

PACIFIC GROVE HIGH SCHOOL WELCOME BACK

Letter From the Administration

Greetings and welcome to the 2008-09 school year. We are looking forward to another great school year. The way to ensure another great year is by being involved, both parents and students. I am always impressed by the BREAKER PRIDE I see demonstrated throughout our community. This sense of Pride is a reflection of the involvement in our school. For parents there are many opportunities to be involved. We have many active support groups that need your help. Our PTA, Music Boosters, Breakers Club, Sober Grad and School Site Council need your active support. PGHS would not be what it is without these groups. Please get involved and help continue to build BREAKER PRIDE.

Students, you too need to get actively involved in your education. All studies show that the more involved you are the better you do in school. We offer a multitude of activities for you. We offer sports, drama, music, student government and many clubs. Look for opportunities to get involved and I am sure your grades will be better.

It is my pleasure to introduce our new Assistant Principal, Barbara Martinez. Ms. Martinez comes to us with a wealth of administrative experience most recently at Paloma Valley High School. Ms. Martinez will be in charge of attendance and discipline among many other activities.

As you can see the new Breaker Stadium is under construction. This project funded by Measure D funds is going to be a huge improvement. The project includes new restrooms, snack bar, ticket booth, team dressing rooms, bleachers, lights, artificial surfaced track and field. Projected completion is this spring.

Congratulations students! Due to your efforts you are attending one of the top performing schools in Monterey County. Our Academic Performance Index (API) is 826 which is the highest rated high school in the county. Thank you for taking academics seriously and keep up the great work.

The first day of school is the first day of instruction. To insure a rigorous academic environment from the very first day of the new school year, students will be expected to pick up their final schedules, textbooks and have their school pictures taken prior to the first day of school. (See student schedules & textbook pickup for more information for times and dates.)

IMPORTANT NOTE: It is necessary that students bring the following completed packet information on their designated date/time to be able to proceed with this process. Those papers are the:

- 1) Emergency card;
- 2) Rights and Responsibilities signature card;
- 3) Technology User Agreement;
- 4) Health Update sheet;
- 5) Freshmen must bring proof of residency; and
- 6) Off Campus permission slip for all eligible 10th, 11th & 12th graders.

After picking up their schedules students will have their school photo taken by Premier Studio, then proceed to the library for their textbooks.

A copy of the bell schedule can be found in the enclosed *Student and Parent Handbook*. We hope that you will study it, and if you should have any questions, please feel free to call us (646-6590, ext.201/208). Please take the time to read and discuss the contents of the handbook with your child. The *Student and Parent Handbook* includes important information regarding academic expectations, behavior, attendance, cell phones and dress code. We have had to reduce the disruption of cell phone use on campus by allowing use only during break and lunch. In addition, we are also asking our parents to review the dress code in the P.G.H.S. Handbook in order to support our efforts in requiring appropriate dress by our students. For skateboarders, skateboards must be locked into our new skateboard racks in front of the school.

All school calendars are available on the school web site, www.pghs.org. Please refer to the web site for all school events. If you need a printed copy, you may pick one up in the school office.

I am looking forward to working with the entire school community to make Pacific Grove High School the "best high school it can possibly be". If you have any questions, comments or concerns please contact me.

Stan Dodd
Principal, P.G. High School

Class of 2012
Welcome to PGHS
New Students

Orientation
Wed., August 13, 2008
PGHS GYM, 7:30 a.m.

Parents Only Orientation
Friday, Aug., 8th @ 1:00p.m.
"Pride Place" (outdoor amphitheatre)

The following is important information for students prior to opening day. Please read!

STUDENT SCHEDULE CHANGES

If the student needs to make program changes, the counselors will be available according to the following schedule. To make a schedule change please refer to the dates and times listed below.

- Seniors - Mon., Aug. 4, 8:30-11am
- Juniors - Mon., Aug. 4, 1-3pm
- Sophomores - Tues., Aug. 5, 8:30-11am
- Freshmen - Tues., Aug. 5, 1-3pm

Please do not call or come early for schedule changes as the counselors will only be available at the above times, or by pre-scheduled appointments for new enrollments. Program changes will be limited to sections where space is available, and students will be seen on a first-come, first-serve basis.

FINAL SCHEDULES, TEXTBOOK PICKUP, and STUDENT PHOTOS

ALL students will be expected to have textbooks on the 1st day of classes. This will insure that no instructional time is wasted on the first day of school.

