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Dear _____,

Welcome to the November 2013 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

Dear Carlmont Community,

October proved to be a very busy month at Carlmont!

8th Grade Parent Information Night on October 10th was a well-attended success. I received much positive feedback regarding both the evening's value to parents and the various programs offered at Carlmont. Many thanks to the Carlmont 8th Grade Transition Team for a great event!

The 10th/11th grade PSAT administration on October 16th went very smoothly. Thank you to the many parents who donated more than \$4,000 to help cover the cost of this exam. Student tests will be returned by the College Board with detailed analysis of verbal and mathematical areas of strength and growth. In addition, the College Board will provide with important information linking its own analysis of the correlation between students' PSAT scores and their likely success on AP Exams. This information will be very useful to parents, students, and Guidance Advisors during registration for next year. Look for more information in the next Bagpiper.

The first quarter of the school year has ended. Your child's grades are always available for your review on Infinite Campus.

Carlmont celebrated a spirited Homecoming Week between 10/21-10/26. From Pajama Day through the winning football game and the dance Saturday night, the school spirit on campus was everywhere. I am happy to report that Scots Pride is on its way to Carlmont!

For November, I'm looking forward to the start of 8th Grade Shadowing and to attending the production of The Laramie Project, playing in our Black Box Theater from 11/14 -11/17.

Please note that November 11, 27, 28, and 29th are non-student days.

Speaking of Thanksgiving, on behalf of the entire Carlmont staff, I'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for your on-going support.

Best,

Lisa M. Gleaton
Principal

PTSA President's Corner

Carlmont Parents & Students 18 years and over: Remember to **VOTE** on November 5th!

Carlmont Student-Parent Directory with phone numbers and email addresses is now available online within Infinite Campus. After logging on to Infinite Campus, look for the Directory under School Notices in the Messages section under the Family tab on the left-hand side of the home page. You can save a copy to your computer for online reference or print a single-sided, double-sided, or booklet-style copy, depending upon the capabilities of your printer.

Important eScrip Update for Safeway Stores - As of November 1, 2013, Safeway Stores will only make contributions to eScrip for cash, check, or debit card purchases, but not when a credit card is used. The PTSA currently receives over \$15,000 each year from Safeway through eScrip, so this change could significantly affect how much money we raise through eScrip to fund the activities, events, and mini-grants that we support. **When shopping at Safeway, please use a debit card, cash, or check whenever possible!** Note that credit card purchases will still earn eScrip contributions at other local grocery stores, such as Lunardi's, Piazza's, and Bianchini's.

Also, when you do your holiday shopping through the **eScrip Online Mall, Carlmont PTSA receives a percentage of your purchases through the eScrip program.**

How do we use our PTSA funds? At our October PTSA meeting, the general membership approved over \$20,000 in PTSA Mini-Grants as follows:

Mindy Chiang - Chinese Grammar Books; Chinese Club New Year Event; Recording Equipment; Chinese Software
Brian Ellis - Physics Optics Equipment
Maddie Fox - Spanish Music Activities; Chinese/Spanish Whiteboards
Kris Govani - Work Experience Copier; Debate Club Fees; Math Software
William Gray - Voter Hall of Fame
Felix Guzman - AS Chemistry Games; AP Chemistry Experiments
Melissa Hero - Biology SF Zoomobile
Alice Laine - Library Books
Michelle McKee - AP Psychology Books
Matt Miskelly - AVID SAT Prep Books
Hai Nguyen - Honors Chemistry Equipment & Supplies
Rosa Argaluz Pissani - Spanish III Dictionaries; AVID II Whiteboard Holders
Karen Ramroth - Sojourn to the Past, Tuition
Roberta Scott - Spanish III Honors Resource Materials; French I Resource Materials
Ame Secrist - Dance Program Music
Jason Waller - Social Studies Department Supplies

At our next PTSA General Association Meeting on January 14, 2014, the PTSA will be considering additional Mini-Grant requests.

As we prepare to celebrate our **national holiday of Thanksgiving 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://www.sequoiadistrict.org/Page/342> on the PTSA web pages.

