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Dear _____,

Welcome to the November 2014 Bagpiper Newsletter. This newsletter covers news and events at Carlmont High School and serves as a key communication source for messages from the Principal, Academic Vice Principal, PTSA President, Faculty, Associated Student Body, Student Groups, Parents and other school related groups.

Principal's Message

Are you registered on School Loop yet?

There are more than 3,500 Carlmont parent email addresses in Infinite Campus, yet only 1489 in School Loop. Approximately 1,000 parents are not receiving daily emails with their student's attendance, grades, assignment calendars, or important school announcement information. In addition to grades, assignments, and an easy way to contact teachers, counselors, and administrators, School Loop allows me to ask for your input on key school issues. For example, I put a request in a School Loop email to all parents to take a brief survey about the homework load at Carlmont on October 21st. (I did the same for students and staff.) I've heard back from 349 parents so far. Maybe that's a great response! But just in case your input was missed because you haven't signed up yet, please consider doing so immediately.

When you log in to School Loop, you'll see your student's current grades, easy links to email teachers, a calendar of assignments, (we're still working on getting all teachers up to speed on this, but most are already on board because it's so easy), and a long list of NEWS items on the right hand side. CLICK on those NEWS items to read the announcements that are read aloud to students over the PA system. Club meetings, scholarship announcements, college visits, so many announcements are made this way, and you now have access to them all!

Can you tell I'm a big fan?

If you haven't logged in yet, please go to: <https://chs-seq-ca.schoolloop.com>. Click on REGISTER NOW. You'll need your student's ID number to register. A request to approve you will be sent to your student. Ask them to approve you, and you're in. This is a first level

check on security so that your child's information cannot be accessed by anyone he does not know. If your child refuses to approve you, don't worry, we will! (If you're registered as his/her parent or guardian in our records.) It's pretty funny how often this happens!

Please contact me with your feedback about School Loop. I am excited to use this easy-to-use communication system so that we are all informed and I have an easy way to solicit your input on important topics at Carlmont. More requests for feedback and input to come... via School Loop!

Best,
Lisa M. Gleaton, Principal

PTSA President's Corner

National PTA #ShareAwesome Campaign: This is a new initiative with PTA sponsor LifeLock to raise awareness about online safety and digital citizenship in a fun and positive way. For more information and to enter a contest for a chance to win a tablet, scholarship, or technology for a school visit www.ShareAwesomeNow.com and share!

Carlmont Parents & Students 18 years and over: Remember to VOTE on November 4th!

National Thanksgiving Holiday: As we celebrate our blessings this month, please consider making a donation to the Carlmont Pantry. The Pantry stocks healthy snacks, hygiene items, and clothing for students in need within our school community. For more information, please visit our Pantry website at <http://carlmonths.org/?id=253#706> on the PTSA web pages.

eScrip Online Mall: Do your holiday shopping through themall and the Carlmont PTSA will receive a percentage of your purchases through the eScrip program.

How do we use our PTSA funds? Grad Night 2015 Celebration: Each June, the Carlmont PTSA sponsors a Graduation Night Celebration Event for the graduating class to be together one last time in a safe and fun environment with food, entertainment, and lots of activities. While ticket sales to seniors offset part of the cost of this event, the PTSA pays for more than half of the \$50,000 budget for special event.

How do we use our PTSA funds? Teacher/Staff Mini-Grants: At our October PTSA meeting, the general membership approved \$34,802 in grants as follows:

