

Wolverine World

Aliso Niguel High School Newsletter

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A Message from our PTSA President, Heidi Reiser

Hello, ANHS Families! We are very proud of what our PTSA has done to serve all ANHS students and staff this year. We are grateful for a supportive administration lead by Principal Chris Carter and his amazing team. We have enjoyed serving our teachers, staff and students in many ways!

Through **effective fundraising and prudent budgeting**, PTSA funded classroom technology (document readers and projectors), chemistry lab items, music department equipment, foreign language learning tools (Ipod Nanos), safety equipment (traffic cones and radios), WordMasters program, forensic science program textbooks and a portion of SchoolLoop.

Efficient communication was achieved through the use of our PTSA website, PTSA email listserve, our electronic newsletter, our new Aliso Niguel High PTSA Facebook page and weekly announcements in the Weekly Wolverine.

Consistent Volunteerism throughout the year included packet pickup, walk-thru registration, ASB blood drive, chaperones at dances, serving staff luncheons, leading tours, reviewing senior scholarships, and assisting at student events and AP testing.

As the landscape of education becomes more rocky and challenging in our district and our state, PTA continues to be a vital force. PTSA brings the time, talents and resources of many together to be agents of advocacy and change. **Not everyone can do everything, but EVERYONE CAN DO SOMETHING!**

As our PTSA looks forward to the 2012 - 2013 school year, we anticipate continued volunteerism and support of our PTSA programs. Next year's board, under the experienced leadership of president-elect **Michelle Fleming**, will strive to serve all of ANHS and face the continued challenges of supporting curriculum and needs of our students. PTSA will seek and encourage volunteer s and financial support to keep our programs strong!

GOOD LUCK to the class of 2012 as they head out to college, university or the world of work! Welcome to your new reality! We wish you all the best!

Heidi Reiser, ANHS PTSA President

**Mark Your
Calendar
School Starts on
Wednesday,
September 5, 2012**

A Message from Principal Chris Carter Text-A-Tip



Aliso Niguel High School is an incredible place for students to learn and grow. Over the past several months as principal, I have been very impressed with our students and their consideration for their fellow classmates, as well as our staff. When you walk our campus throughout the day there is a positive air about our school. I believe that our students feel connected to their school and our staff. To ensure that we can continue this positive campus culture and provide a safe learning environment for our students, we along with the Orange County Sheriff Department, will be implementing Text-A-Tip.

The Text-A-Tip program is designed to allow ANHS students to be active in keeping our school safe, secure and friendly. Students have an opportunity to assist the school and law enforcement by identifying concerns around our school community such as potential abuse, bullying, crime, suicide, drugs, and fights. Although this type of activity happens infrequently, the goal is to minimize it as much as possible.

Text reports of:

- Abuse
- Bullying
- Depression
- Drug Sales / Use
- Fights / Pre-fights
- Safety concerns about a friend
- Thefts
- Threats to Campus Safety
- Suspicious Activity
- Vandalism

The Text-A-Tip program is accessible through the text number (949) 354-2647, which is posted throughout classrooms and the campus. Students can send **confidential** texts to our School Resource Officer, Deputy Tom Maxwell, and school administration. Our teachers have addressed this program during tutorial with our students, letting them know that if they hear or see something that is of concern to them, they may contact the Text-A-Tip line at any time and it will be investigated. Please emphasize with your child that this should be taken seriously and that false reports will be subject to discipline.

I want to thank our PTSA for generously donating the money to print posters that we have distributed throughout campus. Also, thank you to the Orange County Sheriff Department for working with us to ensure that we provide a safe and positive learning environment for our students.



Urgent Message Regarding Textbook Returns

Please return all books not being used ASAP. All other books are due on the day of the student's corresponding subject final (i.e. an English book is due on the day of English final).

Students must return all books to the librarians at the desk to get a clearance. Students with overdue books/unresolved debts will not be able to register in Fall 2012.

Also, current Juniors and Sophomores with overdue books/unresolved debts will not be considered for the parking space lottery for Fall 2012. Seniors with unresolved debts will not receive their diplomas. However, making appropriate payments to CUSD will clear debts.

J. Potnis, ANHS Librarian

GOOD LUCK TO THE CLASS of 2012!



Teacher of the Year Mr. Erik Silberman

The ANHS faculty has chosen Erik Silberman to be honored as 2012 Teacher of the Year for ANHS. Mr. Silberman has taught high school students for

twelve years - every one of them at Aliso Niguel High School!

Mr. Silberman attended UCSB where he attained his BS in psychology, his Masters in education and his teaching credential. At ANHS he teaches primarily 9th and 10th grade students biology and coordinated science. Why science? "I decided to teach science because it excites me and I like to pass on that excitement to my students" was Mr. Silberman's answer.

