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Principal's Message from Diane Burbank

Student Achievement – This month's letter finds us approaching the half way mark of the academic year. Many academic challenges are still ahead -- projects, presentations, essays, finals, high school exit exam, and state testing. The finals schedule for January will be posted on the website and in the daily bulletin. You can expect semester report cards to arrive home shortly thereafter. Whatever the content of that report card, I encourage you and your student's reflection on the learning represented. Take stock: is your student making the progress that leads to his or her identified post-graduation goals? Check out the counseling page elsewhere in this newsletter for the support our Prospect counselors offer. At semester's end, I'll honor our academic all-stars with a principal's honor roll and perfect attendance certificates.

Fall Sports Highlights – Historic! Girls and boys cross-country teams won league championships, competed in CCS, and finished 11th for girls and 10th for boys. At the time of printing, two of our runners were preparing to compete at the state meet. Congratulations to sophomore Dominique Guinnane and freshmen Grant Foster for their state qualification. Field Hockey also won a league championship and competed in first-round of CCS. At the fall sports banquet on December 4th, we'll recognize all of our competitors and highlight team MVPs and all-league winners. Congratulations to our coaches and athletes!

Activity Accomplishments – Field trips support our academic mission and widen our students' horizons. This fall, our students have ventured off-campus for:

- AVID classes toured attended the opera in San Jose
- Robotics Team has been awarded a first-year grant from NASA for our fledgling club and will be competing in March '09 in Honolulu
- Speech and Debate Club is competing in local contests
- ROTC hiked off campus

Go Panthers!

December and January Dates to Remember

Date	Time	Event
12/1	7:00 p.m.	Grad Night Parent Meeting, Staff Lounge
1203 & 12/04	Late Start	Collaboration Days
12/03	4-9 p.m.	Grad Night Fundraiser: Fresh Choice
12/24	6:30 p.m.	Fall Sports Awards Banquet, Cafeteria
12/05, 12/06,12/07	7:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	Theater Production: Alice in Wonderland
12/09	7:00 p.m.	PTSA Meeting, Staff Lounge
12/10	7:00 p.m.	Music Boosters Meeting, Room 49 Spirit Boosters Meeting, Staff Lounge
12/11, 12/12, 12/13	7:30 p.m.	Theater Production: Alice in Wonderland
12/16	7:30 p.m.	Winter Concert, Campbell Heritage Theater
12/22 -1/2	No School	Winter Break, School Closed
01/05/09	7:00 p.m.	Grad Night Parent Meeting, Staff Lounge
01/14/09	7:00 p.m.	Music Boosters Meeting, Room 49 Spirit Boosters Meeting, Staff Lounge
01/15/09 01/16/09	7:00 p.m.	Dance Performance, Cafeteria
01/19/09	No School	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
1/21/09	Minimum Day	Final Exams: Periods 1, 2, 3, 4
1/22/09	Minimum Day	Final Exams: Periods 5, 6, 7, 8
1/23/09	No School	Teacher In Service Day
1/27/09	4 – 10 p.m.	Grad Night Fundraiser: Frankie, Johnny and Luigi Too
1/29/09	8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Career Faire, Large Gym
1/31/09	8:00 a.m.	E-Waste Recycling, Parking Lot



Caught in the Act!

Congratulations go to the following students who were caught in the act of contributing something positive to the Prospect community. Jessie Centers, Sherry Xia, Victor Lanza, Diana Olivos, Michael Wong, Hanna Habte, Justin Malott Arthur Galano were our recent winners and each was rewarded with a small token of appreciation. Please keep up the good work Prospect. Remember, you never know who is watching

Grad Night 2009!

Come join the excitement of planning and fundraising for this year's grad night celebration. There are many ways to help and all contributions, big and small, are appreciated. We are looking for donations of money, gifts, gift cards, raffle items. If you know of a business that wishes to donate that helps as well. If you can't donate time then donations of money are greatly appreciated! You can make checks out to Prospect High School Grad Night 2009 and they can be sent to the main office at school.

