't have a student at PLHS! Staff member Bertha Almeida was recognized for always having a smile on her face, for her positive attitude and for being loved by many of PLHS students. Susan and Jim Blair received their award for their "non-stop" volunteering! Susan is a constant volunteer for the PTSA. Both Jim and Susan have always been involved Football with Booster and Jim never says no when the football team needs a hand. Kris Spathas was recognized for her never ending support of the PL cluster and all the hard work she does keeping us informed with PLHS and community e-blasts.

Lucy DeVito

John and Pat Baker were given HSA awards for their constant support of PLHS, whether through volunteering or supporting the staff and students. The most prestigious PTA award to be given out, The Golden Oak Service Award, went to Toni Wisehart. Toni received this award for her many years of outstanding work with students, being head of the Key Club and for always volunteering. Mary Gerke received the Wrennie Sponsel Award for professional excellence presented to a teacher new to PLHS with one to three years of service, having exhibited excellent teaching skills and having been involved with students in extracurricular activities. Congratulations award winners and thank you for your service to students, staff and community of PLHS!

WASC ACCREDITATION PROCESS CONTINUES IN FALL

Every six years all high schools nationwide are required to renew their accreditation status. PLHS will be evaluated by an Accreditation team March 23-25, 2009. WASC is all about student success! During the last several months, PLHS staff, students, community and students attended after school meetings to begin the self-study process for our impending WASC.

At these meetings, we addressed the self-study phase of the WASC by forming Focus Groups to look at information we have gathered about our school. We were able to identify important points to address in the coming months. WASC monthly meetings will resume in fall and a schedule will be forthcoming. Many thanks to the parents, community and students who attended and we hope you will continue to participate.

New members to our Focus Group meetings are welcome and encouraged-we need your input for a successful WASC! If you would like to attend the meetings (monthly, from 2:30-4 PM in the PAC) please email our WASC coordinator George Cullins at gcullins1@sandi.net He will contact you about joining us when our Focus Group meetings resume. If you have not already done so, please go online to the PLHS Pointer home page www.pointlomahigh.com and click on the yellow PLHS WASC News button and navigate to complete the parent survey.

Calling all Pointer Parents!

We are looking for parents who would like to get more involved at *Point Loma High School* (PLHS) by serving on one of our committees during the 2008-2009 school year. Please read through the brief description of each committee below and if you would like to be involved in one of our committees, please return the bottom portion of this page to your son or daughter's period 4 teacher, return it by mail, or e-mail your response to kgormly@sandi.net by July 11, 2008 with your committee preference(s). Thank you for your support.

School Site Council (SSC): The SSC is composed of staff members, parents, students and members of the community. The purpose of the SSC is to monitor the PLHS Site Plan/WASC Action Plan, and the corresponding budgets. The SSC must approve any changes to the Site Plan and the related budgets. The SSC meets approximately once a month on a Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. (Meeting dates for '08-09 are 9/9, 10/14, 11/18, 1/13, 2/10, 2/24, 4/21, 5/12 & 6/9.)

Instructional Governance Council (IGC): The IGC meets one Monday each month at 2:30 p.m. to make decisions that impact the overall instructional program at PLHS. Issues of a school-wide nature are discussed and minutes are distributed to all staff and IGC Members. (Meeting dates for '08-09-9/22, 10/27, 11/17, 12/15, 1/26, 2/23, 3/30, 4/27, & 5/18.)

English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC): This committee is composed of staff and parents of English Learner students who meet to give input on issues and concerns related to any aspect of student life and learning at PLHS, with emphasis on English Learners. ELAC will meet at PLHS four times during the '08-09 school year. (Meeting dates for '08-09-10/2, 10/22, 3/15, 5/21.)

Name:	Phone #:	
Student's Name:		
E-mail address:		
	S School Site Council (SSC) S Instructional Governance Council (IGC) HS English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)	



A mother/daughter community service organization founded by Pointer families to provide clothing to foster and disadvantaged teen girls in San Diego, is open for new memberships. A GREAT leadership opportunity for girls — looks GREAT on your college applications.

Have fun and make a difference in your community.

Call Barbara Greiert (223-0092) for information.



PLHS proudly welcomes San Diego County Credit Union as our community partner! SDCCU will be underwriting many of our programs this year and will be bringing information to our PL families including financing college and getting kids started on their own personal finances. Please stop by their booth when they are on campus and visit them on the web at:

www.sdccu.com.

Calling All Volunteers! MAD Days Aug. 20, 21 & 28!

Just an early reminder for PLHS parents that MAD days (Mandatory Activity Days) are coming . . . as in past years, PLHS will need many volunteers to make the MAD days go smoothly for the students. "Stations" are set up throughout the campus to facilitate the process for lockers, PE clothing, ASB, student ID photo etc. August 20 is for seniors and juniors, August 21 for sophomores, and August 28 for freshmen. The MAD days packets will be mailed in late July/early August and will include a "Help Wanted" request and contact information if you can help! In the meantime, have a great summer!

Did You Move Recently?

Did you receive your student's May Progress Report in the mail? If not, we need you to update your address with the Attendance Office. We will be mailing the MAD days registration packet of information in early August and don't want your student to miss out! Please advise our attendance office at 619/223-3121 ext. 1116 or 1145.

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