In addition to his work in the classroom, Mr. Silberman is in charge of teacher training and support for both School Loop and Illuminate (district testing and data management software). Both programs are new to ANHS this year so this has been a critical need for teachers and staff.

Mr. Silberman does love what he does and it shows. His motto is "Have fun!" which helps motivate and inspire his students. He especially enjoys watching his students grow and mature in their high school years, graduate and oftentimes come back to visit!

Thank you Mr. Silberman for your dedication and commitment to your students, your profession and Aliso Niguel High School!

Two Free Driving Events! Parent & Teen Education

Orange County Sheriff's Department

Wednesday, May 16 @ 6:30 PM
ANHS Theater

Learn about:

- Driver education programs
- Teen Driving Laws
- Effective teen driving strategies

RSVP: ahspts@gmail.com

California Highway Patrol

Wednesday, May 30 @ 7:00 PM
CHP - 32951 Camino Capistrano – SJC

Street Smart driver safety program

RSVP to Officer Eric Barnard @ 949-487-4000

Guidance Advice by Grade Level.....

Seniors

- KEEP CHECKING the scholarship opportunities on the ANHS website. (www.alisoniguel.com under Guidance).

Juniors:

- Check with your Academic Advisor to be sure that you are on track for graduation. If you know you have a subject you failed, or are trying to remediate a D, be sure to **apply for summer school**. Summer school will be done through ACCESS independent study or through Pacific Coast High School online program. Pacific Coast meets college A-G requirements, ACCESS does not. Biology will be offered through our traditional summer program at San Clemente High School. Go to the school website and under guidance click summer school for all the different options. Check with your Academic Advisor for the application forms and which program will work for you.
- If you are planning on applying to a college that requires as Visual Performing Art course (for example UC and CSU) be SURE you have completed an accepted class or are enrolled in a course for next year.
- It's not too early to become familiar with various Financial Aid forms, grants, programs. Whether you plan to attend a four year college, community college, trade/technical or vocational school, you may qualify for assistance—but you have to know when, where and how to apply. Check the website under College 101 then financial aid.
- Be sure to sign up for your all of your college entrance tests.
- Research college and major possibilities at the following websites: www.collegeboard.com, www.csumentor.edu, www.californiacolleges.com.
- Make of list of the colleges you might like to attend. Then work with your parents and try to visit some of the colleges over the summer. Look at college catalogs, research schools online, visit your academic advisor.
- Continue doing your volunteer work
- RESUMES: This summer, work on a resume of your high school career so that you will have important information ready to put on your college applications. This resume is also useful to give to any person from whom you might need to request a letter of recommendation.
- KEEP YOUR GRADES UP!!

Sophomores and Freshmen

- Need help? A list of tutors (student and adult) is available in the ROP center here at Aliso Niguel.
- Find an area of interest and volunteer this year and through the summer.
- Check with your Academic Advisor to be sure that you are on track for graduation. If you know you have a subject you failed, be sure to **apply for summer school**. See summer school options above under Juniors.

ALISO NIGUEL HIGH SCHOOL

Please register for Parent Portal Access

The CUSD Parent Portal is available for parents of all current K-12 students. **We strongly encourage you to register for a Parent Portal account before school offices close in June, so you are able to take advantage of the new online re-registration system for the 2012 - 2013 school year.** When the window opens in August, parents with portal accounts will have the ability to use this online system for re-registration, rather than completing the large, traditional paper packet. Parents will also have the ability at any time during the year to update student demographic and **emergency contact** records, view daily attendance reports, print report cards and transcripts and also be able to download important documents directly from the portal.

Letters were mailed home the week of February 13 to parents of secondary students with specific information related to Parent Portal account creation. Parents of elementary students received their letters during parent conferences. The information in the letter includes your student's ID, home phone, and a unique verification code which will be needed during the portal registration process. Using the information from the letter, simply logon to abi.capousd.org where you will find directions and a link for creating your Parent Portal account. There is also a portal link on each school's homepage. A HELP link is available at abi.capousd.org if you have questions during the registration process. If you have lost your letter, please contact your school office now.

Benefits of having online Parent Portal <u>and</u> Schoolloop Accounts	
New Parent Portal	Schoolloop
**New version with updated features and capabilities Available to Parents in July 2012	
**Online re-registration: Eliminate a portion of the annual forms by updating and submitting the data online through the Portal instead of having to complete it by hand.	View homework assignments
**Update and keep emergency contact information updated yourself all year long	View grades/homework scores
View/Print Live up-to-the minute Attendance Data	View Attendance Data from <u>previous</u> day
View/Print Report Card Grades	Receive daily email with grades and homework assignments
View/Print Unofficial Transcripts	Email teachers easily; individually or as a group from your account
View/Print Test scores including college test scores	View School News Postings
**View future course requests	Access Teacher Websites
View/Print Current Class Schedule	
View/Print Graduation Status Report	
**View/Update Medical Information	
**View School & District Calendars, Events (If posted)	
Once created, the Parent Portal account follows student to whichever school they are attending in CUSD	

ASB Update:

Spring Break is over and the year is coming to an end. ASB and Aliso Niguel High School students are getting busy again now that the school year is wrapping up. ASB has had a wonderful time planning and putting on all of our various activities and we're looking forward to ending the year with the several events coming up.