Fundraisers in the works...

- **Sharks Game Fundraiser**

ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME. Anyone interested in working in a food/beverage booth at the Shark's games please contact Maggie Church at 379-3132. Students 17 and up are welcome to help too!

- **Fresh Choice Restaurant Night**

December 3, 2008 (4p.m. - 9p.m.)

Everyone is invited – bring your friends and family and earn money for PHS grad night.

See the flyer in this Parent Page newsletter

- **Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi Too**

January 27, 2009 (4p.m. - 10p.m.)

Come one, come all...take a night off from cooking and help out PHS.

Watch for the flyer in January, on the PHS website and daily bulletin.

- **Solicit merchants for gift donations**

If you would like to help, please contact Laura Lien 996-1771.

Watch for updates and news in the daily bulletin and on the PHS website.

Music Department Winter Performance

On Tuesday, December 16th, the Prospect High School Music Department will be having their Winter Concert at the Campbell Heritage Theatre. The concert will feature the Concert Choir, Madrigals Choir, Men's Chorus, Women's Chorus, Symphonic Band, Jazz Ensemble and String Orchestra. These ensembles are made up of over 100 students from Prospect High School and each group will be playing selection to celebrate the holidays. Come and join us for this fun and festive concert that will be sure to get you in the spirit of the season.

The Campbell Heritage Theatre is located on the corner of Winchester Ave. and Campbell Ave. Tickets can be purchased at the door, \$7 for students and \$9 for adults. The concert will begin at 7:30 pm so don't be late.

Alice's Adventures

'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves did gyre and gimble on the stage... Come and see the student directed play, Alice in Wonderland in the PHS theater!

It's fun for the whole family. Shows are on December 5, 6, 12, 13, 14 at 7:30p.m. and December 7th at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for general and \$8 for ASB and seniors.

Healthy Kids Health Insurance

If you don't have Health Insurance, your children may qualify for No-Cost Health Coverage including medical, dental, and vision benefits.

For information call Schools for Healthy Kids Program @ (408) 874-1828 or see Mrs. Rodriguez in the Health Office.

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PHS Sports Update

Congratulations to Field Hockey!

Congratulations to the Varsity Field Hockey team for their league championship and undefeated league season. By winning the league they qualified for the CCS playoffs and played Cupertino in the first round. The team played really well, but ended up losing 2-1 in double overtime. The team was led by their seniors Amy Lippus, Katie Lippus, Colby Smyth, Rebecca Spradlin, Katelyn Goodwin, and Kelsey Ozawa, as well as getting outstanding performances by junior forward Sierra Ackerman and junior goalie Martha Alvarez.

Congratulations to Cross-Country!

Prospect's Boys and Girls Varsity Cross Country Teams won the WVAL Championship with a undefeated season. Also 10 members of the team made first team All WVAL: Melissa Rosano, Dominique Guinnane, Stephanie Schindler, Rebecca Cheng, Alex Lotz, Grant Foster, Matt Kreige, Ricky Correra-Sorich, Nick Cotter, Alex Collins. Additionally, Dominique Guinnane and Grant Foster made first team All BVAL.

The entire Boys and Girls Varsity made All CCS Academic Team. Both teams qualified for CCS and Grant Foster was the youngest qualifier for the State with a 10th place finish, Dominique Guinnane finished 5th made first team all CCS and also qualified for the State Meet.



E-Waste Recycling

The Prospect High School Music Department will be hosting an electronic waste recycling drive on January 31st. Items will be collected in the school's parking lot located at 18900 Prospect Road.

The event is open for the public to drop off household electronics such as computers, monitors and televisions for collection and disposal by a certified recycler, ASL Recycling. Proceeds will help the Prospect Music Department purchase sheet music, instruments and help with travel to music competitions.