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Parent NewsLetter

Points of Pride

Principal's Message — Mr. Ari Bennett

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year to the entire Poly family! I hope you are all taking the opportunity to start off the new year in a positive and productive way. I wanted to take this time to update you on important news at our school.



We were excited to find out that Poly was identified as one of 11 high schools in the district selected by Superintendent Cortines for a facility upgrade. We don't know what this looks like yet, but we will be reaching out to get feedback on what are the biggest needs for our school.

Another exciting piece of information is we are about to begin our SAT College Exam class for our juniors. Last year we had about 100 students. This year we have 210 students that have committed to participate in the intensive 12 week program with the goal to help students get into the college of their dreams. This is a special program valued at over \$2,000 that we offer to our students for free. If you are a parent or guardian of a 9th or 10 grader, please let them know about this program and encourage them to earn good grades, so they are eligible as 11th graders to participate.

Also, for the parents and guardians of seniors, please support us in the goal to get 100% of our students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Even if your student is not planning to go to college, we want everyone to complete the application. There is a high correlation between post high school success and students who complete the FAFSA. Together, we can help our students achieve incredible success!

Finally, please let your friends and neighbors know that we will be starting a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Academy for incoming 9th graders. Students, who are now in 8th grade will have the opportunity to participate in Poly's STEM Academy Camp this summer in partnership with Mission College. Students will participate in project based learning activities related to each of the STEM themes and then do experiments in the science labs at Mission College on Friday.

Please remember to always feel free to come by Poly or reach out by phone or email. We are constantly working to better serve our students, parents, and community members. It's part of our Poly Pride.

College Corner

Seniors: The priority filing deadline for financial aid for university or college is March 2. If you have not yet submitted the FAFSA, see Mrs. Warman in the college office. In the month of March, students will be receiving acceptance letters from colleges as well as financial aid packages.

Juniors: All four-year universities require the SAT/ACT. It is now time to register and study for the test. Start investigating and visit Universities that interest you.

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Congratulations

Are in Order!

Congratulations to the following students for having met the criteria for reclassification to English Proficient:



- Krisia Barahona
- Sebastian Cruz
- Noe G. Cuadra
- Maria De Dios
- Angel D. Escamilla
- Zabine Y. Espinoza
- Eliacim Flores
- Jazmine D. Flores
- Krist Grigorakis
- Ana Henriquez Garcia
- Marta Henriquez Garcia
- Alice Leal
- Jehovan Martinez Mendez
- Angel Mendoza
- Angelica E. Perez
- Brandon Pozas Ramirez
- Yoaly Roman
- Abraham Soto Reyes



School-wide Positive Behavior Intervention Support (SWPBS)

As parents and teachers, we all know that the best way to improve the behavior of children is to recognize good behavior when we see it. Positive Behavior Supports is a behavior program that is currently being implemented at Poly High School that is built upon this very concept. Several years ago, we decided upon a few specific behavior expectations that we would like to see the students display while they are at school. These behaviors are based upon four broad social skills: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful and Be on Time (our Four for Life). Teachers will be specifically teaching and re-teaching these basic behavior expectations throughout the school year. The key component of the Positive Behavior Support program is that students are rewarded for demonstrating those behavior skills. Our goals in implementing SWPBS are to reduce incidents of problem behavior and increase time for instruction. We strive to teach our students respectful and safe behaviors while helping them achieve academic and social success. SWPBS will help us create a safer learning environment for all our students

Article submitted by Artin Arhanian, Instructional Specialist



~MARCH 2015 POLY PARENT CALENDAR~

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
ARTS AND CRATS 9:30-10:30	Parenting the Adolescent 9:00-10:00 am PSA Ms. Munguia	College Awareness Class	Reading Club	ESL multi Level Using Computers and Internet 8:30-11:30 am
9	10	11	12	13
ARTS AND CRATS 9:30-10:30	Tea for Ten 9:30-10:30 am Special Education Teachers and Administrators w/ parents	College Awareness Class	Reading Club	Effective Parenting 8:30-11:30 am
16	17	18	19	20
ARTS AND CRATS 9:30-10:30	Coffee with the Principal 9:00-10:00 am Mr. Bennett	College Awareness Class	Reading Club	Effective Parenting 8:30-11:30 am
23	24	25	24	27
ARTS AND CRATS 9:30-10:30	Coffee with the Principal 9:00-10:00 am Mr. Stuckey Freshmen Center	College Awareness Class	Reading Club	Effective Parenting 8:30-11:30 am

Apoyo de Intervención de Comportamiento Positivo a nivel escolar (SWPBS)

Como padres y maestros, todos sabemos que la mejor manera de mejorar el comportamiento de los niños es reconocer el buen comportamiento cuando lo vemos. Apoyos de comportamiento positivo es un programa de comportamiento que se está aplicando actualmente en la Escuela Secundaria Politécnica que se basa en este concepto. Hace varios años, nos decidimos por un par de las expectativas de comportamiento específicos que nos gustaría ver a los estudiantes exhiben mientras están en la escuela. Estas conductas se basan en cuatro habilidades sociales generales: ser seguro, ser responsable, ser respetuoso y llegar a tiempo (nuestro Four for Life). Los maestros estarán enseñando específicamente y volver a la enseñanza de estas expectativas de comportamiento básicos durante el año escolar. El componente clave del programa de apoyo al comportamiento positivo es que los estudiantes son premiados por demostrar las habilidades de comportamiento. Nuestros objetivos en la aplicación SWPBS son reducir los incidentes de los problemas de comportamiento y aumentar el tiempo de instrucción. Nos esforzamos para enseñar a nuestros estudiantes comportamientos respetuosos y seguros al tiempo que ayuda a lograr el éxito académico y social. SWPBS nos ayudará a crear un ambiente de aprendizaje seguro para todos nuestros estudiantes

Artículo sometido por Artin Arhanian, Instructional Specialist

~Marzo 2015 POLY PARENT CALENDAR~

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2 Manualidades 9:30-10:30	3 Padres de Adolescentes workshop 9:00-10:00 am PSA Ms. Munguia	4 College Awareness Class	5 Los Cuatro Acuerdos	6 ESL multi Level Using Computers and Internet 8:30-11:30 am
9 Manualidades 9:30-10:30	10 Te para diez 9:30-10:30 am Special Education Teachers and Administrators w/ parents	11 College Awareness Class	12 Los Cuatro Acuerdos	13 Effective Parenting 8:30-11:30 am
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Examen del CAHSEE
10th, 11th, & 12th Graders
17 de marzo—Engles
18 de marzo—Matemático



Spring Break
March 30 - April 3
Cesar Chavez Holiday - No Escuela
April 6