Student check-in: Students need to report to the Multipurpose Room on the following day/time (listed below) to turn in their emergency cards, etc, and to check out their books. **NOTE: A student without their signed cards, as listed on the front page, will be turned away. Signed cards must accompany each student in their complete form.**

- Seniors - Thurs., Aug. 7, 9-11 am
- Juniors - Thurs., Aug. 7, 12-2 pm
- Sophomores - Fri., Aug. 8, 9-11 am
- Freshmen - Fri., Aug. 8, 12-2 pm

Be Responsible ... Students who have not picked up their textbooks will have to do so after school, during breaks or during lunch. Students will not be dismissed from the school day or their classes to pick up textbooks.

SCHOOL PICTURES

It is mandatory that all students grades 9-12 must have their photo taken for student ID cards. Premier Photography will be taking photos on August 7th & 8th in the Multi. (see am/pm schedule on page 2, the same as for schedule pickup).

COUNSELING STAFF
 Stefanie Briscoe (A-H)
 Beth Rutledge (I-M)
 Pat Rolander (N-Z)
 Questions? Please call 646-6590 X277.

OPENING DAY

Schedule for Wednesday, August 13, 2008:

- ~Freshman and new students report to gym at 7:30a.m.
- ~Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors report to gym at 9:30a.m.

- Leave all backpacks in lockers/cars until afternoon classes begin.
- Guest speaker and Welcome Back Rally
- Lunch 11:35 - 12:20

After Lunch Class Schedule

12:25-12:40	1st period
12:45-01:00	2nd period
01:05-01:20	3rd period
01:25-01:40	4th period
01:45-02:00	5th period
02:05-02:20	6th period
02:25-02:40	7th period

Schedule for Thursday, Aug. 14th - A Day
 Friday, Aug. 15th - A Day

Regular Block Schedule begins:
 Monday, Aug. 18th - A Day
 Tues. / Thurs. Aug. 19th & 21st - B Day
 Wed. / Fri. Aug. 20th & 22nd - C Day

PROGRAM CHANGE POLICY

During the first five (5) days of the 2008-09 school year, students will be allowed to make any reasonable program changes subject to space availability and parent consent.

Students must complete the following procedure prior to making a program change:

1. Pick up a program change request form in the Guidance Office.
2. Complete the form, including reason for request.
3. Have a parent sign the request form.
4. Return completed and signed form to the Guidance Office.
5. Meet with counselor to complete change.

After the first five (5) days, no student-initiated program changes will be allowed. Students wishing to drop a class after this date may do so only in conjunction with a parent/teacher/counselor/administrator conference. Students will not be able to add classes after this date.

NO SHOW POLICY

Students who do not attend the first three (3) days of school or who choose to attend only some of their classes will be dropped from the class rolls, enabling new students to enter. If you plan to be out of town when school begins, please contact the Guidance Office 646-6590 Ext. 277 so that we may reserve classes assigned to your student.

LOCKERS

Returning 10-12th grade students will retain the lockers from last year. There will be locker information (number, combination, etc.) attached to each student's class schedule. If your locker # is not listed on your schedule please see Asst. Principal, Ms. Martinez. If you have a mechanical problem with your locker see Mr. Sorla in the custodian's office. If you have a problem with your combination, see Ms. Winter or Ms. Martinez in the front office.

Students are responsible for all items in lockers, including textbooks. School lockers are **not** a secure place to keep valuables. The school is not responsible for any item lost or damaged while left in your school locker.

ATTENDANCE

If you know your child will be absent from school, please call the Attendance Office at 646-6590, ext. 211 using the school's 24 hour voicemail system. **Remember, any absence not cleared within 72 hours will become a truancy.**

If your child will need to leave school for ANY reason, please send them to school with a note for the Attendance Office and an Off-Campus Pass will be issued. Remind your child that they will need to stop by Attendance when they return to pick up an *Admit Slip*.

In an ongoing effort to reduce interruptions to classrooms, there will be no deliveries to students. You may drop off items to students in the Attendance Office, but due to time restraints, we will not send out notices to tell your child if an item is received.

VISITOR POLICY

To provide for a safe school campus, all visitors, including parents, will be required to register in the main office and obtain a visitor name tag. To avoid disruption of the regular classroom program, school visits should be arranged with the teacher or Principal ahead of time. If a conference is desired, an appointment should be set with the teacher for a time before or after school. Student guests are not permitted at any time on this campus. This will include younger brothers and sisters, or any non-registered youth.