Previous to Spring Break we hosted our annual Battle of the Sexes Week. Each day we put on various competitions: rock climbing, eating contests, trivia, and relay races. Many of the Aliso students came out to cheer on their gender at these competitions. Ultimately, the Boys ended up winning this round. Last week we had our dodgeball tournament. This has been a very popular event over the previous years. We have opportunities for boys and girls to sign up to create teams. Throughout the week, during lunch, we gathered in the Pit to cheer on our favorite teams. Last Friday, we had our Drug Assembly. Jodi Barber, a former Aliso Niguel Parent, came to speak to

our school about the dangers of prescription pills. A few years ago, she lost her son to prescription drugs and hoped to influence other students by presenting her video, "Overtaken." We hosted our annual Multicultural Week. We hung up posters around the school which had facts about different countries around the world. We had lunch activities which consisted of piñatas, fire dancers, eating contest, and Polynesian dancing. On Friday, we had our food fair! The clubs at our school signed up to represent a country and they brought food to the fair in which students could purchase. This has been a long standing tradition and we always look forward to what different cultures will be present.



All of our events have been fun and we've had a large amount of participation. However, there are many more things that are coming soon. We have our annual Car Show this May. Students can enter their car into the show under a category such as "best piece of junk." Cars will be on display, in the parking lot. Esprit de Wolverine is also approaching fast. This award ceremony recognizes students for their academic accomplishments. Each teacher selects two students to be recognized for their subject. This will be in the gym on Wednesday, May 30th. We will be showing Toy Story 3 in the theater as a Junior Class fundraiser on the night of May 18th.



Prom is coming soon! It will be held on June 9th at the Nixon Library. This is a Junior and Senior dance, but underclassmen are welcome if they're invited by an upperclassmen. Dates can also be people who have already graduated high school as long as they are under 21 years old.

This is a busy time of the year especially for the Senior Class. We have several Senior Activities lined up for our graduating class. STAR testing starts May 17th, but Seniors don't have to take the test this year. So, on Thursday, May 17th, they will be going on a trip to Knotts Berry Farm and on Friday May 18th, sailing off for the day, in Newport Harbor, on our Senior Cruise. This is only available to Black Card holders. If your student purchased a Black Card in the beginning of the year, the Senior Cruise and Knotts are already paid for. If students would like to purchase a ticket to Knotts, they may do so. However, students still need to fill out fieldtrip forms which are available on the school

website under "Senior Events." Any student planning to come to these events will NEED to sign up for spots on the bus when they turn in the fieldtrip forms at the activities window in the cafeteria. Senior Brunch will be on June 19th; this is the opportunity for graduating seniors to sign some yearbooks and spend some time with friends before they leave for college. It will be held at the Aliso Viejo Country Club. Last, but not least, Graduation, is on June 20th, followed by Grad Night at Dave and Busters.

ASB is excited to wrap up the final few months of school. We hope that the students and faculty will enjoy everything that we have in store!

Emily Shields, ASB Commissioner of Community Relations



ANHS PTSA Senior Scholarship Committee

Thank you to this year's Senior Scholarship Committee and Chairperson Penny Balcewicz. With the advisement of senior parent, Chris Taylor, this committee reviewed the applications of 29 Senior Scholarship Applicants. They will be awarding \$5,000 in scholarships at the Senior Awards event in June. We are looking forward to learning the names of the deserving recipients! Scholarships are awarded based on volunteerism as well as academic achievements.

ANHS PTSA 2012 Spring Fundraiser

Thanks to Our Fundraiser Donors

Thank you to this year's Spring Fundraiser Donors! During the 2011 – 2012 school year, our PTSA has raised almost \$20,000 in donations! This spring, we again offered donors a choice between General Fund and the Senior Scholarship Fund. The generosity of many ANHS families funded classroom technology (document cameras and projectors), Turn It In software. A portion of the cost of School Loop, Mini Teacher Grants and Safety Equipment in addition to \$5,000 in Senior Scholarships to be awarded in June. PTSA will finish the school year by funding additional curriculum needs and planning ahead for next year. We appreciate the continued support of our efforts to serve all students and staff at ANHS!

