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Parent Newsletter



Freshman Center



I'd like to welcome all new parents/guardians of 9th grade students to the Poly family. The Freshman Center is a small learning community that was strategically designed with the needs of incoming 9th graders in mind. We have a tremendous support staff including counselors Maria Padua and Ana Gutierrez, dean Arfin Arhanian, coordinator Gilbert Ovanessian, and office clerk Marcella Vargas. They work extremely hard to ensure the unique needs of all students are met.

Our mission this year like years past is to support all students to earn the 55 credits necessary to matriculate to 10th grade on time. However, we are also emphasizing the importance of students to earn a "C" or higher in all English and math classes, so they will be on pace to meet the eligibility requirements for the University of California and California State University schools.

We will also encourage your child to get involved in extracurricular activities like student council or a sport. Not only will participation enhance your child's resume for entering university, but it will surround your son or daughter with other students engaged in positive activities.

Please also keep in close contact with us regarding absences. Please send a signed note with your child to school when s/he is absent. We will monitor absences and tardies very closely to ensure all students are in class and focused on learning.



Feel free to visit the Freshman Center or call me if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to an excellent year and expect your child to shine in the light of a new educational experience.

Ari Bennett, Assistant Principal, Freshman Center

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Go Poly!



Lunch Applications

Attention all Poly parents! This is a reminder that lunch applications were mailed out by the Central District to all students. If your child is on B or C-Track, applications were mailed out June 15th and A-Track applications were mailed on August 15th. If you didn't receive an application, please call the Central Office to verify your address and request an application. The number is (213) 241-3366. New tickets were distributed August 3 for all students who submitted their application. If you have any other questions, please stop by the Title I Office or by the cafeteria.

California High School Exit Exam

(CAHSEE)

10/06/09-10/07/09

A-Track (Grade 12)

C-Track (Grades 11 & 12)



Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test

(PSAT)

10/14/09

A, B, & C-Tracks (Grades 9-11)

Parent Center News

The Parent Center would like to welcome parents and students from A-Track. We want to wish you a very successful year. The Parent Center is open every day from Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We have a library of books and videos available for you. Computers and sewing machines are also available for you as well as other important resources.

We offer a wide variety of classes and workshops to provide you with different tools and ideas on how to deal with your teenager such as Values, Computers, Math, Citizenship, Sewing, Arts and Crafts, Migajón (dough flowers), Adopt-a-Plot, Coffee with the Principal and Tea for Ten. Parent involvement is crucial at this level of education and we are here to help you. If you would like to have more information, please call (818) 252-7259 or (818) 394-3942.

Parent Classes

- **Values Class** starting Mondays, August 3-September 28 from 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- **Computers** (introductory) Wednesdays, July 15-October 21 from 9:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- **Computers** (intermediate) Thursdays, July 16-October 22 from 9:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
- **Sewing Class** starting Mondays on August 3rd from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. in the Parent Center. Ongoing
- **Coffee with the Principal** held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Parent Center.
- **Tea for Ten** for Special Education parents with Ms. Hood on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 9:00 a.m. in the Parent Center.
- **Art and Craft Classes** starting Tuesdays, August 4th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Parent Center. Ongoing
- **Math Classes** starting Wednesdays, August 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Parent Center. Ongoing
- **Migajón Classes** on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Parent Center. Ongoing
- **Citizenship Classes** starting Thursdays, July 23- September 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Parent Center.
- **Adopt-a-Plot in the Garden** on Fridays with Mr. Colon.



Beyond the Bell



B-Track Intersession Classes (08/31/09-10/22/09)

These classes are for students who need to make-up failed classes. Students must bring counselor recommendation to the Beyond the Bell Office to be enrolled.

Saturday School (Session III) (09/19/09-10/31/09)

Classes for this session will be on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.-12:37 p.m. Students are invited to attend and get themselves prepared to pass the CAHSEE. Sign ups are in the Beyond the Bell Office.

ASAP—After School Access Program

Join now for ongoing after school activities and earn 5 extra credits!!!

Workshops offered: Photo Design, Video Game Club, Tutoring, Career Planning, Martial Arts, Lead, Got College, Rock on Club, Hip-Hop Dance Club, Volleyball Club, The Fitness Room, Driver's Ed., S.A.T. Essentials Class, Up-On-Stage, Photography, and Commercial Workshop.

For more information on any of these programs, contact the Beyond the Bell Office at (818) 394-3668.

College

Seniors who plan to attend a four-year university must take the SAT or ACT. The deadline to register for the next SAT is September 9 and the deadline to register for the next ACT is September 18. In addition, all UC schools require two SAT subject tests. October 1st is the first day to submit the Cal State Application. November 1st is the first day to submit the UC application. The deadline for both is November 30th. Universities do not accept late applications. Now is the time to speak to teachers or counselors to request letters of recommendation that you may need for scholarships for private universities.

Watch Out for Scams!



Please be careful of scholarship and financial aid scams. There is never any need to spend your own money to get a scholarship. Everything these companies offer, we do for free in the College Office. Save your money. Please see Mrs. Warman in the College Office before you spend any money. As always, students and parents are encouraged to visit the College Office.

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