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## Parent Newsletter



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### Beyond the Bell Programs

#### C-Track Intersession Classes (10/26/09-12/21/09)

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 IV) (12/05/09-01/30/10)

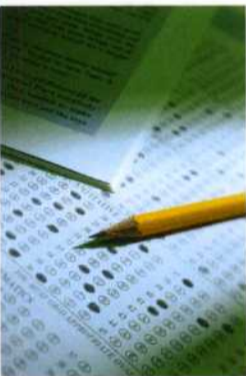
Classes for this session will be on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m.-12:37 p.m. Students are invited to attend and get themselves prepared to pass the CAHSEE. Sign ups are in the Beyond the Bell Office. Students enrolled in Saturday classes are required to attend regularly in order to complete the hour requirement for credits.



#### ASAP After School Access Program

Students can join now for ongoing after-school activities and earn 5 extra credits! Some of the workshops offered include: Culinary Arts, Photo Design, Video Game Club, Tutoring, Martial Arts, Got College, Drama Club, Rock on Club, Hip-Hop Dance Club, Volleyball Club, The Fitness Room, Driver's Ed., S.A.Ts Essentials Class, Leadership Council, and Advanced Photography.

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



### CAHSEE TEST DATES

#### (California High School Exit Exam)

Date	Track	Grades
11/03/09-11/04/09	A	11 & 12
	B	11 & 12
	C	12 (Grade 12 off-track seniors eligible to retest)

The CAHSEE exam is a requirement of high school graduation and diploma. Let's strive for attendance on these dates, as well as 100% proficiency!

### Watch Out for New

#### "NO STOPPING" Zone

Effective immediately, red cones will be placed along Arleta St. between Roscoe and the Adult School Bungalow. This area is a "no stopping" zone. Please **DO NOT STOP IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET, POLICE WILL BE TICKETING.** Cones will be out from 7:00 a.m.-3:20 p.m. Park in appropriate areas to drop-off and



pick-up your child and do not make illegal "U-Turns" or you will be cited by police. Thank you for your help to make the area safer for our students.

### Homework Haven

Free Tutoring in the Library  
Mondays, Wednesdays, &  
Thursdays

3:10 p.m.-4:10 p.m.







## Gifted And Talented Education (GATE)

Gifted/Talented Programs create learning opportunities, which allow students to flourish in stimulating academic and social environments. The District's instructional programs for gifted and talented students are based on the principles that all students are to receive educational opportunities appropriate to their individual capabilities, interests, and needs in order to develop their abilities to the highest level.

More information can be found at the LAUSD GATE website:  
<http://sfpc.lausd.k12.ca.us/GATE/index.html>



### GATE & AP INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

by Ms. Maliwan

### Advanced Placement (AP)

AP is a rigorous academic program built on the commitment, passion, and hard work of students and educators from both secondary schools and higher education. Through AP courses, students develop the skills, abilities, and content knowledge they will need later in college. Each AP course is modeled on a comparable college course and aligns with college-level standards. The AP Program gives students a chance to try college-level work in high school and gain valuable study habits. If your child gets a qualifying grade on an AP Exam, there are thousands of colleges worldwide that will give him or her credit or advanced placement for their efforts.

AP Exams and courses offer your child a chance to:

- ◆ Study a subject in greater depth.
- ◆ Develop skills and study habits vital to college.
- ◆ Improve admission eligibility.
- ◆ Get a head start for college.
- ◆ Become eligible for Scholar Awards



More information can be found at the College Board Advanced Placement Website:  
<http://www.collegeboard.com/parents/tests>

## Attendance and Work Habits Lead to Success

Parents, please continue to encourage your students to attend regularly and on time. Please ensure that students arrive at school no later than 7:15 a.m. and go directly to class. When returning from an absence, please have the student report to the Attendance Office, Freshman Center, or Tenth Grade Center with a written note from the parent.

The cafeteria begins to serve breakfast at 6:45 a.m. Students who need to eat breakfast at school should arrive by 6:50 a.m. in order to eat and make it to class on time. Good work habits will ensure success in classes as well as on the CAHSEE. Please contact the school if you have any concerns.

## Tenth Grade Center Office Has Moved

We have moved! The Tenth Grade Center has moved to room 118. Please come and visit or call and enjoy the display of student work. We are here to provide support for students and families to maximize success. Contact information is listed below:

Front Desk	(818) 394-3977
Ms. De Santiago, A.P.	(818) 394-3977
Ms. Calzada, Dean	(818) 394-3977
Ms. Maldonado-Gomez, Coordinator	(818) 394-3920
Ms. Leidig, Counselor	(818) 394-3979
Mr. Thatt, Counselor	(818) 394-3978



## Parent Center News

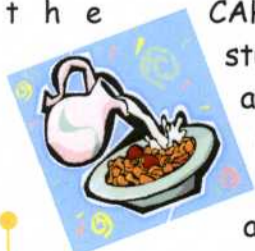
The Parent Center wants to thank and congratulate all the parents who attended the 9-week VALUES workshop. We wish the best for all the graduates of the program and great success with your child.

