



# Del Mar High School

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*"Where Second Chances Happen"*  
*A California Model Continuation High School*



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## Principal's Message

March is here and will be gone before we know it. Already there are less than three months of school left and there are so many things yet to accomplish. The remainder of the year will be a whirlwind and the time will go by very quickly. If you are the parent of a senior student, please be very mindful of their attendance and grades. This is the time of year that seniors need you the most as the dreaded "Senioritis" sets in. All of our seniors just want to be done, and move on with life, but there is a big job to finish (graduation) before they leave us. Seniors can get very lax on their work at this time of the year so please keep them closely monitored, as will we.

There are many upcoming events at Del Mar. The one we are preparing for the most is our accreditation visit from WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) March 20-22. The WASC committee will be with us for 3 days and will observe and review our program. At the conclusion of their visit, they will leave us with a recommended term of accreditation which we hope is a 6 year term, the best that we can get. We are now at the end of our previous 6 year term and we hope as our school has grown and improved, that the committee recognizes the hard work of our staff students and families. We will need parents to visit with the committee over lunch and give their views of Del Mar. If you are interested, please call me at school so I can include you in the parent committee. The meeting will be Tuesday the 21st from 11:00 TO 12:00. Please call me at school if you are interested.

As always if you have questions or concerns regarding your student or our school, please call.

Mr. Sellers

## Counselor's Corner

Hello All! The year is going by so quickly. Some students still have not completed their financial aid application for college, it can still be done! Please go to the website [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students cannot complete this application without their parent's approval and information. Please try to complete this ASAP. In April, I will be taking seniors who have completed their FAFSA as well as their Pasadena City College applications on a fieldtrip to P.C.C.. On that day, we will take placement tests and tour the campus. This will be the final step in preparation for them attending P.C.C. for the fall. For students interested in East Los Angeles College, there will be a fieldtrip April 13 for placement tests and orientation. On March 15, seniors were able to complete their placement tests at Del Mar for Rio Hondo College. On March 18, several students were able to attend the Youth Action Summit for leadership training sponsored by Planned Parenthood. After spring break, Mr. Sellers and the counselors will have our annual spring senior meeting where we will give out information regarding all senior end of the year activities as well as scholarship information. Peer Helping is entering its 6<sup>th</sup> week providing outreach to Jefferson Middle School. Mr. Lemus and Mrs. Rosental have included letters in this mailer that will update you on your student's progress toward graduation. We also indicated on there if they owe attendance time or have incompletes. Incompletes are courses from last trimester (trimester 2) that they will have this trimester to complete on their own. Please remind them to complete all these assignments so as not to lose those credits. All students that need English will be placed in Del Mar's summer school, we only offer English (1-2 classes as needed) and there is no application process.

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Newsletter

Upcoming Dates:

March 29/30: Soccer Games

April 13: Placement Test East Los Angeles College

April: TBD – Fieldtrip to Pasadena City College for Placement Tests

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### **Important Dates**

**Tues. Mar. 14** Minimum Day Schedule

Open House 6:00- 7:30 p.m.

**Wed. Mar. 15** Rio Hondo College Placement test seniors.

**Thur. Mar. 16** History Day team performance at Roosevelt Elementary

**Fri. Mar. 17** History Day team performance at Coolidge Elementary

**Sat. Mar. 18.** Planned Parenthood Youth Action Summit

**Mon. Mar. 20 -22 – WASC Visit**

**Sat. Mar. 25** History Day team Competition at Azusa Pacific University

**Wed. Mar.29** Soccer vs Chaparral HS 12:00

School Site Council 2:30

**Mon. Apr. 3- 7.** Spring Break

No School

### **Announcements**

#### **Senior Cap and Gown Pictures**

On Thursday Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> took a Cap and Gown Picture from Lifetouch Studios. Each Graduating Senior will receive their picture package at the Senior Luncheon on May 31<sup>st</sup>, and they are free of charge, our gift to your family. The picture package includes an 8x10 portrait, two 4x8s, four 3x5s and 8 wallets. Additional pictures and backgrounds can be ordered online through Lifetouch but are not free. We hope that you enjoy these pictures of your graduate and they are a source of pride for many ears.

#### **WASC Update**

On March 20 – 22, Del Mar will be visited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges for an evaluation and certification

of our school program. Our self-study is complete and will be posted on line on our website as soon as the accreditation visit is complete. We will get the final results of the visit and our term of accreditation approximately 4 to 6 weeks after the visit. school.

### **School Site Council.**

Wednesday March 29 will be the next meeting of our School Site Council at 2:30. The SSC meets every month to plan and develop the schools direction and to plan for the use of the schools Federal Title I Money allocation. We would welcome anyone who wants to come and be a part of SSC. As we approach the end of the school year, we will working on developing next years Single Plan for Student Achievement. This plan directs the school and the programs and new implementation we will take for the 2017/18 school year.

### **Students of the Week.**

Each week the teachers at Del Mar pick one or two students who are in attendance every day, are completing all assigned work and who's' behaviors are exemplary. These students are acknowledged each Thursday in front of the entire school and each teacher, counselor and the principal explain why this particular student was chosen. Students of the Week receive a certificate, a gift card to Carl's Jr and a t-shirt. Students are also recognized on the school marquee and their picture is displayed on the school web-site.

Feb 6-10 **Jacob Valdez**

Feb. 13-17 **Lorenzo Velez**

Feb 21-24 **Leslie Perez**

Feb 28- Mar 3 **Victor Bonilla**

Mar 6-10 **Christina Calderon**

### **Quote of the Month**

*“One of the Secrets to Life is to make stepping stones out of stumbling blocks .”*

Jack Penn