A letter from our Principal Phil D'Agostino

Planning for College!

Welcome back for the 2008-2009 school year at Estancia High School. I am very excited about the school year, and our smooth start thus far leaves me hopeful that this will be one of the best years yet for Estancia!

It's customary for the principal to establish a tone for the school year, and there are many ways that this is accomplished. We continue to make partnering with our parents a top priority, and we hope that you will help us in our commitment to fulfill the school's mission statement:

The mission of Estancia High School is to ensure that all students demonstrate high academic achievement and sustain successful post high school pursuits. To accomplish this mission, Estancia will maintain an ethical, nurturing and challenging learning environment.

It is our desire that every student will feel and demonstrate a commitment to take the most challenging courses they can while at Estancia, and develop a personal vision to successfully attend a four-year college and earn a college degree. Estancia is an inclusive Continued on page 2

DON'T FORGET "REPORT CARD NIGHT"

Monday, November 24, 2008
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Parents/guardians please stop by the Attendance Office to pick up your student's report card and visit with teachers! We look forward to seeing all of you!

A letter from our PTSA

President
Michele Graham

Welcome to another school year everyone. Hard to believe October has come and gone. If the beginning of the year is any indication of how the year will go June will be here before we know it.

When time passes this quickly we sometimes can forget to slow down and enjoy what is happening. So don't fall into that trap!

Once again I am leading your PTSA and what an honor that is. I would like to thank all the parents who filled out the Parent Survey that you received with your registration packet. I have been tabulating Continued on page 2

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the results and periodically will be addressing a couple of the questions we had asked. For our first attempt at an outreach such as this the results were great. Out of roughly 1200 surveys handed out we received roughly 225 back. I don’t know about you but that is pretty impressive. One important thing we did learn is how parents receive their important information about activities going on at school. The majority get theirs from just what you’re reading. Our fabulous newsletter the “Eagle Eye”, thanks so much to our newsletter editor Dori Stratton for all the hard work she puts into each edition! Next is that parents got their information from talking to their students. That is wonderful because that means the lines of communication are open and working between parent and child. Having this line open is one of the most important things that you can do as a parent. I know that sometimes it is not easy and can be downright difficult to keep that line open but please keep up the great work.

Check out the “Eagle Eye” for all the upcoming events at school and if you haven’t signed up yet for School Loop please do so. School Loop is just another great tool to help all of us in finding out what is going on at school. To do this, go to estancia.nmusd.us look to the left hand side of the screen and register. It’s that easy. Until next time...

Michele Graham EHS PTSA President

Meet some of our other board members:

- Parliamentarian
- Recording Secretary
- 3rd V.P.
- Corresponding Secretary
- 2nd V.P.
- Executive V.P.
- 1st V.P.
- Historian
- Auditor

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school community that is made up of students, parents, staff and community members who unite to support every student in reaching their educational and life goals.

Estancia High School is blessed with a truly beautiful and clean campus that is home to a group of students that constantly demonstrate courtesy, helpfulness and friendliness toward each other. I encourage parents to help us now add an enriched academic dimension to the existing ambience of mature and responsible student behavior!

I also hope you will stay in communication with us through the telephone, or through our web based information system School Loop, that can be found at estancia.nmusd.us.

As the Principal at Estancia High School, I invite every parent to visit our school, attend our various activities, and seek me out to discuss your needs or concerns. Best wishes for a meaningful and productive school year!