INSURANCE

The P.G. Unified School District does not carry medical or dental insurance for students injured on school premises, while under school jurisdiction or at school sponsored activities. For this reason, the District has made available a voluntary, low-cost medical/dental plan.

CAFETERIA NEWS**School Meals**

The cost of school meals is as follows: Breakfast - \$2.25; Lunch - \$3.25. Ala carte items will also be available for student selection. Eligible students may receive meals free or at a reduced rate of \$0.40 for lunch and/or \$0.30 for breakfast. The application for free and reduced meals is enclosed.

Pay in Advance. Parents are encouraged to pay in advance for meals. At anytime during the school year parents may send in money to be applied to their student(s) meal account(s). As the student makes purchases in the cafeteria the amount will be deducted from the balance. The cafeteria will remind the student when it is time to add more money. To pay online go to www.EZSchoolPay.com.

Lunch Program

Did you know that a household of four persons could earn up to \$3,269 a month and still be eligible for reduced price lunches for their children? Did you know that all households who qualify for AFCD or FOOD STAMPS automatically are eligible for FREE MEALS for their children? You can apply for these benefits at anytime during the school year. Applications for the National School Lunch Program are available at all school offices. If you have any questions concerning this or any other aspect of our food service program please call **Nicole Meschl, School Nutrition Director at 646-6590 ext. 206.**

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Please see the enclosed information and application about bus fees. It may be mailed or dropped off to Debbie Ternullo at the District Office, 555 Sinex Avenue. Students from families with low income are exempt. The application form is included in this packet.

NONPAYMENT OF FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

"Lost, damaged, non-returned school materials and equipment or money owed to the school constitute a delinquent obligation." *Ed. Code 19910-19911,48904* A student may participate in co-curricular activities only if all financial obligations to Pacific Grove High School have been met. Examples of activities that may be restricted include, but are not limited to, the following: senior activities, dances, and receiving a diploma at graduation.

ASB CARDS AND YEARBOOKS

New prices for a **Breaker Pride Associated Student Body (ASB) card** - **\$35.00**. See the enclosed flier for details.

ASB cards will allow **FREE** access to all games (this does not include tournaments, Fund Raisers, and CCS Playoff games). Buy your card as soon as possible to take advantage of this student special. If you do not have a card, you will pay full adult entry price. Uniforms will not give entrance.

The base price for the yearbook (Sea Urchin) is **\$95.00**. Other information and instructions for ordering will be announced at a later date.

OPEN CAMPUS

Pacific Grove High School will continue its provisional Open Campus Policy. Our Open Campus Policy applies to 10th, 11th and 12th graders who are academically eligible (9th graders are not eligible for Open Campus). **You must have a student ID card to be able to participate in Open Campus.** Open Campus is for lunch only and parent permission slips must be on file in the Student Store for students to participate in Open Campus. Please refer to the Open Campus Policy and parent signature sheet that are included in this packet.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION ATTIRE

Physical Education (PE) Uniforms are on sale on both check-in days (Aug 7th & 8th) in the multipurpose room. Shirt and shorts are mandatory. Shirt and shorts \$20, sweats \$30. PE uniforms will also be sold the first three days of school in PE classes. If you have a financial situation, please speak with the teacher or contact your counselor immediately.

ATHLETIC ELIGIBILITY

The procedure for athletes clearing for sports remains the same. The athlete must report to Coach Friedrich with a completed physical exam/ proof of insurance form, receive a clearance slip and give the clearance slip to the coach prior to the first practice. The penalty for failing to follow this procedure will cause loss of award points, and students may be dropped from the team. It should be noted that the steps for clearing a subsequent season are the same. Coaches CANNOT clear athletes for another sport. An athlete participating in three sports must report to Rob Friedrich for three clearance slips. Athletes who change sports within a season, e.g., changing from basketball to soccer, must report for another clearance slip.

Visit the school website for information on all the sports schedules and team information.



FALL ATHLETIC SPORTSMANSHIP MEETING

Date: Wednesday, August 27th

Time: 7:00 - 9:00pm **Place:** H.S. Gym

Sportsmanship Night is a **MANDATORY** meeting for all parents, coaches, and athletes participating on a Fall sports team. The athletic department at Pacific Grove High School is asking that parents attend this important meeting with your son or daughter. This will be a time to talk about sportsmanship and how it affects our student athletes, school and community.