Jaime Abdilla - Science Dept Bio-Tech: Class Set of Pipet Pumps and Tips

Rosa Argaluz - Spanish III & AVID: Whiteboards, Easels, Markers

Rosa Argaluz - World Language Dept: Scantron for T-wing

Luz Barrera - Spanish I: Camtasia Software & Wacom Bamboo Tablet

R. Scott Chan - Science Dept Engineering & Green Tech: Arduino-Compatible Microcontrollers

Mindy Chiang - Chinese: Chinese Club New Year Event, Reading Materials, No-Ad Version Quizlet
Sara Cohn - Special Ed Dept: Wake Up Café Social Academic Communication
Dave Gomez - Social Studies Dept: Mock Trial Fee
William Gray - Social Studies Dept: Voter Hall of Fame
Felix Guzman - Science Dept Chemistry: Camtasia Software & Resource Materials
Cynthia Hodges & Joshua Sheridan - Art Dept: Digital Cameras
Arlene Kolber - CHS & WHS Robotics Advisor: Team 100
Nancy Martin- Drama & Special Ed Dept: Screenwriting & Filmmaking
Michelle Morris - Special Ed Dept: Yoga for Youth & Field Trips
Hai Nguyen - Science Dept Chemistry: Equipment & Supplies
Julie Paoli - Science Dept Bio-Tech: Plastic Consumables for Kits
Dan Raffa - Science Dept Bio-Tech: Amylase Project Supplies
Justin Raisner - Journalism: National Convention in Washington, DC
Andrew Ramroth - Math Dept: Annual Math Awards Night
Karen Ramroth - Social Studies Dept: Sojourn to the Past Tuition
Greg Schmid - Science Dept Biology: Glassware for Labs
Roberta Scott - Spanish III: Audio Resource Materials
Tina Smith - Science Dept Bio-Tech: Dishwasher
Jason Waller - Social Studies Dept: Supplies

Volunteer Opportunities: Meet new parents and help the PTSA do its valuable work for our students! We have two openings on our Board: Historian (collects data via a Google Doc on volunteer hours and fills out an annual report for 17th District PTA) & Volunteer Coordinator (sends out volunteer requests via email and explains the SUHSD volunteer requirements).

Jo Ann S. Cobb, Carlmont PTSA President, jscobb@sbcglobal.net

Carlmont Academic Foundation



Matching Gifts can Double Your Donation to the Carlmont Academic Foundation!

A record \$41,000 secured in matching donations last school year!

Many local companies have a matching gift program. You give a gift, they match it. All you have to do is ask. The \$41,000 in matching gift donations CAF received last year funded two of the thirteen additional class periods for our students!

Thanks to these local companies that matched gifts to CAF last school year:

AbbVie Pharmaceuticals
Adobe Systems, Inc.
Ameriprise Financial
Amgen Staff Giving Programs
Apple Matching Gifts Program
Bank of America
Bank of the West Employee Giving
BNY Mellon Community Partnership
Cisco Matching Gifts Program
Conexant Systems Charitable Fund
Electronic Arts Outreach
Expedia
Franklin Templeton
Genentech Giving Station
Google
Hewlett Packard Company
Intuit Foundation
Kaiser Permanente
Microsoft
Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
Northwestern Mutual Foundation
Oracle Corporation
Parthenon Capital Foundation
P.G. & E. Corporation
Renesas Electronics America
SAP Matching Gift Program
TE Connectivity Matching Gift Program
Thomson Reuters Matching Gifts Program
UBS Wealth Management Matching Gift Program
Union Bank of California
VISA
Wells Fargo Foundation
Williams-Sonoma Foundation

Check to see if your company makes matching donations. A list of employers with matching gift programs is provided on our website - click on "Donate Now Online" at www.carlmountacademicfoundation.org. You can also double check with your employer.

If you have questions, please email cafoundation@gmail.com. Direct your message to Janet Hall, our matching gift coordinator.

How else can you support CAF?

Make a donation! CAF's suggested tax-deductible donation is \$1,000 per student. Please know that every gift counts and all gifts are valued.

Donate online at: carlmountacademicfoundation.org

CAF's website accepts credit card payments, one-time or convenient monthly payments (a year of \$84/month = \$1008).

Donate by mail: Carlmont Academic Foundation, P.O. Box 104, Belmont CA 94002. Please include your name, address, phone, and email (and whether you wish to be listed as anonymous on our annual report).