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

News Around Campus

Administrative Vice Principals want to remind students to check on their detentions. Parents can also monitor detentions through Infinite Campus. Detentions can be served on Thursdays in the Detention Center during 7th period and after school. Students receive notices reminding them to serve detentions weekly. Failure to serve detentions will result in an involuntary in-house suspension. If you have any questions about your detentions, please contact your AVP.

Thank you!

Jennifer Cho (9th/11th)
Grant Steunenberg (10th/12th)

Noticias

Noviembre, 2013 Artículo de Bagpiper de la Directora Gleaton

Octubre resultó ser un mes muy ocupado en Carlmont!

La Noche de Información para Padres de 8vo Grado el 10 de octubre fue un éxito muy concurrido. He recibido comentarios positivos tanto sobre el valor de la noche para los padres y los diversos programas que se ofrecen en Carlmont . Muchas gracias al equipo de transición de octavo grado de Carlmont por tan exitoso evento!

El examen de PSAT administrado a los grados 10th/11th el 16 de octubre transcurrió con mucha fluidez. ¡Gracias a todos los padres que donaron más de \$ 4,000 para ayudar a cubrir el costo de este examen! Además, el Consejo Universitario le proporcionará información importante vinculando su propio análisis y la correlación entre los puntajes del PSAT de los estudiantes y su probable éxito en los exámenes AP. Esta información será muy útil para los padres, estudiantes y consejeros durante la inscripción para el próximo año. Busque más información en la próxima edición del Bagpiper.

El primer trimestre del año escolar ha terminado. Las calificaciones de su hijo siempre están disponibles para su revisión en Infinite Campus .

Carlmont celebró la semana de espíritu escolar del 10.21 a 10.26. Desde el primer día de pijama hasta el partido de fútbol que ganamos y el baile de la noche del sábado, el espíritu de la escuela en el campus estaba en todas partes. Me complace informar que el orgullo de los Scotts se encuentra en lo alto por Carlmont!

Estoy deseando que llegue noviembre ya que damos inicio al programa shadowing de octavo grado y para asistir a la producción de El Proyecto Laramie, presentado en nuestro Teatro obscuro del 11/14 -11/17.

Por favor, tenga en cuenta que los días 11,27,28, y 29 de noviembre son los días que no hay clases.

Hablando de Acción de Gracias, en nombre de todo el personal de Carlmont , me gustaría expresar nuestro más sincero agradecimiento y reconocimiento por su apoyo continuo.

Sinceramente,
Directora, Lisa Gleaton

Noticias Alrededor del Campus

A los subdirectores administrativos les gustaría recordar a los estudiantes que revisen sus detenciones. Los padres también pueden revisar las detenciones por medio de *Infinite Campus*. Las detenciones pueden ser servidas los jueves en el centro de detención durante el 7^{mo} período y después de la escuela. Los estudiantes reciben avisos para recordándoles de servir sus detenciones cada semana. El no servir las detenciones resultará en suspensión involuntaria dentro la escuela. Si tienen cualquier pregunta sobre sus detenciones, favor de comunicarse con su subdirector administrativo (AVP, por sus siglas en inglés).

¡Gracias!

Jennifer Cho (9^o/11^o)
Grant Steunenberg (10^o/12^o)

Business Technology Academy

Carlmont's Academy Business Technology program is proud to announce our first Mentor Breakfast. The Academy grant states that we are to procure a mentor from the local business and industry community for each of our Juniors. Fortunately, we have several employed Alumni students who have volunteered to mentor our current students. Thank you to Mrs. Velschow and Mrs. Valupusa, our Mentor Coordinators, which work hard putting together year-long activities. Also, we had the first-ever Academy Parent Pot Luck organized by the teachers and the parents. It was really inspiring and fun to have the teachers, the students and their parent/guardians come together to eat, talk, and get to know each other. Thank you to all the adults that have volunteered their precious time to support our students. If *you* have some time and would like to support our students as well, please contact me.

Thank you,

Dr. Jacobson
vjacobso@seq.org

Carlmont Instrumental Music News

A standing ovation for our student musician volunteers! More than 150 Carlmont musicians and students helped make this year's Save the Music Festival the most successful ever. 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.