The Balcewiz Family (Michael)	The Fischer Family (Nate)	The Orłowski Family (Marc)
The Batliner Family (Payton)	The Fleming Family (Kristin)	The Pelky Family (Justin)
The Bombe Family (Kaard)	The Geiser Family (Theresa)	The Quinlan Family (Serena)
The Booras Family (Alexa)	The Gess Family (Stephanie)	The Ray Family (Tristan)
The Buckler Family (Lauren)	The Gordon Family	The Reiser Family (Matt, Anna)
The Canter Family (Jeremy, Aaron)	(Andrew, Melanie)	The Rhee Family (William)
The Carducci Family	The Hong Family (David, Daniel)	The Ruhlen Family (Davis)
(Nicholas, Anthony)	The Hood Family (Daniel, Katelyn)	The Sadeghi Family (Amir Vafamand)
The Cash Family (Joseph)	The Jacobs Family (Kyle)	The Sullivan Family (Angela, Jodie)
The Chang Family (Jazlyn Chong)	The Johnson Family (Thomas)	The Tailors Family (Shivani)
The Cheng Family (Aaron)	The Keen Family (Leah, Noah)	The Taylor Family (Erin Werner)
The Chu Family (Yola Lin)	The Kerins Family (Allison, Jason)	The Tedder Family (Adam)
The Chung Family (Forrest)	The Kim Family (Minsoo)	The Ting Family (Thomas)
The Clark Family (Jessica, Madelyn)	The Koivuniemi Family (Kyle)	The Tital Family (Aiden)
The Cole Family (Nathan)	The Le Family (Daniel, Shelby)	The Vu Family
The Cooper Family (Kelsea)	The Lutzky Family (Christian Kang)	The Woods Family (Connor Woods)
The Daniels Family (Jaren)	The MacLeod Family (Dane)	The Xin Family (Derrick Xin)
The Dierking Family (Ellie)	The McCartin Family (Cameron)	The Ziegler Family (Kayla, Kendra)
The Ebrahim Family (Christopher)	The Nahidipour Family (Daria)	
The Evanston Family (Joy)	The Napoles Family	
The Finelt Family (Jake)	(Sienna Prosswimmer)	



Donation Receipts Available!

Did you make a donation to ANHS PTSA?

You should have received a copy of your Donation Receipt from us.

If you have not received your receipt, please email us at anhspts@gmail.com and we will send you an electronic copy!



Important Dates for the 2012-2013 School Year

First Day of School	September 5, 2012
Veterans' Day Recess	November 12, 2012
Thanksgiving Holiday	November 19-23, 2012
Winter Recess	December 24 – January 4, 2013
Martin Luther King Day	January 21, 2013
Presidents Day Recess	February 15, 18, 2013
Spring Recess	April 8 - 12, 2013
Memorial Day	May 27, 2013
Last Day of School (Secondary students)	June 18 2013

With the exception of the first and last days of school, there will be **NO SCHOOL** on all dates listed.

June 2012 Finals Schedule

Thursday, June 14

7:00 AM – 7:50 AM All grades - Zero Period
 8:00 AM – 9:42 AM Seniors Period 2
 10:38 AM – 12:20 PM Seniors Period 4

Friday, June 15

7:00 AM – 7:50 AM All grades - Zero Period
 8:00 AM – 9:42 AM Seniors Period 1
 10:38 AM – 12:20 PM Seniors Period 3

Monday, June 18 - Minimum Day

No Zero Period

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM All grades - Period 6
 10:10 AM – 11:10 AM Tutorial
 11:20 AM – 1:20 PM All grades - Period 5

Tuesday, June 19 - Minimum Day

No Zero Period

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM All grades - Period 4
 10:10 AM – 11:10 AM Tutorial
 11:20 AM – 1:20 PM All grades - Period 3

Wednesday, June 20 - Minimum Day

No Zero Period

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM All grades - Period 2
 10:10 AM – 11:10 AM Tutorial
 11:20 AM – 1:20 PM All grades - Period 1



Attention Morning Drivers:

Since there is **NO zero period** on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday plan on an **extra 300 cars** of parents and students driving to school in the morning! This will add quite a bit of time to the normal morning commute.

Please **PLAN AHEAD!**

Parking Permits for Fall 2012



Seniors who qualify can purchase their parking permits before the school year starts. Check your registration packets for the sale dates. Permits will be issued first to seniors who qualify and then to juniors who qualify based on the number of available spaces. Juniors who attend registration and apply at that time will receive priority over juniors that are not at registration. Permits will be sold to Juniors during the first week of school.