Volunteer! CAF needs you! We have jobs that fit everybody's schedule from work that you can do at home to volunteering with students at school. Some current openings include Operations VP, Direct Mail Coordinator, Writers, and Local Business Partnership Manager. For more information, contact us at CAFoundation@gmail.com.

Don't forget to [like CAF](#) on Facebook! Like CAF now and receive updates on Carlmont events, articles on current educational issues, and CAF activities.

Great public education takes the financial support of the community and the investment of committed Carlmont parents like you.

You are invited to join us. **Next meeting:** Monday, December 1st at 7pm in the Carlmont Staff Lounge.

- April Carlson, CAF President

News Around Campus

CAHSEE Make-ups...

CAHSEE Make-ups for 11th and 12th graders will be held Tuesday, November 4 (English Language Arts) and Wednesday, November 5 (Math). Students who need to pass the exams will be notified.

Planning ahead for Finals.....

It's hard to believe our first semester is coming to a close. We have had a great deal of success this semester and are pleased with the staff collaboration that has taken place as we are transitioning to the Common Core Standards in English and Algebra I.

With Thanksgiving on the horizon, please note that students DO NOT have school Wednesday November 26th through Friday November 28th. The entire Carlmont staff wishes all of our students and their families a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

As we look towards December, it's important to remember the following dates:

December 8-12: Review week. During this week, teachers will not be assigning students any "new" material. This week is targeted for review for final exams.

Finals Schedule

Monday, December 15:

1st Period	8:00 - 10:00
2nd Period	10:20 - 12:20

Tuesday, December 16:

3rd Period	8:00 - 10:00
4th Period	10:20 - 12:20

Wednesday, December 17:

5th Period 8:00 - 10:00
6th Period 10:20 - 12:20

Thursday, December 18:

7th Period 8:00 - 10:00

Important Dates in January

Monday, January 5, 2015: Teacher Work Day - No School for Students!

Tuesday, January 6, 2015: **Classes resume**

Monday, January 19: No School - MLK Birthday Holiday observed

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Your students will be selecting their classes for the 2015-2016 school year with their Guidance Counselor during the Spring semester. As noted throughout last year, the last time to make course request changes will be in May. Students will have the opportunity to ask questions about specific classes during the Course Fair that takes place before their counselor meeting. The only changes that will be made during the first two weeks of the school year will be level changes (example AS Chemistry down to regular Chemistry).

Naviance

All seniors participated in Naviance presentations in their English classes to help explain the college application and letter of recommendation process. Freshmen were introduced to Naviance in their PE 1 classes during the month of October. Juniors and sophomores will be re-introduced to the Naviance program by the end of the semester. The link to Naviance is available at the bottom of the Carlmont web site.

Official Transcripts

Seniors will need to send official transcripts to colleges when requested. There is a onetime flat fee of \$5 to send out senior transcripts throughout the school year. For specific instructions on transcript requests, please visit the Guidance section of the Carlmont web site.

Submitted by: Ralph Crame IVP, Tammy DePaoli, Head Guidance Counselor.

Carlmont Instrumental Music News

A standing ovation for our student musician volunteers! More than 120 Carlmont musicians and students helped make this year's ***Save the Music Festival*** a rousing success. They helped with everything from running children's games and crafts of all kinds, to selling tickets and root beer floats, to being assistant stage managers and roadies, and even helped with the hard work of set up and tear down. Most especially, students performed in the Carlmont Jazz Ensemble, the Carlmont/Ralston Combined Chorus, the Carlmont Dancers, and the Carlmont Drum Line.

But that's not all...Many Carlmont students also volunteer to help

beginning musicians through the after-school ***Music Mentors*** program.