Phil D’Agostino Principal EHS

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EHS PTSA General Association Meetings
7 pm in the Teachers Lounge

November 18, 2008  (Elect Nom. Committee and Honorary Service Awards Committee)
January 20, 2009  (Present Slate of Officers)
March 17, 2009  (Elections)
Estancia Drama Department

Who: Estancia High School Production Drama
What: A History of the American Film
When: December 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th at 7:30pm
Where: Estancia High School’s Barbara Van Holt Theatre
Contact: Pauline Maranian (949) 515-6537

Estancia High School’s Production Drama is back with a fresh new season of theatre. Starting out the year will be the wacky and hilarious “musical” (not quite a play, not quite a musical), A History of the American Film, by Christopher Durang. The title sounds serious, but the show is intelligent, playful, and funny. Full of music, madcap comedy, and movie parody, A History of the American Film chronicles the changes in American movies spanning six decades and numerous genres. It follows the stories of five archetypal characters: the heroine, the rebel, the tough girl, the good guy, and the wisecracker, in a distorted mirror that reflects the American way of life as seen through film. This production will be directed by Estancia alumnus, Carlo Odicino, who was in the production of A History of the American Film back in 1994 under the directorship of Barbara Van Holt. He returns to his alma mater to restage one of his most favorite drama experiences and hopes to see many of the former cast-mates in the audience.

All performances will be in the Barbara Van Holt Theatre at Estancia High School, 2323 Placentia Ave. in Costa Mesa. The dates of the performances are December 5th, 6th, 12th and 13th at 7:30pm. Tickets will be available at Estancia High School for $10.00 beginning November, 17th. Tickets can also be purchased at the door on a first-come-first-serve basis. For further information please call Pauline Maranian at (949) 515-6537.

Test prep dates:

PSAT testing for all Sophomores

Over 425 students took the PSAT on October 15 in the large gym. TeWinkle Middle School sent over 40 8th graders to take the test. Students and parents should expect to receive test scores in mid December. Test results are a good way for students to refine their strengths and identify their weaknesses in the 3 content areas: critical reading, mathematics and writing skills. Test questions will be returned to the students with the results so each student can see exactly where they need work. All eleventh graders taking the test will automatically be considered for the National Merit Scholarship. The sum of all three scores (reading, math, and writing) is used as an initial screen of students to be honored.

AP tests will be given between May 4 - 15 this year. Make sure if you have a student in an AP class that you have no schedule conflicts during this time. More info can be found on School Loop.

This year’s CST’s (California Standards Test) will be given during the third week in May. This is several weeks later than previous years. This change is made to give students a few extra weeks of instruction, and hopefully boost test scores. The tentative dates are May 15, 18 and 19. Make sure you have no schedule conflicts during these days.
Newport Rib Company
"25 Days of Charity"

IT'S THIS EASY:
Support the Estancia/Tewinkle Foundation by eating at
the Newport Rib Company between November 5th-
30th, 2008. Dine in or Take out. The restaurant is host-
ing a “25 Days of Charity” event to celebrate their 25th
 Anniversary. 20% of your entire purchase will be donated
to the charity of your choice.
Just by mentioning to your server you support the
Estancia/Tewinkle Foundation, NewportRib will donate
20% of your bill. During those 25 days you can eat
at Newport Rib Company as many times as you want & get
the credit everytime.  Go Eagles!

Please join the Estancia High School PTSA
If you have not already done so please consider joining the EHS PTSA. Membership is only $10 per person & you don’t need to volunteer to be a member. We are committed to fostering school pride & academic advance-
ment for all students. Our monetary goals are centered on our belief that we can make a difference. Just fill out the form below, and drop it off at the front office or mail to:

Estancia High School PTSA  2323 Placentia Ave, Costa Mesa, Ca 92627

1. NAME  
☐Parent  ☐Student ☐Teacher  ☐Staff  ☐Community

E-MAIL ___________________________ TEL ( )

ADDRESS ___________________________

PTSA Member _$10  PTSA Sponsor _$25+  Eagle Sponsor _$50  VIP Sponsor _$100 +

Students attending EHS:

NAME ___________________________ GRADE

NAME ___________________________ GRADE

NAME ___________________________ GRADE

NAME ___________________________ GRADE

Your PTSA Board Members

PTSA 2008-2009

President: Michele Graham
Executive V.P.: Karen Barloon
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3rd Vice President: Ann Lyons
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Legislation: Eva Jimenez
College Night (October): Anne McClanahan
Report Card Night (Nov.): Dori Stratton
Welcome Back Brkfst (Aug.): Eva Jimenez
Newsletter: Eva Jimenez
Seniors
CSU applications are now available online at csumentor.edu. Students must submit the applications by November 30, 2008. UC applications are available at universityofcalifornia.edu/apply, but cannot be submitted until November 1, 2008. UC applications are due November 30, 2008. The last SAT test colleges will accept is December 6, 2008 and the last ACT test colleges will accept is December 13, 2008. All seniors were given a scholarship questionnaire that needs to be completed and returned to Mrs. Savage as soon as possible. Please visit my web site on schoolloop for websites, powerpoints and handouts or email me at msavage@nmusd.us.

SAT testing - we will be administering the SAT test at Estancia November 1, 2008, May 2, 2008 and June 6, 2008. Any parent that is interesting in proctoring, please email me at msavage@nmusd.us or call me at 949/515-6555.

UC Application Night - 12th grade parents and students are invited to attend our UC application tutorial on October 28th, 2008 at 7pm in the commons.

Financial Aid Night - 12th grade parents and students are invited to attend our financial aid night on November 6, 2008 at 7pm in the small gym.

Juniors
are just settling into the school year. They have revisited their 4 year plans with their counselor and are now moving on to Academic Reviews. Students who are behind in credits will be registered for Adult Ed. College visits are planned for Pepperdine University on November 4th and USC on December 1st. Students that have not passed the CAHSEE will be retaking it on November 4th and 5th.

COASTLINE ROP
GENERAL INFORMATION

What is ROP?
Regional Occupational Program (ROP) is a public education service that provides practical, hands-on career preparation and career guidance. Coastline ROP, one of 72 ROPs in the state of California, is part of the Huntington Beach Union, Irvine, Newport-Mesa, Saddleback Valley, and Tustin Unified School Districts. The ROP is designed to provide students with the technical skills required for particular jobs. Community based internships in local businesses and industry sites are offered in many classes. Every course offers a unit on employment seeking skills which include the job application, resume, and interview preparation.

Who is eligible?
ROP courses are open to all high school juniors and seniors or sophomores 16 years of age or older, and to adults. Priority is given to high school seniors then juniors residing within one of the five participating school districts.

What is the cost?
ROP is a state funded educational program; therefore, there is no tuition. Some courses may require a fee or deposit for books and/or classroom related materials, fingerprinting, insurance, physical exam, and/or TB test.

Where are ROP classes located?
Classes meet at business and industry sites and at local high schools. After basic classroom instruction, every attempt will be made to provide internships near the student’s home. High school students may be provided with OCTA bus passes to get to and from their training course/site.

Can you earn high school credits in an ROP class?
Career preparation is the main objective of ROP classes. Upon successful completion of an ROP course, credits and grades may be issued and applied toward high school graduation.

How do I sign up for an ROP class?
High school students: See the ROP Career Specialist located on your campus.
Ann Perry Estancia High School Career Center 949-515-6509
FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT: Senior Project

Parents of Seniors: Here are the major due dates for this year's Senior Project.
We encourage you to cut this out and leave it on the family bulletin board or refrigerator.
Please email Marian Dickey if you have any questions.
mdickey@nmsusd.us

Expedition/Essay
First and Second Quarters
1. Letter of Intent - October 8, 2008
2. Parents' Approval/release of liability -
   October 17, 2008
3. Resources- November 18, 2008
4. Interview with Professional:
   Transcript and Evaluation - January 09, 2009

Experience- Third Quarter
1. Final Essay - March 30, 2009
2. Fifteen hands-on hours - April 15, 2009
3. Formal Interview with teacher -
   During underclassmen's State Testing

Expression-Fourth Quarter
5. Senior Project Presentations
   • To class- May 11-29, 2009
   • Formal Panel: JUNE 4 and 5th, 2009
   (Minimum days)

Parents of AP students, check with your son or daughter for adjusted dates.