In an effort to encourage and reward good grades, citizenship, and attendance, students (11th and 12th graders) will be eligible for parking permits **only if they DO NOT have the following during their spring 2012 semester:**

1. **One or more F's grades on the spring 2012 semester report card.**
2. **Seven or more tardies to one class.**
3. **A total of five or more trancies in any class or combination of classes during the 2012 spring semester.**
4. **Any outstanding discipline consequences (no shows).**
5. **Any outstanding fines or debts**

2012 Senior Dates

May 17 Knotts Berry Farm

9:30 AM – 6:00 PM
 Free with Black card;
 \$45 w/o black Card



Last day to purchase ticket – May 11

May 18 Senior Harbor Cruise

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
 Black ASB card required
 Last day to sign up – May 11

May 30 Esprit 'd Wolverine Awards

6:30 PM - ANHS Gym - By invitation

June 1 Senior Send Off Assembly

All students - Modified schedule
 No tutorial

June 4 Senior Awards

6:30 PM - ANHS Gym - By invitation

June 9 PROM

7:00 – 11:00 PM – The Nixon Library
 Yorba Linda
 \$65 with ASB Black Card,
 \$85 without – May 14 - 25
 \$75 with ASB;
 \$85 without – May 29 – June 1
 \$85 with ASB; \$95 without – June 4 - 6
JUNE 6 – LAST DAY
NO EXCEPTIONS

June 19 Senior Cap & Gown Distribution

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM - Food Court

June 19 Senior Brunch

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
 Aliso Viejo Country Club
 FREE with ASB Black Card
 \$25 with ASB;
 \$35 without May 31 – June 10

June 20 Graduation Rehearsal and Panoramic Picture – 9:00 AM

Wolverine Stadium (mandatory)
 Bring cap and gown

June 20 Cap and Gown Photos

11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
 Food Court

June 20 Graduation

5:00 PM – Seniors report at 4:00 PM
 Wolverine Stadium

June 20-21 Grad Nite!

9:00 PM – 5:00 AM
 Buses leave from ANHS
 Pre-assigned buses/departure times

Library Needed

We need volunteers for the end of the school year from Monday **June 18th** through **Friday, June 22nd** to help check in student textbooks in the library. Volunteers may come as early as 7:30 or 8:00 AM. On **June 20th** we need volunteers in the morning around 7:00 AM. Volunteers will also be needed in August to assist in distributing books for the new school year.

Please contact the PTSA Volunteer Coordinator, Mindy Frosto Shank at mindyfs@hotmail.com if you can help.

Thank you to our volunteers at Aliso Niguel High School!

As we continue into 2012 we are again thankful for the wonderful support of our Aliso Niguel High School PTSA volunteers who continue to give assistance to the following activities for our school, administration and student body:

Our volunteers for the Winter Formal held on February 11, 2012 were:

Mahy Alemtar, Angel Benner, Dee Dee Booth, Gloria Bumanglag, Lloyd Bumanglag, Michelle Fleming, Mindy Frosto-Swank, Sherri Sales, Irene Samadoff, Alicia Sedor, Liz Sullivan, Rebecca Wedel, Gwen Wilchie, Annie Wright, and Victor Wright

The ANHS Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon held on March 30, 2012 was a success due to the efforts of the following volunteers who provided food, gifts and their time:

Faten Abdeen	Jean Kerins
Beth Arata	Gena Kirk
Corinne Blackmore	Nancy Klem-Stewart
Amanda Brennan	Robin Krohn
Mary Buchanan	Ruth Kott
Kathleen Canter	Fatima Langmesser
Debbie Carlson	Alice Lo
Darlene Clements	Sunita Lutz
Maribeth Cooper	Susan Lutzky
Shelley Diemer	Lori Mazan
Rebecca Edwards	Lore Mazzarini
Julie Ficke	Catherine McCartin
Karen Fields	Robin Millar
Andrea Fielis	Ellen Mogasemi
Fran Finelt	Kim Moreland
Kathy Fischer	EvaMarie Morris
Trish Fitterer	Kathy Muench
Michelle Fleming	Terry Nahidipour
Julie Fine-Wright	Estella Nápoles
Mindy Frosto-Swank	Elena Nguyen
Becky Gillette	Kathy Nyberg
Tori Greger	Barbara Orlin
Cheryl Holden	Denise Orłowski
Kathy Jussenhoven	Johanne Padilla

*"How far
that little
candle
throws his
beams!
So shines a
good deed in
a weary
world."