In total, about 60 Instrumental Music students have begun visiting the 6 Belmont-Redwood Shores elementary schools each week, starting around mid-October. They work with 4th and 5th grade students, helping them learn and practice. In many cases, the mentors are "returning the favor," since they benefited from this program when first picking up their own instruments.

The ***Music Mentors program needs parent drivers Tuesdays and Thursdays after 7th period.*** We only have a handful of parents committed so far to transport mentors to the various elementary schools. Interested parents are requested to contact Alan Sarver at asarver@earthlink.net to be added to our list of Music Mentor drivers.



Drum Line at Save the Music



Jazz Ensemble at Save the Music

Carlmont Instrumental Music Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendar for these opportunities to hear our marvelous student musicians. For more detailed information check the Instrumental Music website: www.carlmontmusic.com.

Date	Time	Event	Location
11/7, Friday	7 p.m.	Home Football Game vs. KingsAcademy	CHS
11/21, Friday		CSM Jazz Festival @ College of San Mateo	CSM
12/3, Wed.	7 p.m.	Winter Instrumental Music Concert featuring the String Orchestra and Concert Band	Carlmont PAC
12/4, Thursday	7 p.m.	Winter Instrumental Music Concert featuring the Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Band	Carlmont PAC
12/5, Friday	7 p.m.	Winter Instrumental Music Concert featuring the CHS Jazz Ensembles and Jazz Combos	Carlmont PAC

[Lesley Allen, Nov 2014]

Carlmont Scots Shindig - Beer, BBQ & Bucks!

CARLMONT SCOTS' SHINDIG



BEER, BBQ AND BUCKS!

The CHS Athletics Booster Club proudly presents

"The Carlmont Scots' Shindig"

Saturday, March 14, 2015

7-11pm

at Devil's Canyon Brewing Company

935 Washington Street, San Carlos

Kick up your kilt for a night of good friends and food at the Athletics Booster Club's annual fundraiser in support of all 20 of Carlmont's athletic programs! There will be no crab at this SHINDIG but a promise of a great time with fellow sports parents, coaches, and athletic supporters. The SHINDIG will have award-winning, handcrafted BEER by Devil's Canyon Brewing Company, wine, a tasty BBQ, a live and silent auction, a Wall of Wine, a live band, and of course, we will raise big BUCKS for our athletic programs!

Help BOOST the success of our athletic programs and purchase your tickets for the SHINDIG! Tickets go on sale beginning December 1. To make a donation to the auction, contact Cris Adair at crisadair@comcast.net. Contact Event Chair, Billie Holmes, at billie.holmes@gmail.com for additional questions.

Biotechnology Institute Report

Great News Freshmen Parents and Students!

We are announcing the launch of the Biotechnology Institute for school year 2015/2016. Does your student like science? Do they like to learn by doing? Is he/she curious about how science can connect to all learning? If so, you should explore Carlmont's newest endeavor: The Biotechnology Institute. The recruitment begins during second semester for the first

cohort (2015-2016) as we plan to recruit 50 current Freshmen.

We will host a Biotechnology Institute Open House at the Biotechnology Building (U Hall) prior to the Science Guest Lecture on Wednesday November 12. We will present our plan at this open house and offer a guided tour of the facilities. The Open House is open to businesses, community, parents and current Carlmont 9th grade students. Participants may then go listen to a scientific lecture in the PAC after the Open House.

To learn more about this new exciting program please contact The Biotechnology Institute Coordinator, Dr. Vera Jacobson-Lundeberg at vlundeberg@seq.org.

Business Technology Academy Report

The Academy is very busy with many extra-curricular events. On November 4 we will take our Juniors to the Oakland Coliseum's Learning Lab where our students will learn about all the careers in the NFL off the field. On November 20 we are taking our Seniors to Canada Community College's Career Day to learn about their many career programs offered. Our Mentor Breakfast, where we match each Junior to a mentor of their career interest, happens on November 13. Lastly, we want to thank Mr. Gray, our Government/Economics teacher, who organized an amazing Civil Rights Event, "The Civil Rights Act of 1964: 50 Years Later". The panel included U.S. Congresswoman Jackie Speier (San Mateo), Congresswoman Barbara Lee (Berkeley/East Bay), Stanford Economics Professor Gavin Wright, and Social Activist Minnijean Brown Trickey (Little Rock Nine) as the three panelists.