Approximately 150 more Carlmont students performed in the Carlmont Jazz Ensemble, the Carlmont/Ralston Combined Chorus, the Carlmont Dancers, the Carlmont Drum Line, and the Belmont Horns, who performed with both *The Sun Kings* and *MG & the Booker Ts*.

The **Save the Music Festival** attracted the largest audience in its history, and many attendees have confirmed that it was the best Save the Music Festival yet! The Festival simply could not be as enjoyable and successful without the tremendous support of the students, faculty, and parents of the Carlmont Performing Arts programs.

But that's not all...Many Carlmont students also volunteer to help beginning musicians through the after-school **Music Mentors** program.

In total, about 75 Instrumental Music students will begin visiting the 6 Belmont-Redwood Shores elementary schools each week, starting around mid-November. They work with approx. 225 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 urgently needs parent drivers. We only have a handful of parents committed so far to transport 75 Mentors. There are openings every afternoon of the week to drive student mentors from Carlmont to the various elementary schools. Interested parents are urgently requested to contact Alan Sarver at asarver@earthlink.net to be added to our list of Music Mentor drivers.



Jazz Ensemble at Save the Music

Carlmont Instrumental Music Upcoming Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location
11/8, Friday	7 p.m.	Home Football Game vs. Mills H.S.	CHS
11/15, Friday	7 p.m.	Home Football Game vs. Sequoia H.S.	CHS
11/22,		CSM Jazz Festival @ College of San Mateo	CSM

Friday				
12/4,	7	Winter Instrumental Music Concert	featuring Carlmont	
Wed.	p.m.	the String Orchestra and Concert Band		PAC
12/5,	7	Winter Instrumental Music Concert	featuring Carlmont	
Thursday	p.m.	the Symphony Orchestra and Symphonic Band		PAC
12/6,	7	Winter Instrumental Music Concert	featuring Carlmont	
Friday	p.m.	the CHS Jazz Ensembles and Jazz Combos		PAC

[Lesley Allen, Nov 2013]

GRAD NIGHT 2014

What is the Safe & Sober Grad Night Program?

The Safe & Sober Grad Night is a PTSA program that ensures graduates stay SAFE & SOBER on grad night by providing an exciting venue with food and fun on grad night. It is open to all graduating seniors in good standing and eligible to walk in the CHS Graduation Ceremony, including CHS Middle College students. Students arrive at Carlmont during the early evening on the day of graduation and board buses that whisk them away to an undisclosed location (a closely-guarded secret known to the Senior Class Parent Committee, the principal, PTSA president and PTSA Treasurer) to revel with their classmates. Buses return to campus in the wee hours of the morning to unload Carlmont's new alums, sleepy, and ready to be picked up by parents.

Grad Night 2014 will be held on June 6, 2014.

Ticket information:

Grad Night 2014 **tickets are on sale now**. Early-bird price is \$75.00. **Ticket prices will go up to \$100.00 in January.**

Payment by check:

Go to the Carlmont High school website: <http://www.sequoiadistrict.org/chs>

Select PTSA

Select Grad Night 2014

Click on and print out the "Grad Night 2014 packet"

Make the check payable to Carlmont PTSA

Drop the completed forms (ticket order form, permission slip and waiver form) and check off at the Carlmont High School Administrative office

Here is a link to the Grad Night 2014 packet:

<http://www.sequoiadistrict.org/cms/lib04/CA01001238/Centricity/Domain/109/2014%20Grad%20Night%20Ticket%20Packet.pdf>

Payment by Credit Card / Carlmont Cart:

Click on this link and follow the directions to make a

purchase: <https://app.etapestry.com/cart/CarlmontFoundation/default/category.php?ref=601.0.264883325>

Click on and print out the "Grad Night 2014 packet"

Drop the completed forms (ticket order form and note a "cart payment", permission slip

and waiver form) off at the Carlmont High School Administrative office

Grad Night 2014 Committee Meetings:

We need parent volunteers for Grad Night 2014. Please sign up on this SignUp Genius Link to volunteer to help out with Grad Night

2014: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/60B054BAFA82F4-chsgrad1

The next Grad Night 2014 Committee meeting will be held as follows:

Wednesday - November 20

Time: 7:00 pm

Place: Staff Lounge.