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, and you can take it home to review and discuss with your family. We also have computers and sewing machines available for your use as well as other important resources.

We are also offering a wide variety of classes and workshops to provide you with different tools and ideas on how to deal with your teenager. Parent involvement is crucial at this level of education, and we are here to help you. If you would like to receive more information, please call (818) 252-7259 or (818) 394-3942.

## Help Feed Healthy Minds!

The Tenth Grade Center raises funds all year in order to purchase a nutritious breakfast for test-taking students on the morning of the CAHSEE. We also would like to provide a snack for students who attend Homework Haven. If you are able to assist our efforts through donations, please contact Ms. Maldonado-Gomez, Coordinator, at (818) 394-3920. We appreciate any support an individual or business can offer.





## Programas de "Beyond the Bell"

### Clases de Intercesión del Carril "C" (10/26/09-12/21/09)

Estas clases son para estudiantes que necesitan reponer materias reprobadas. Para poder matricularse, los estudiantes deben traer recomendaciones de un consejero a la Oficina de Beyond de Bell.



### Escuela de los sábados (Sesión IV) (12/05/09-01/30/10) Clases de los Sábados

Las clases para esta sesión serán los sábados, de las 8:00 a.m.-12:37 p.m. Los estudiantes están invitados a asistir y prepararse a pasar el CAHSEE. Regístrese en la Oficina de Beyond de Bell. Los estudiantes que están matriculados en las clases de los sábados, se les requiere que asistan regularmente para que puedan cumplir con el tiempo requerido para obtener los créditos.

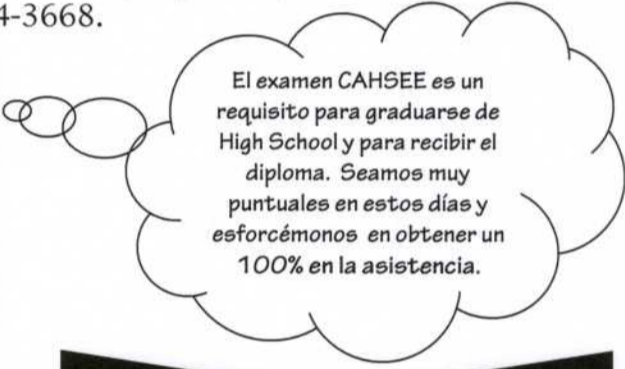


### Programas ASAP Después de Escuela

¡Los alumnos pueden participar desde ahora en el programa continuo de actividades después de escuela y ganar cinco créditos extra! Algunos de los programas que se ofrecen son: Artes Culinarias, Diseño Fotográfico, Juegos de Video, Tutoría, Artes Marciales, Got to College, Club de Drama, Club de Rock, Club de Danza Hip-Hop, Volleyball, Salón de Ejercicios para mantenerse en buena forma, Manejo Teórico, Clases de S.A.T., Concilio de Liderazgo y Fotografía Avanzada.

Para más información de alguno de estos programas, comuníquese con la Oficina de Beyond de Bell al (818) 394-3668.

FECHAS DEL EXAMEN CAHSEE		
Fecha	Carril	Grados
11/03/09-11/04/09	A	11 & 12
	B	11 & 12
	C	12 <small>(12 grado que esté fuera de carril es elegible a tomar el examen otra vez)</small>



El examen CAHSEE es un requisito para graduarse de High School y para recibir el diploma. Seamos muy puntuales en estos días y esforcémonos en obtener un 100% en la asistencia.

*"Homework Haven"*

Tutoría Gratis en la Biblioteca

Lunes, Miércoles y Jueves

3:10 p.m.-4:10 p.m.

### Ponga Atención a las Nuevas Zonas "NO SE ESTACIONE"

Serán efectivas inmediatamente, se pondrán conos rojos a lo largo de Arleta St. **NO SE ESTACIONE EN MEDIO DE LA CALLE, LA POLICIA ESTARA DANDO INFRACCIONES.** Los conos se pondrán de la 7:00 a.m.-3:20 p.m. Estacione en áreas apropiadas para dejar y recoger a sus hijos y no haga "U-Turns" ilegales o será sancionado por la policía. Gracias por su ayuda en mantener a nuestros estudiantes seguros.



### Asistencia y Hábitos de Trabajo Conducen al Éxito

Padres, por favor continúen animando a sus hijos a asistir y llegar siempre a tiempo. Por favor asegúrese que el estudiante llegue a la escuela antes de las 7:15 a.m. y que se vaya directamente a la clase. Si por alguna razón está ausente, por favor asegúrese de que el estudiante se reporte a la Oficina de Asistencia de novenos grados o al Centro de décimo grado con una nota escrita por los padres.

La cafetería empieza a servir el desayuno a las 6:45 a.m. Los estudiantes que necesita desayuno en la escuela deberán llegar a las 6:50 a.m. para poder comer y estar listos para llegar a tiempo a su clase. Buenos hábitos de trabajo asegurará el triunfo en clase y a la vez en CAHSEE. Comuníquese a la escuela si usted tiene alguna inquietud.