Vera Jacobson-Lundeberg, Ed.D
vlundeberg@seq.org

Reflections Art Contest: November 14th Deadline

Don't delay! There are just a few weeks left to enter the annual Reflections Art Contest. Friday, November 14 is the deadline for submitting an original artwork reflecting this year's theme, "The world would be a better place if...."

Students can submit art in six different categories: Dance Choreography, Music Composition, Film Production, Photography, Literature, and Visual Arts.

Reflections is a prestigious national arts recognition and achievement program that was started by the National PTA in 1969. Last year Carlmont was honored to have two students earn an Award of Excellence and advance to the State round of competition.

Entry forms and contest rules can be picked up in the Carlmont Library or be downloaded from <http://carlmonths.org/?id=253#708>

Students must submit three items:

Student Entry Form (including a title and artist statement)
Consent Form signed by their parent or guardian
original piece of art that adheres to the contest guidelines.

All items must be turned in to the Carlmont Library by noon on Friday, November 14. Please mark your calendars now; sadly, late artwork cannot be considered.

Questions? Please contact Nannette Mahar at ntmahar@gmail.com.

by Nannette Mahar, Reflections PTSA Chair

Free Events At the Belmont Library

Volunteer Opportunities throughout the School Year Ongoing Openings

Need volunteer hours for school or college applications? Would you like to have experience to add to your future resume? Volunteer at the library!

We have multiple positions available including: computer coach for seniors or children, homework help, assisting in children's programming, general library projects and our LeaderReader program which matches a child in grades 1-4 with a reading mentor. Contact the Belmont teen librarian, Cassandra Black at cblack@smcl.org for more information.

Applications for the LeaderReader program are due November 13th, there will be a volunteer orientation 11/13 at 7pm and a Meet 'n Greet party 11/20 @ 7pm.

College Planning 101

Tuesday, November 18th @ 7pm

Learn to navigate the college search process, evaluate your student's readiness, learn FAFSA strategies and the search timeline from a College Expert! Topics include:

college readiness, why students drop out of college, how to college search, college FIT, admissions/applications, test prep, and FAFSA. The presentation will conclude with a Q&A.

We encourage both students and parents to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Teen Advisory Group (TAG)

Thursday, November 13th @ 3:30pm

Want to get involved in the library? Plan teen programs, events, and talk about books/movies/music that other teens would like to see in the library. Make your local library better for Belmont teens. Here's your chance to participate in a program that provides community service hours to teens interested in making friends and making a difference in the library!

Word for Worms--Teen Book Club

Thursday, November 20th @ 3:30pm

Join Words for Worms, a different kind of book club for teens who read awesome books, plays, graphic novels, and poetry. And we don't just read--we CREATE! This month's pick is "The Normal Heart" by Larry Kramer, a largely autobiographical play confronting the reality of the AIDS epidemic of the 1980s and role grassroots activism played in fighting the

disease. We will discuss the book and then do an activity based on what we read. Pick up a copy of the book at the Belmont Library's information desk! Refreshments will be provided.

Gaming Wednesdays

Every Wednesday from 3:30pm-5pm

Want a space to game and win cool prizes? The Belmont library will host Wii Tournaments, Trivia contests, Movie quote-a-longs, Classic Board game days, and card game tournaments (Magic: The Gathering, yu-gi-oh, etc.)

Noticias

Noticias Alrededor del Campus

Recuperación de los exámenes CAHSEE

La recuperación de los exámenes CAHSEE para estudiantes de los grados 11 y 12 se llevará a cabo el martes, 4 de noviembre (Lenguaje y Literatura en Inglés) y miércoles, 5 de noviembre (matemáticas). Los estudiantes que necesiten pasar los exámenes serán notificados.

