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LETTER FROM PRINCIPAL DIANE BURBANK

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Dear Families:

You have received six-week progress reports in the mail, and you can continue to check your student's academic progress on SchoolLoop. SchoolLoop is also your resource for checking homework assignments and grades. Not yet signed up for SchoolLoop? Visit the Prospect webpage (prospect.cuhsd.org) and click on the tab across the top labeled SchoolLoop. Click on "register now", click on "parent" and complete the boxes.

If your students are struggling, direct them to the following resources:

- Daily study hall 11:35 – 12:10 pm
- Tue, Wed, Thur homework center 2:30 – 4:00 pm, PHS library, teacher present from 3 – 4
- Algebra Recovery, daily after school till 3:20 pm, rms 21 and 22

I know that keeping students in class is the best chance at keeping them learning, so punctual attendance is a priority. Students who do not arrive in time or are wandering the halls after the tardy bell will earn a lunchtime detention for that same day – an almost immediate consequence. Students will still have time to buy their lunch, but their last 15 minutes of lunch free time will be spent with one of our deans of students. We want the lunch detention to be empty because students are in class *and in class on time!*

As you are in the community and happen to notice Prospect students not following the rules, please phone our student services office 626-3408 ext 8110. The office is open from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. You can leave a message at any time and leave us information. Indicating your name or a student name is helpful, but not mandatory – we appreciate any information you can provide us to help keep our students and our campus safe. If you see one of our students doing the right thing, also let us know. We have a reward program called "Caught In The Act" that recognizes students who are good citizens.

Making it a good year to be a Panther,

Diane Burbank



NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

Date	Time & Place	Event
11/2	7:00 PM – Room 49	Music Boosters Meeting
11/4	7:30 PM – Staff Lounge	Panther Paws Meeting
11/7	8:00 AM	SAT Testing
11/9	3:30 PM – Room 43	School Site Leadership Council
11/9	7:00 PM – Staff Lounge	Class of 2010 Grad Night Parent Meeting
11/10	7:00 PM – Staff Lounge	PTSA Meeting
11/11	Veterans Day	
11/20	Minimum Day	End of Six Week Grading Period
11/23	Minimum Day	Staff Development
11/25-11/27	No School	Thanksgiving Break

Algebra 1 and Algebra Recovery:

All students currently enrolled in Algebra 1 took the Unit 1 Benchmark Final exam the week of October 5. Students who did not pass the exam with at least 70% received an F on their progress report and are expected to attend the Algebra 1 Recovery Program after school. This program allows for intervention and makes it possible for a student to recover a passing grade. Students must complete the recovery of a unit within 12 weeks after the unit has ended. The deadline for Unit 1 Recovery is January 19, 2010.

Students currently enrolled in Geometry who have not completed Algebra Unit 6 from last year must finish it by November 20 in order to receive credit.

Recovery Schedule: Monday through Friday 2:30 - 3:20 pm (except for the first Monday of every month and minimum days)

Recovery Locations: Room 22 ([Mrs. Todd](#)): Students with last names A-L; Room 21 ([Ms. Yang](#)): Students with last names M-Z.

More information is available at:

<http://www.prospect.cuhsd.org/academics/math/Algebra1RecoveryProgram.html>

or contact the student's Algebra teacher or either of the Recovery teachers (stodd@cuhsd.org or ayang@cuhsd.org).

The Cultural Exchange Club Needs Your Help

The Cultural Exchange Club is currently conducting its annual canned food drive for the Second Harvest Food Bank! This drive collects food and monetary donations for the less fortunate families of Silicon Valley. Students are asked to donate to their first period classes.

Please consider contributing to this cause as the holidays draw closer! The event ends on November 5th. Any amount of donation is welcome, but please no expired foods or items packaged in glass.

Checks are made out to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Thank you for your participation!



Caught In the Act!