Here is a link to a map to the Staff

Lounge:http://www.sequoiadistrict.org/cms/lib04/CA01001238/Centricity/Domain/109/Carlmont_Map_Staff_Lounge.pdf

Questions regarding Grad Night 2014 tickets and forms please contact:

Julia Leeper at 650-591-2402

Maya Paratian at 650-743-3019

Questions regarding Grad Night 2014 please contact:

Stacia Retchless at 650-592-4505

Debbie Freeman at 650-592-4447

Questions can also be emailed to:

Carlmontgradnight2014@gmail.com

BUY GRADUATION LEIS or BOUQUETS!

Pre-Order only - no flower sales at Graduation!

Celebrate the Carlmont Seniors that you Love....

By pre-ordering leis and/or bouquets to present to your graduates on graduation day!

Beautiful leis are available in Purple or White. They are double stranded; flowers alternating in both directions. **Cost \$40.00 each.**

Small and medium assorted flower bouquets available for loved ones to present to the their special graduate. **Cost \$10 (small) and \$20 (medium).**

The junior class will have them for ready for pick up prior to the Graduation ceremony (June 6th). **Last date to order is May 16th.**

Payment by check: Please include student's name; quantity and color of lei(s) or size of bouquet(s).

Check should be made payable to "Carmont PTSA".

Mail to: Sue Denney 38 Roslyn Avenue, San Carlos, CA 94070

Payment by credit card / Carmont Cart:

Please go to the Carmont Web site at <http://www.sequoiadistrict.org/chs>

Follow the links from "Quick Links" > "On-line check in cart" > "Class of 2014 Graduation".

Select your order and pay by credit card.

Please contact Sue Denney if you have any questions at denneysue@comcast.net.

Carlmont Academic Foundation

Make a gift to CAF now!

What do we fund?

More Class Choices: more sections funded = more classes offered to Carlmont students

Investing in Teachers: more supplies = more hands-on student experiences; more training = energized teachers

Preparing Students for College and Career: enhanced tutoring & more college-prep = better prepared Carlmont graduates

Funding Creative Programs: support for extra-curriculars = well-rounded Carlmont students

How can you help?

Make a donation! CAF's suggested donation is \$1,000 per student. CAF's goal is to raise \$500,000 this year - every gift counts and gets us closer to our goal!

Get a Corporate Match!

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. For more information, contact us at CAFoundation@gmail.com.

Donate online at: carlmontacademicfoundation.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 address.

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

Join us at our next meeting: Monday, December 2 at 7 pm in the Carlmont Staff Lounge.

- April Carlson, CAF President

CAF - Student Leadership Board

Congratulations to the new CAF - Student Leadership Board! These students will represent and assist the Carlmont Academic Foundation with activities throughout the school year. In addition, the students will gain leadership experience and give back to our community.

Freshman Class of 2017

Caroline Concilla
Hunter Kaufman
Jack McLean

Thashmika Singh
Julia Talgo
Cherry Wang
Sophia Zhai

Sophomores Class of 2016

Naomi Asrir
Melissa Chee
Carly Hunter
Kian Karamdshti
Clare Marks
Lauren McDonnell
Sage Shamsai
Allison Yeh

Juniors Class of 2015

Kristen Denney
Elise Dimick
Frieda Freeman
Gen Kellis
Katelyn McGrath
Emily Rudger
Tanita Singh

Seniors Class of 2014

Cori Sidell

Reflections Art Recognition Program

Deadline Date: Friday, November 15, 2013, Carlmont Library

What do you believe in? What are your dreams? Who inspires you? Choreograph a dance, produce a film, write a poem or story, compose a song, take a picture or create a piece of visual art and tell us your interpretation of the theme: **"Believe, Dream, Inspire."** No experience is required to participate in Reflections!

There is still time to participate in the National PTSA Reflections Art Program. The Reflections Program inspires students to reflection on a specific theme and to create original artwork.

Using this year's theme of **"Believe, Dream, Inspire,"** students participate by entering artwork in any of the six different categories which include visual arts, photography, creative writing, dance choreography, video and music. In 2012, the Special Arts Division emerged for students whose physical, cognitive or mental health challenges meet ADA guidelines. Entries will be juried. Selected entries will go to the local level; and if selected, move on to state competition and then National PTA levels. All participants will receive a Certificate of Participation.