William
Shakespeare*

Anne Ress-Lemay
Heidi Reiser
Connie Risteski
Suzi Rush
Tammy Salamone
Melinda Salem
Sally Sears
Carla Seymour
Tammy Skolnick
Jennifer Soza
Doris Straub
Liz Sullivan
Lynn Tadlock
Della Tangi,
Alexia Tokumoto
Candace Titel
Rebecca Wedel
Merritt Weiss
Natasha Woods
Tricia Yee
Melissa Zajac
and our ANHS PTSA
Board

The volunteers for the Multicultural Fair include: Mindy Swank, Michelle Fleming, Doris Straub and Andrea Emig

We will have more opportunities to volunteer in the upcoming months with scheduled activities such as a **Spring Blood Drive at ANHS, Dance Chaperones and Coat Check Volunteers for the Senior Prom in June**, and planning for the 2012-2013 school year during the summer! Please contact me if you are interested in being a part of our volunteer team at ANHS!

Mindy Frosto-Swank ANHS PTSA 2012-2012 Volunteer Coordinator - mindyfs@hotmail.com



Grad Nite 2012

June 20 – 21, 2012



Parents - Your Help is Needed!

The 2012 ANHS Grad Nite celebration will be on June 20th from 9:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m. on the 21st. A ticket to Grad Nite includes bus transportation to and from the event. Our graduates will enjoy a safe, sober and fun-filled night of dancing, games, food, entertainment, conversation and much, much more. Here are some of the ways you can help:

VOLUNTEER!!

For this event to be a success, volunteers are vital!

- Approximately 80 parent volunteers are needed to help with the check in process at ANHS from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on June 20th.
- 20+ volunteers are needed to ride the busses to Dave & Buster's that night...
- At D & B, these same volunteers can help supervise and assist with Grad Nite activities, if desired. We will need at least 20 volunteers to remain at D&B, to ride busses back to ANHS at 5:30 AM. (Coffee will be provided all night!)

We welcome **freshman, sophomore, junior and senior** parents willing to make this event a success for our graduates. Your participation is appreciated, in whatever way you can help! To find out how you can join the fun and be a part of the biggest party of the year, please contact Isabelle de Touchet at volunteers@ahsgradnite.com.

DONATE!!

If you're unable to be a Grad Nite Volunteer, but still want to help with the party of the year...

We are also asking for your assistance to enhance this memorable event for our Graduates in the following ways:

- § **Monetary donations** to help pay for additional entertainment activities at the event, as well as for scholarships for students otherwise unable to attend.
- § **Donations of gift cards and certificates** to be raffled off at the event are greatly appreciated. Included in the price of admission, graduates will be given raffle tickets to use to "bid" on various items. Gift cards for restaurants, movies, events, gasoline, iTunes, etc. are always a big hit with our Seniors!

A contribution form can be found at www.ahsgradnite.com and your donation is fully tax deductible.

The success of Grad Nite depends GREATLY on the contributions and support of our parents and community. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity in supporting our goals to provide a successful, safe, drug free and alcohol free event for the Class of 2012! For questions or additional information, please contact Laurinda Miller at info@ahsgradnite.com.

Thank you for your support of Grad Nite 2012!!
www.ahsgradnite.com

Student Information

9:30 PM – 5:00 AM
Dave & Busters

Seniors -
Have you made your
reservation?

Ticket Price: \$160
Cash or PayPal only after
June 1st
(No personal checks)

Grad Nite registration is NOT valid until a completed and signed registration form has been received by Grad Nite!

Reminder: The cost of Grad Nite was NOT included in the Black ASB card!!

Don't miss out! Reservation / consent form and PayPal option are available online at

www.ahsgradnite.com

Registration forms are also available in the office and at the Activities window.

To confirm your Grad Nite payment and registration, please e-mail:
registration@ahsgradnite.com

Grad Nite Bus Sign Ups

Grad Nite Committee volunteers will be on campus June 4 – June 13 at lunch time for bus sign-ups to and from Dave & Buster's. Make sure to stop by with your friends and get on a bus together! Grad Nite tickets will also be available at that time – cash or PayPal only! Visit www.ahsgradnite.com for more information!!





Legislative Update

State Update

Governor Jerry Brown will release a revision to his 2012 - 13 Budget by May 15th and it is hoped that the “May Revision” will present other

alternatives for K-12 Education funding. In the January version of the 2012 - 13 Budget, K-12 schools are to receive funding equal to 2011 - 12 assuming the governor’s tax initiative passes in November. However, without passage, schools will be cut \$4 billion in revenue or the equivalent of three weeks of school. Since school district budgets must be adopted by June 30th, planning must be done before all the revenue “pieces” have been determined.

CUSD Budget

CUSD’s 2012 - 13 Budget will implement **\$51 million** in ongoing spending reductions. A portion of these cuts (approximately \$17.5 million) will be restored if the governor’s tax measure is approved by voters in November.

\$11 million in cuts have been identified largely through elimination of 13 management, 68 classified staff, and 44 certificated (teaching) positions to reflect reduction of non-teaching assignments, school closure, and declining enrollment. In accordance with Education Code, initial lay-off notices were issued in early March to 399 teachers, counselors, nurses, psychologists, speech pathologists, assistant principals, and principals. Most of these individuals are on temporary contracts. Final notices of lay-off will be issued by May 15th. Lay-off notices to classified staff will be issued starting in May.