Planear con anticipación para los exámenes finales.....

Es difícil creer que nuestro primer trimestre está llegando a su fin. Tuvimos gran éxito este semestre y estamos contentos con la colaboración del personal que se ha llevado a cabo mientras hacemos la transición a los Estándares Common Core en Inglés y Álgebra I

Con el Día de Acción de Gracias en el horizonte, por favor tenga en cuenta que los estudiantes NO tienen clases el miércoles 26 de noviembre hasta el viernes 28 de noviembre. El personal de Carlmont le desea a todos los estudiantes y sus familias un maravilloso Día de Acción de Gracias.

Al mirar hacia diciembre, es importante, recordar las siguientes fechas:

8-12 de diciembre: Semana de repaso. Durante esta semana, los maestros no asignarán "nuevo" material a los estudiantes. Esta semana está destinada para repasar para los exámenes finales.

Horario para los exámenes finales

lunes, 15 de diciembre:

1er período	8:00 - 10:00
2do período	10:20 - 12:20

martes, 16 de diciembre:

3er período	8:00 - 10:00
4to período	10:20 - 12:20

miércoles, 17 de diciembre:

5to período	8:00 - 10:00
6to período	10:20 - 12:20

jueves, 18 de diciembre:

7mo período	8:00 - 10:00
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Fechas importantes en enero

lunes, 5 de enero, 2015: Día de trabajo para los maestros - ¡No hay clase para los estudiantes!

martes, 6 de enero, 2015: las clases se reanudan

lunes, 19 de enero: No hay clases- se observa el cumpleaños de MLK

INFORMACIÓN MUY IMPORTANTE:

Los estudiantes seleccionarán sus clases para año escolar 2015-2016 con su consejero de orientación el semestre de primavera. Como se indicó a través del año pasado, la última oportunidad para solicitar un cambio de cursos será en mayo. Los estudiantes tendrán la oportunidad de hacer preguntas sobre clases específicas durante la Feria de Cursos que se llevará a cabo antes de su reunión con sus consejeros. El único cambio que se podrá hacer durante las primeras dos semanas del año escolar será cambio de nivel (ejemplo Química AS a Química regular).

Naviance

Todos los seniors participaron en presentaciones de Naviance en sus clases de inglés para ayudarlos a entender el proceso de la aplicación a la universidad y el proceso de la carta de recomendación. Los Freshmen fueron introducidos a Naviance en sus clases de PE 1 durante el mes de octubre. Los juniors y sophomores volverán a ser introducidos al programa de Naviance para el fin del semestre. El enlace a Naviance está disponible en la parte inferior del sitio web de Carlmont.

Expedientes académicos oficiales

Los seniors necesitarán enviar un expediente académico oficial a las universidades cuando sea solicitado. Hay una cuota de una sola vez de \$5 para enviar su expediente académico a través del año. Para instrucciones específicas sobre las peticiones de los expedientes académicos, por favor visite la sección de orientación en el sitio web de Carlmont.

Presentado por:

Ralph Crame, Subdirector de Instrucción

Tammy DePaoli, Consejera Principal de Orientación

Calendar of Events

11/4-5	CAHSEE Make-ups - 11th/12th grade
11/12	Biotech Institute Open House
11/14	Reflections Art Recognition Program Entries Due
11/26-28	NO SCHOOL
12/1	CAF Meeting - 7pm
12/1	Scot's Shindig Tickets on Sale
12/8-12	Review Week

12/15-18 Finals
1/5/15 NO SCHOOL
1/6/15 Classes Resume
1/13/15 PTSA General Assoc Mtg, 7pm
1/19/15 NO SCHOOL
3/14/15 CHS Sports Booster Scot's Shindig

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