



# Paradise eLearning Academy

News from the Director

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Happy Autumn,

We are having a very busy October:



- We took students on three fieldtrips this month
  - \* CSUS Manufacturing Expo – local manufacturers gave presentations about career opportunities
  - \* Butte College – Campus tour, department tours of the Fire and Police Academies and Computer Science followed by lunch in the cafeteria
  - \* CSUC Fieldtrip Series performance, The Giver, at Laxson Auditorium
- We welcomed our new full-time English teacher, Anne Stearns, who began on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- A special thank you to our two retired PUSD teachers, Jane Morgan and Mike Newton, who filled in the last two months while we recruited for a new teacher.
- We received an upgrade to a Level 2 clearance by the College Board so we can now administer our own exams for PSATs and AP exams.
- We have a new parent member for our Advisory Board, Stormy Lincicum. Thank you so much Stormy for volunteering your time to become a member of our Board. We value your input and again would like to extend an invitation to all our parents/guardians to attend our monthly Advisory Board Meetings. Our next meeting will be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in our Lab, Room 606.
- The California High School Exit Exam has been suspended. (Please see last page)
- October 30<sup>th</sup> (Friday) is the end of our Month 3 Attendance Period. Students need to have all assignments up to that date completed. Please talk to your student and remind them of the importance of staying up to date in all their subjects. If you feel your student needs extra help please do not hesitate to contact us.

Happy Fall!

The students and I have been working hard to adjust to the new Common Core Math.

Please come see me or make an appointment if you need any additional help.

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We will be hosting a "boot camp" from 3:00 - 6:00 on Thursday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> in our Lab (Room 606) for all students who need to get caught up in their courses by our attendance deadline of Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

We will feed your student! We will be ordering pizzas for everyone. Good Times!

## Important Dates

- **Oct 29 Boot Camp (see above)**
- **Oct 30 end of Month 3 Attendance Period**
- **Nov 11 Veterans Day, No School**
- **Nov 17 Reg-to-Go PHS library 9:22a**
- **Nov 23-27 Thanksgiving Holiday Break**
- **Dec 21-Jan 1 Winter Break**
- **Jan 18 Martin Luther King Day, No School**

We have already started assessing students in Reading and Math through the Performance Series Tests.

It is important for our WASC accreditation that **ALL** students take this assessment. **If your student has not taken the assessment test yet, please encourage them to do so by seeing Kathleen, Christy or Heidi.**

Also, Thank you to those who turned in your yellow attendance sheets. If you have not turned them in yet for August or September, please do so as soon as possible. October attendance sheets will be due Nov. 7th.

Any questions??

Please ask Kathleen, Christy or Heidi.

**Thank you!**



**Counselor Corner**

Students had a great field trip to Butte College, covering quite a bit in just 4 hours from a general campus tour to the fire and police academies to the Computer/Engineering department followed by lunch in the cafeteria. These trips help to bridge current coursework to careers and plans for the future after graduation. Students can also take concurrent classes at Butte College while in high school saving time and money.

The Butte College “**Reg to Go**” process starts soon. A representative from Butte College will be in **the PHS Library for our students on November 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:22** to discuss how this process works for next fall’s enrollment. **ALL SENIORS NEED TO PLAN TO ATTEND.**

**Career interviews-** listen to live interviews by people in fascinating careers such as hydrology, oceanography, biotech engineering, chemistry, Google technology, etc. One interview is live each Wednesday morning. I post the current week’s interview on APEX and students are welcome to watch live and ask questions in the lab. For archived interviews, please refer to this site. <http://www.jason.org/live>

There will be a meeting with a representative from **the Academy of Arts, 10/28, Weds, 2:21- 3:11 in Room 202. Here’s a list of different Departments and Majors offered at Academy of Art University: Acting, Advertising, Animation & Visual Effects, Architecture, Art Education, Art History, English for Art Purposes, Fashion, Fine Art, Fine Art Sculpture, Foundations, Game Development, Graduate Liberal Arts, Graphic Design, Illustration, Industrial Design, Interior Architecture & Design, Jewelry & Metal Arts, Landscape Architecture, Liberal Arts, Motion Pictures & Television, Multimedia Communications, Music Production & Sound Design for Visual Media, Photography, Professional Development, Visual Development, Web Design & New Media, Writing for Film, Television, & Digital Media**

**SAT test:** The upcoming SAT test dates are November 7<sup>th</sup>, December 5<sup>th</sup>, and January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please go to the [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for further information and to register. Late registration is often available. This test is necessary if you are going straight to a 4 year college after high school. For more info ask staff.

**ACT Test:** Upcoming ACT test dates are October 24<sup>th</sup> and Dec 12<sup>th</sup> . For further info, please go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Late registration is often available, see website. This test MAY be required for certain 4 year colleges, please refer to the college you are interested in.

Are you in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade **with at least one class on the PHS campus?** Do you want to go to college but need some extra help to get there? Are you the first person in your family who would graduate from a 4 year college? Do you have a 2.3 GPA or above? If you answered yes to any of these questions then apply to the **Educational Talent Search**. This is a free service that will assist you with college visits, career exploration, high school course planning, study skills, financial aid and scholarship information. Applications are available now in the Guidance Office.

I am continuing to meet with students and complete their 4 year plans. Please have your student contact me if they have not done one.

Now is the time to plan for concurrent enrollment at Butte College for Spring semester.

**Butte College Concurrent enrollment for Winter and Spring classes:**

What is concurrent enrollment? Student earns elective credit for both high school and college at the same time. One Butte unit counts as 3.3x the amount for high school credit. (ie: 3 unit class= 9.9 or 10 credits of elective). A student must apply online at [www.butte.edu](http://www.butte.edu) for an ID number (you need your social security # to do this). Then a concurrent enrollment form (available at eLearning) MUST be filled out, signed by our admin/counselor and on file at Butte College before online registration December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015 for Winter session and January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016 for Spring session. We have catalogs or you can search for classes online at [www.butte.edu](http://www.butte.edu).

We are here to help you. If you are interested, please see us now.

Karen Cole

PSAT Testing Dates	
Wednesday, October 14, 2015	
Wednesday, October 28, 2015	
SAT I & II— <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>	
Test Date	Register By*
Nov 7	Oct 9
Dec 5	Nov 5
Jan 23	Dec 28
ACT— <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>	
Test Date	Register By *
Oct 24	Sept 18
Dec 12	Nov 6
*Late registration is often available; see website	