We're happy to announce the start of our "Caught In the Act!" student citizenship recognition program. Which is sponsored by our very own PTSA!! "Caught in the Act!" was started to recognize students who have gone out of their way to be helpful to a fellow Prospect Panther, or staff member, or some other deserving random act of kindness! You never know "who's watching!"..... & you too can be "Caught in the Act" of being good :) -

All Prospect teachers and staff have tickets that they can hand out when they see a deserving student.... simply put your name on the ticket and drop it off in the box in the main office, attendance office or library.... then just listen every Friday for your name to be announced on the video bulletin, appear; in the Parent Page newsletter and not to mention getting your bag of loot..... if you hear your name come on down to the main office to pick up your goodie bag..... thanks to the PTSA and Mrs.. Sears' love of shopping you just never know what treasures may befall you! You may even receive a get out of class early to lunch pass.... Besides being recognized by your peers on the KPAWS bulletin, you're name will be printed in the monthly Parent Page newsletter and on the Main Office bulletin board of fame! This first week we are honoring Daniel Reposar - caught helping the art teacher :) and Rickey Fuhman - caught being a helpful freshman.

Remember, we're all watching you.....!

From the Guidance Department

Parents of Seniors: The Guidance Advisors visited all Senior Government classes and gave your student a copy of their high school transcripts and a copy of the "Senior Newsletter." This newsletter provides timely information regarding college admission deadlines, application information for UC/CSU/private college campuses, and community college information. For the most recent scholarship information, your student can check the scholarship binder in front of the registrar's office located in the Student Services Center or **visit the Prospect High School website** www.prospect.cuhsd.org for an updated list of scholarships.

Seniors: University of California and California State University campuses are now accepting applications for Fall 2010. Applications for the UC campuses will be accepted **November 1-30, 2009**. Application for the CSU campuses will be accepted between **October 1, 2009 and November 30, 2009**. Both University of California and California State Universities prefer that students apply online. For applications, go to the following websites: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply (for UC) or, www.csumentor.edu (for CSU).

Seniors: Standby Testing

If you aren't registered, you may still be able to take the SAT on test day. Follow these steps:
Before test day, pick up a Registration Form at your school office and fill it out.
Bring the completed form with payment of all fees, including the [standby fee](#), to the test center on test day.
REMEMBER: You must submit a completed Registration Form at the test center with full payment enclosed, or you won't receive scores.

Important Points to Remember

Standby testing is never guaranteed—the test center may be full or lack the extra test materials to test you.
Standby testing cannot be reserved. It is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

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English Learners Advisory Committee Meeting (ELAC)

Dates: 2009-2010

Dec. 9
Feb. 24
Apr. 7
Jun. 2

Meetings begin at 6:30 in the Teachers' Workroom. All parents of English learners are welcome.

For more info. contact Roberta Lynch, ext. 8205 or Jose Tejada, ext. 8207.



Festive Flea Market for November

Before you gobble TURKEY, TROT on down to the November Flea Market at PHS, sure to be a cornucopia of goodies for shoppers. Make room for holiday festivities and (make some pocket money) sell those extras.

Last call for fall, Sat. Nov. 21, 6:00am - 2:00pm. Stop-by the car wash, too!

Admission & Parking are free.

Want to help?

Post a flier for us, available in the school office or go online to Prospect website under Panther Paws & print one. Tell your friends, neighbors & family.

Guidance Continued

Restrictions on Standby Testing

Because specialized materials are needed, standby testing is not available for:
Language Tests with Listening

School-based testing for students with accommodations
Center-based testing for any accommodations other than 50 percent extended time

Senior Class Visits: The Guidance Advisors will visit Senior English classes in December to discuss financial aid applications and the Cal Grant Program. Students applying for Federal Student Aid and the Cal Grant Program are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov starting January 1, 2010.

Financial Aid submission deadline is March 2, 2010.

Juniors are encouraged to sign-up early for the April 2010 or June 2010 test administration of the SAT or ACT. The SAT or ACT is required by UC & CSU campuses for college bound Juniors. If your student is applying to any UC campus, 2 SAT Subject Exams are also required in addition to the SAT and/or ACT scores. **Prospect High School is a SAT test center. The PHS test center code number is 05710. The PHS College Board high school code number is 053344.** To reserve a spot at Prospect High School as a **SAT test site**, register online NOW!! **Register online at www.collegeboard.com or www.act.org.**

Junior Class Visits: Guidance Advisors will be visiting Junior classes the week of November 30th to discuss graduation requirements, college readiness and post-high school planning.

Sophomores: Guidance Advisors will be visiting Sophomores the week of November 2nd to discuss high school graduation requirements, college readiness, and 4-year high school plans.

Freshman: Guidance Advisors visited freshman classes in October and covered key high school information such as: what is a credit?, how to calculate gpa, high school graduation requirements, college readiness, extracurricular activities, attendance and support services available.

Freshman Parent Night was held October 19th.