California State PTA Supports Tax Measure for the November Ballot

“Our Children, Our Future: The Local Schools and Early Education Investment and Bond Debt Reduction Act” is authored by Molly Munger of the Advancement Project and is strongly supported by California State PTA which is helping collect the 507,760 signatures needed to qualify this measure for the ballot. Carol Kocivar, president of State PTA believes that OCOF is a bold and decisive move for rectifying years of budget cuts and lost programs for children in California public schools. The goal of this measure is to generate funding specifically for K-12 and early childhood education in order to restore programs affected by cuts to Education funding since 2008.

Kathy Fischer, ANHS PTSA Legislation Representative

\$893,000 in savings will be achieved in 2012 - 13 through the Supplementary Early Retirement Program (SERP) which was approved on March 28th by the Board of Trustees (vote of 5-2). The list of 158 certificated employees who will retire in June includes 63 elementary teachers, 15 Special Ed teachers, 5 music teachers, 1 counselor, 4 psychologists, 3 speech pathologists, and 67 secondary teachers (8 from Aliso Niguel High School). It is expected that the district will save \$2.86 million over five years by filling vacancies with professionals at lower salary levels (primarily from the CUSD Rehire List) as well as leaving as many as 17 positions unfilled.

The district will meet with all employee associations – certificated employees (CUEA), classified staff (CSEA) bus drivers (Teamsters), and management (CUMA) in order to identify the **remaining cuts of \$22 to \$39 million** through a combination of the following negotiable items:

- Furlough days (1 furlough day equals approximately \$1 million)
- Salary adjustments
- Increase in class size (increase in class size by 1 student equals approximately \$3.5 million)

The Board of Trustees will discuss budget preparations at the following meetings: April 25th, May 14th, May 23rd, June 11th, and June 27th when the 2012-2013 budget will be adopted.



2012 - 2013 Registration

Information Packet Distribution



Information packets will be available in August. Students already enrolled at ANHS or incoming freshmen from within CUSD can pick up Information Packets at the ANHS campus on the following dates:

Tuesday, August 7 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Wednesday, August 8 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Thursday, August 9 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Information packets can be picked up in the front school office after August 9th.

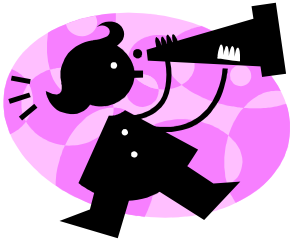
Walk Through Registration

Incoming 9th grade students and returning students should pick up Information Packets in August. These should be completed and ready to submit at the appropriate “Walk Through Registration” date as noted below from 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM:

SENIORS	Tuesday, August 21
JUNIORS	Wednesday, August 22
SOPHOMORES	Thursday, August 23
FRESHMEN	Friday, August 24
MAKE UP (all grades)	Monday, August 27

LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR

PTSA President-Elect Michelle Fleming



Let me start by sending a huge thank you to **Heidi Reiser**, our current PTSA president, for her tireless dedication to Aliso Niguel and its students. Heidi will continue her work on our behalf as she steps into the role of Executive Vice President next year. Joining Heidi and I on the PTSA Board are **Debbie Carlson** - Vice President Membership, **Luci Vees** - Treasurer, **Karen Fields** - Recording Secretary, **Vicki Higginson** - Historian, and **Seema Shah** - Auditor. Please join me in thanking these ladies for the gift of their time and talents on our behalf.

Of course, a handful of elected officers can't do it all, it takes committed parent volunteers like you! We are in the process of filling out the remainder of the PTSA Executive Board by selecting Committee Chairpersons for our open positions. Parents have already stepped forward to manage our fundraisers, coordinate our volunteers, produce the Directory, oversee hospitality at school and PTSA events, run the Reflections program, and plan Teacher Appreciation activities. Worried that you've missed your chance to participate? Don't fret; **we have saved a spot for you!**

Several important Chairperson positions remain open at this time. We are looking for parent volunteers to serve as our:

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| Dance Chaperone Coordinator | Newsletter Editor |
| Legislation Representative | Parent Education Coordinator |
| Senior Scholarship Chairperson | |

Additional details about all of these positions are available on our website at www.anhsptsa.org. Please contact me at anhsptsa@gmail.com if you would like to speak to me about one of these opportunities.

I look forward to working alongside each of you next year,

Michelle Fleming, ANHS PTSA President-Elect



ANHS PTSA

2012 – 2013

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Congratulations to next year's elected officers!

