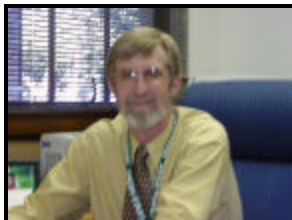




Principal's Newsletter

A Message From The Principal . . .



Principal Dennis O'Connell

Greetings to all you Chaffey Tigers! I am thrilled to have been selected by the school board to be the new principal at Chaffey High School. I came to work at CHS seven years ago because of the strong tradition of fine education that exists at Chaffey and the commitment of an experienced rich staff, many of whom are Chaffey graduates, themselves.

We all face many challenges at Chaffey High School as we work to prepare your students to meet the academic challenges they will face in today's changing world. Parents, you can help ensure your student's success at Chaffey by **encouraging** them to come to school every day; by **assisting** them with their homework as best as you can; and by **supporting** them to take ownership over their life at Chaffey by getting involved in school.

We have completed the first quarter of the 2001-2002 school year, and, by the time you receive this newsletter, our first report card night and opportunity for you to visit with any of your student's teachers will be behind us. Please stop and say hello as you see me on campus and at the various activities. Have a wonderful and successful year!

Principal, Chaffey High School

Sat 9 RESULTS

Parents, each of you should have received the results on your student's Sat 9 tests taken last April at Chaffey High School. The scores are one measure of what our students know and are able to do. We believe that this information will assist the school, you, and your students to focus more clearly on academic achievement and specific areas that may require increased time and effort. The school-wide results certainly give direction to our program planning as we work to achieve the growth targets set for us by the State. The Academic Performance Index (API) Growth report released by the California Department of Education showed that Chaffey High School had a 2000 testing year base of 516 with an expected growth of 14 points for the 2001 test. As a school we had a growth of 6 points instead of the 14 point target, ending up at a score of 522. If you have any questions regarding your student's scores, or what CHS is doing to meet its growth target for the 2002 test, please contact Mr. O'Connell, Principal, at 988-5560.

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Show Me the Money!!!

While we can't actually show you the money, we can show you where it is and how to get it. On Thursday, January 10, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the Chaffey Counseling staff will be conducting a Financial aid night for seniors and their parents.

The first half of the program will explain how aid is determined, the steps parents and seniors need to take, and an explanation of the financial aid form.

The second half will allow interested parents and seniors to go into the computer lab and actually complete the financial aid form on-line. Counselors will be available to guide you through the process.

We will be sending a letter to all seniors with details, but mark your calendars early. **January 10.**

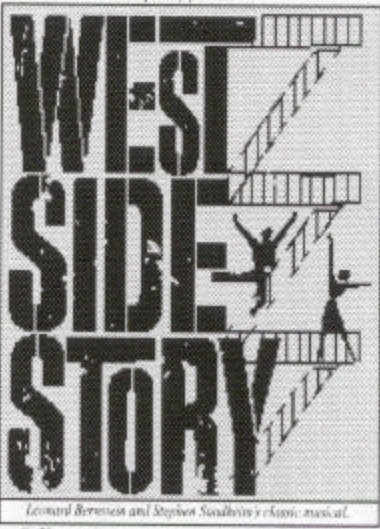
ADVANCED PLACEMENT SUCCESS

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results with 2001, 177 students passed with a score of 3 or higher out of 272 students taking an AP exam (65%) in 2000, and 155 passed out of 214 in 2001 for the highest percentage in the district of 72%. Congratulations AP teachers and AP students! **You're the greatest!** Parents, you deserve a pat on the back, too, for supporting and encouraging your student to excel in these academically challenging classes.

See *Westside Story* the way it was intended to be produced

Chaffey High School Performing Arts
proudly presents



Leonard Bernstein and Stephen Sondheim's classic musical

a Billman/Masterson directed production

Production Design: Eileen Tetzlaff Choreographers: Brian O'Halloran, Musical Director

• spectacular sets • lavish lighting • terrific acting

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DID YOU KNOW?

*That on October 13, 2001, the governor of California signed into law a measure which allows a nonresident person who has graduated from a California high school in 2001 or later to attend a California State College or community college and pay the same tuition as a California citizen.

This means that a great many of our students, while perhaps not being able to receive state or federal financial aid, will at least be able to attend at the same price as other state residents.

*That any graduate, who is a legal citizen (has a social security card) and shows financial need, may be eligible for a California Grant to attend either a California community college or a California university (public or private) depending on their grade point average.

A senior with a GPA between 2.0 and 2.9 may be eligible for a community college grant, while a senior with a 3.0 GPA and above may qualify for a four-year college grant. GPAs are computed using sophomore and junior grades (minus PE and ROTC) only. Seniors will need to submit a social security number and a grade point average to the state. Parents must submit a financial statement. The DEADLINE is March 2, 2002; so see your counselor as soon as possible for complete information.

**ACTIVITIES OFFICE**

Welcome to the 2001-02 school year! My name is Chris Hollister and I am a new assistant principal, responsible for activities and facilities, at Chaffey High School. I have spent the last ten years in the Covina-Valley School District and have thoroughly enjoyed my beginning of the school year as a Chaffey Tiger! This is such a unique campus; the staff is wonderful, and the students are terrific. I hope that you motivate your child to achieve the highest potential in class and encourage him/her to get involved in some of our enriching programs.

At the time this newsletter is being printed, our fall athletic season is coming to an end. The past months have brought us many exciting moments, including stellar performances from our sports teams, pep and band units. We have had two fun-filled spirit rallies, the fortieth annual Tournament of Bands, the crowning of a new homecoming queen, and an elegant semi-formal dance.

Our talented performing arts department, headed by the very capable Mr. Dave Masterson, is currently gearing up for a tiger rendition of the famous **West Side Story** and our annual **Holiday Fling** blockbuster. These productions, performed in the historic Gardiner W. Spring Auditorium, should be treats for your ears and eyes. Opening night for **West Side Story** is Thursday, November 29 (seven other dates are scheduled), and the curtain rises on Thursday, December 20 for the **Holiday Fling**. Prepare to be entertained!

Our last day of school before the winter recess is Friday, December 21, and school will resume on Monday, January 7, 2002. Throughout the year, please feel welcome to attend any of our activities; I look forward to meeting you! You may also call me in the Activities Office at 988-5560, ext. 2026, with any questions or comments regarding any CHS activity. **Go Tigers!**

PARENT FORUM

7:00 p.m. North Hall

Please Attend

12/11/01

1/8/02

2/12/02

3/12/02

4/9/02

5/14/02

6/11/02

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

3:00 p.m. North Hall

Please Attend

12/20/01

1/31/02

2/28/02

3/28/02

4/25/02

5/30/02

November

22-23 Student Holidays

26 Fall Sports Banquet

29 West Side Story

Opening Night!

December

11 Parent Forum

20 Holiday Fling

22 Messiah Sing Along

24 Winter recess begins

January

07 School resumes

23-25 First Semester Final Exam

ADMINISTRATION

- Dennis O’Connell, Principal
- Larry Larson, Asst. Principal /Instruction
- Dana Galloway, Asst. Principal /Guidance
- Chris Hollister, Asst. Principal /Ed Services
- Tim Ward, Asst. Principal /Academic Improvement

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