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Congratulations to the following students for exceptional achievement on AP Exams. We had 2 students qualify for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and a grade of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are Damian Leon and last year grad Aashish Varma. Fourteen students qualified for the National AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with a grade of 3 or higher. The scholars are Rony Argueta, Wes Barloon, Storm Hagen, Jennifer Johnston, Amy Martinez, Daniel Schultz, Maddie Stack, and Jacob Wachman and the additional 6 students were last year's graduates. In addition to these students we also had 4 AP Scholars with Distinction. All were last year grads.

Estancia Families Helping Families -
Chair Jill Stack extends her thank you to all the generous donors who have made "Families Helping Families" a great success at EHS. The program was launched as a joint project between the school and the PTA, to provide practical aid such as preparing and delivering meals, picking up schoolwork/providing tutoring, and collecting and donating clothing for Families in need. Parents and students are encouraged to join. Members will be notified about requests for help on a case-by-case basis and can volunteer based on their individual abilities, time, and resources.

We look forward to continuing our partnership and welcome new members to continue this very worthy cause!

For questions or additional information, please contact Jill Stack (714/641-9619)
mrstack@aol.com
Parent Resources

Scholarship Information
Check out the following resources in helping you find great scholarship opportunities:

www.fastweb.com
(free scholarship search)

www.freschinfo.com
(free scholarship search)

www.scholarships.com
(free scholarship search)

www.brokescholar.com
(scholarship search)

An anonymous narcotic “Tip Line” is available through Costa Mesa Police Department (714) 754-5656

To all parents of Special needs students:
Thursday, November 20th Social Skills and Peer Relationships. We will explore various strategies used in our schools, as well as tips by parents on how they have supported their children’s relationships at home.

The mtg’s are held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the NMUSD District Office in the Board Room. The address is 2985 "A" Bear St., Costa Mesa.

Support group and networking opportunities will be available from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.

Childcare will be provided during all CAC mtg.'s with prior registration. Call 714/424-7573 to reserve a spot for your child.

The CAC (Community Advisory Committee) consists of parents, administrators and teachers from throughout our District who are concerned about the education of exceptional students. The CAC is a requirement of the state to ensure that parents have a voice and a means to be active participants in shaping special education programs and services.

Parents, Grandparents & Friends of EHS;
Although Football season is coming to an end soon it is not too late to purchase your Golden Eagle Pass. The Pass will get you into all EHS Athletic Events in the

Golden Eagle Package
1 for $100 2 for $175
Entrance to all Estancia Athletic Events held on Campus in the Gymnasium or Stadium
Additional Add-ons Available
Please make checks payable to Estancia Athletics 2323 Placentia
Costa Mesa, Ca 92627
** CIF events and Tournament Play is not included in package due to CIF regulations

School Loop ....
our website has changed since the introduction of School Loop. Visit www.estancia.nmusd.us and discover what all is new. If you create a parentlog in you will be getting a custom email daily showing your childs progress, their classes, teachers, grades, homework assignments & much more. It is a fabulous tool to stay in touch with teachers & monitor your childs progress. Please take advantage of it and stay in the 'Loop'.

School Phone numbers & Reference sites:
Administration: (949) 515-6500
Attendance: (949) 515-6505
School website: http://estancia.nmusd.us
Eagle’s Eye e-mail: doribs@sbcglobal.net
EHS Sports updates & schedules: http://www.highschoolsports.net
### Dates to Remember!

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### Don't forget

- **to support our ongoing fundraising efforts!**
- **Newspaper recycling:**
  Bins are located in the EHS parking Lot near the Tennis courts. You can drop off Newspapers at any time.
- **E-Scrip:**
  Log on to [www.escrap.com](http://www.escrap.com) and register your Vons card, our school code is 6501346.
- **Target:** Go to [www.Target.com/redcard](http://www.Target.com/redcard) to apply for a Target card & designate EHS as your school of choice. Every time you shop at Target a donation will be made to Estancia HighSchool.

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**Estancia High School PTSA**

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