This year we will have a guest speaker followed by a student presentation and mandatory parent-student-coach meeting to go over team expectations and policies. All questions regarding Fall sports and Breaker club activities can be answered that evening.

SPORTS PHYSICAL NIGHT

Date: Friday, August 14th

Time: 3:00 - 5:00pm **Place:** H.S. Gym

All prospective student athletes who wish to compete in Fall sports can get their physical Friday, August 14 for \$30. Yellow athletic forms are available in the front office.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Pacific Grove High School's Back to School Night will be held on **Tues., September 16th @ 6:30p.m.** So mark your calendars and come join us. This will be an opportunity to meet with your student's teachers and get an understanding of class rules, procedures and expectations. You can also learn about our various support organizations and how you can be involved.

SITE COUNCIL ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2007-08)

During the 2007-08 school year our School Site Council was very involved in our school improvement process. School Site Council has been instrumental in the implementation of the WASC findings by funding a variety of the improvements identified during the WASC visitation. I would like to detail the expenditures authorized by School Site Council.

COMPONENT #1- Improve academic expectations, relevancy and rigor that will enhance student success in post high school and career.

Goal 1.1 - Continue to refine Interim Assessments and use results to modify instruction. Total \$48,000
Site Council funded every department with an additional \$4,000. Each department used funds as they determined would best meet the goal identified above.

Goal 1.3 - Increase field trips. Total \$12,000
Funds were used to fund a wide variety of Field Trip opportunities for students including paying for transportation and student admission fees.

Goal 1.5- Improve academic expectations, relevancy and rigor. Total \$2,000
Funds were used to fund the publication of the PGHS *Literary Magazine* and distribute throughout our community.

COMPONENT #2- Provide students the services and support that will enable them to be successful in high school and beyond.

Goal 2.2- Provide students services and support enabling their success. Total \$4,000
Funding was made available to provide all students with academic planners.

COMPONENT #3 - Provide support for the use of technology as a teaching, learning and communication tool.

Goal 3.3- Plan for the continued replacement and rotation of technology equipment. Total \$6,000
Funded a large variety of new and replacement technology including computers, printers and upgrades on equipment.

COMPONENT #4- Provide increased opportunities for students to grow as well-rounded individuals and responsible citizens.

Goal 4.3 - Provide opportunities for student growth in the visual and performing arts. Total \$6,500
Funded professional staging of the Shakespeare play, *Romeo and Juliet* and provided Social Dancing classes for Physical Education classes.

COMPONENT #5- Provide funding for School and Library improvement which would fund library resources.

Goal 5.1 - Allocated funds that were previously, but no longer allotted to the Library's budget. Total \$5,000
Funded purchase of Management solutions System (automated system).

RENAISSANCE LIST FALL 2008 (top 10 GPA's for each class)

CLASS OF 2009

Sean Bell	Jaclyn Carpenter
Jeehee Cho	Sarah Dennis
Hillary Gibson	San Kim
Marcy Schaeffer	Stephanie Silveria
Molly Speacht	Alice Stotz
Andrew Sublett	

CLASS OF 2010

Landen Barr	Gabriela Chavez
Alicia Brady	Joseph Hedlund
Andrew Gilchrist	Rachel Krasner
Olivia Jake	Iyla Ollinger
Grace Lee	Kristen Ridout
Diana Rabbani	Julia Sweigert
Stephanie Riffle	

CLASS OF 2011

Thomas Anderson	Timothy Bell
Sung Chung	Kaitlin Cuskey
Andrew Eckles	Beau Frank
Kristian Grobecker	Alec Guertin
Jade Hage	Maeve Healy
Kaitlynn Helms	
Natalie Hulet-Sandblom	Savannah Lee
Shihwa Kim	Emily Marien
Amanda Liu	Enoch Matsumura
Romulus Marquez	Amanda Mitchell
Sean Merchak	Kathryn Nuss
Peter Mounteer	Taylor Rhyne
Kevin Reyes	Alexander Schramm
Carly Schaeffer	Peter Sujan
Matthew Shonman	Jonathon Villarreal
Leif Swenson	
Anasimaoun Yousif	

CLASS OF 2012

Koushik Dutta	Lauren Dykman
Talin Ghazarian	Hana Kim
Sun Joo Kim	Jamin Kim-Sanders
George Laiola	William Lewis
Emily Long	Brianna Page
Nate Phillips	Aaron Shi
Eugenia Wang	