President	Michelle Fleming
Executive Vice President	Heidi Reiser
VP Membership	Debbie Carlson
Treasurer	Luci Vees
Recording Secretary	Karen Fields
Historian	Vicki Higginson
Auditor	Seema Shah

These elected officers will take office July 1, 2012. Additional officers and chairpersons will be appointed by the president.

Consider participating in PTSA's Arts Recognition Program



REFLECTIONS

The theme for 2012 – 2013 is
"The Magic of a Moment..."

Here's an idea for a great summer project:

The Arts areas for judging are:

- Literature
- Photography
- Visual Arts
- Musical Composition
- Dance Choreography
- Film Production



Participants may work on their entries over the summer! They will be due on October 8, 2012.

More information may be found at the National PTA at www.pta.org (under Programs). Information with entry forms and specific rules will be posted on the ANHS PTSA website when available in the Fall.

Chris Taylor, Reflections Chair

Summer Opportunity Saddleback College -College for Kids (and Teens)



College for Kids can help maintain their academics during the summer months. The fee based classes listed below are offered in two week periods Mon.-Thurs. – no classes on Fri. Most are 1 hour 45 minutes per class. The cost ranges from \$56-\$99 for the 2 week sessions.

Algebra for Teens – Level I

For students taking Algebra 1 or Algebra 1B in the Fall.

Algebra for Teens – Level II

For students that completed Algebra I and Geometry and are taking Algebra II in the Fall.

Introduction to Geometry for Teens

For students that have completed Algebra 1 and will be taking Geometry in the Fall.

Study Strategies for Teens

Topics include: organizational skills, time management, note-taking techniques, test taking strategies, etc.

These are just a few of the classes offered at College for Kids. Visit Saddleback College at www.ce.saddleback.edu for more information.

ANHS Multicultural Week Food Booth Winners

PTSA participated in the annual Multicultural Food Fair by judging the student food booths on Friday, April 27. This year's judges were: Mindy Swank, Michelle Fleming, Doris Straub and Andrea Emig. All four judges were very impressed with the students' creativity, enthusiasm and culinary offerings! They enjoyed sampling their way through the tasty event.

Food Booth Judging Results:

- **Most Educational and Culturally Informative Booth Award-CANADA-Class of 2013**
- **Outstanding Booth Decoration-ITALY-Theater Society**
- **Most Authentic Tasting Menu Award-SPAIN-Science Olympiad**
- **Outstanding Food Preparation Award-USA- Victims of War and Hunger**
- **Most Delicious and Tastiest Food Award-PHILLIPINES-Class of 2015**
- **Highest Overall Score-Most Outstanding Booth Award-CHINA-Key Club**

Each of these student clubs will receive a check from ANHS PTSA for \$25.00! Congratulations! View the great photos from this event at our FACEBOOK page: Aliso Niguel High PTSA

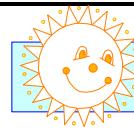
May

- 4 End of Second Progress Reporting Period
- 9 PTSA Meeting -7:00 PM-Office Lounge
- 14 CUSD Board Mtg.-7:00 PM-Education Center
- 16 PTSA Parent Education – Teen Driving – 6:30 PM
- 18 Last Day to Drop a Second Semester Class
- 21 Minimum Day – Dismissal at 12:50
- 23 CUSD Board Mtg.-7:00 PM-Education Center
- 28 Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
- 30 Esprit De Wolverine Achievement Awards
6:30 PM (By invitation)



June

- 2 SAT Testing at ANHS\
- 4 Senior Awards (by invitation) – 6:30 PM
- 9 ACT Testing at ANHS
- 9 Jr/Sr Prom–The Nixon Library-7:00 PM-11:00 PM
- 11 CUSD Board Mtg. 7:00 PM - CUSD Ed. Center
- 13 ANHS PTSA Meeting – 7:00 PM
- 18-20 Final Exams–Minimum Days–Dismiss at 1:20 PM
- 19 Senior Brunch – 11:00 AM
- 20 Last Day of School
- 20 Graduation – 5:00 PM
- 20-21 Grad Nite – 9:00 PM – 5:00 AM
- 27 CUSD Board Mtg. 7:00 PM - CUSD Ed Center



August

- 7 Registration Packet Pick-up – 9:00AM – 12:00 PM
- 8 Registration Packet Pick-up – 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- 9 Registration Packet Pick-up – 9:00AM – 12:00 PM
- 20 CUSD Board Mtg. 7:00 PM - CUSD Ed. Center
- 21 Seniors Registration – 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- 22 Juniors Registration – 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- 23 Sophomore Registration – 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- 24 Freshmen Registration – 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- 27 Make Up Registration – 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM



September

- 5 First Day of School
Please contact Mindy Swank at mindyfs@hotmail.com
if you are able to help at Registration



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