For more detailed information and for actual entry forms, go to the Carlmont Library or by going to the web-site at pta.org. Look under "Programs" and then "Arts in Education-Reflections." Deadline is on Friday, November 15, 2013, no later than noon to the Carlmont Library. For any questions or more information, please feel free to contact Venetia Young, PTSA Reflections Chair at 650.619.1525 or by email venetiayoung@yahoo.com. Please engage with your student to participate and

to reflect together.

Venetia Young
PTSA Reflections Chair

Fall Play - The Laramie Project

The Drama Department is proud to present **The Laramie Project**, an intensely powerful play that promotes tolerance and acceptance within our community. It concerns the aftermath of the 1998 brutal murder of a young gay college student in Laramie, Wyoming. Our 26 member cast plays over 60 characters during the course of the three act play.

We are performing **The Laramie Project** seven times in our intimate 80 seat Studio Theater.

November 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 at 7:00 p.m.
November 17 and 23 at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$10/students and \$15/general

Tickets can be purchased online at carlmontperformingarts.com

FREE EVENTS FOR TEENS @ THE BELMONT LIBRARY

Maker Mondays: Make Crafts!

Monday, November 4th at 3:30PM - 5:00PM

Join us for our first Maker Monday of the month to make cool crafts! For ages 12-19.

Teen Study Hall

Tuesday, November 5th & 26th

Can't find a place to study or work on group projects? Come to our study hall where we have tables and white board access. Ages 12-19.

Teen Gaming

Wednesday, November 6th & 20th at 3:30PM - 5:00PM

Join us for fun XBOX or Wii gaming! For ages 12-19.

Kaplan ACT Practice Test

Saturday, November 9th at 9:00AM-1:30PM

The Belmont Library is offering a FREE ACT practice test provided by Kaplan Test Prep. Register in person or by phone by calling (650) 591-8286, beginning Monday, October 21st. Space is limited! High school students only.

Kaplan ACT Results & Review Session

Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00PM-8:00PM

Participants of the November 9th Kaplan ACT practice test are invited to attend a review session and will receive a comprehensive analysis of their performance on the test, detailing individual strengths and weaknesses. No signups required and parents are encouraged to attend.

Teen Movie: Man of Steel

Wednesday, November 13th at 3:30PM - 6:00PM

Join us for an afternoon movie. Popcorn will be served. Rated PG-13. For ages 12-19.

International Games Day

Saturday, November 16th at 10:00AM-5:00PM

Celebrate International Games Day @ the Belmont Library! Board games will be available for all day play. For all ages.

Maker Mondays: Make Food

Monday, November 18th at 3:30PM - 5:00PM

Cooking classes are provided by Beli Deli. Recipes will vary by week. All supplies will be included. For ages 12-19

Catching Fire Trivia

Tuesday, November 19th at 3:30PM - 5:00PM

Test your knowledge on all things related to Catching Fire, the 2nd book of The Hunger Games trilogy! Pair up with up to four of your friends for a chance to win movie tickets! For ages 12-19.

Maker Monday: Make Movies!

Monday, October 28th at 3:30PM-5PM

Join us for a workshop on Post-Production (editing and special effects).The workshop will be taught by local filmmakers and professors in the Bay Area. Bring your own movie equipment or rent equipment from the Belmont Library to use! Teen and guardian must sign liability form before renting out equipment. For ages 12-19.

THE BELMONT LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH FOR VETERAN'S DAY. THE LIBRARY WILL CLOSE AT 5:00PM ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27th AND WILL REOPEN AT 10:00AM ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30 FOR THANKSGIVING.

Questions? Please contact Stephanie Conrad at conrad@smcl.org or at (650) 591-8286 x232.

Calendar of Events

11/11	No School
11/14-23	Fall Play - The Laramie Project
11/15	Reflections Art Recognition Entries Due
11/20	Class 2014 - Grad Night Meeting - 7:00pm
11/27-29	No School
12/2	Carlmont Academic Foundation Meeting - 7pm
1/14/14	PTSA General Association Meeting

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