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Hello Panther students and families,

I want to acknowledge that this past week may have been emotionally challenging for many of you. The first report card of the year naturally makes students and their families anxious, our safety drill on Wednesday may have called to mind specific fears or memories, and the national news this week certainly touched upon deeply personal and disturbing issues. We are never educating in a vacuum, and it's very important that, as a learning community, we support each other through these difficult moments -- the emotional as well as the academic challenges.

The students of Prospect continue to amaze us with how mindful they are of each other, and how they join together to help their peers. Many are referring *themselves* to counseling, as they recognize their own heightened emotions and seek the support they need. Our entire staff is extremely proud of how our youth steps up and steps in for each other, and we are equally committed to doing the same for them.

And what better way to celebrate our school and each other than with an exuberant Homecoming! We hope to see all members of the Prospect community - alumni, neighbors, students, families, and staff - at Wednesday's Night Rally and Friday's game. And if the week's flurry of activities ever seems confusing or overwhelming, please don't hesitate to reach out to us with your questions or concerns. We want to ensure that every single Panther finds a comfortable way to engage and enjoy the week!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul C. Pinza'.

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FROM THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT



Class of 2019

Seniors: College entrance exams should be completed no later than December 2018. Some colleges may only take the October or November tests. Make sure you check with each individual campus. The SAT and ACT registration is online. Pay very close attention to the registration deadlines for each test. **Prospect High School is a SAT test center. The PHS test center code number is 05710. The PHS school code number is 053344.**

SAT website is:

www.sat.collegeboard.org/register

Test Dates:	Registration Deadline:
October 6, 2018	September 7, 2018
November 3, 2018	October 5, 2018
December 1, 2018	November 2, 2018

ACT website is: www.actstudent.org

Test Dates:	Registration Deadline:
October 27, 2018	September 28, 2018
December 8, 2018	November 2, 2018

Seniors: Part of the registration process is to request scores to be sent by College Board or ACT to your specific colleges. Colleges want official scores from College Board or ACT.

College Applications: Students interested in applying to UC or CSU schools will do so online. The filing period for the UC campuses is November 1st – November 30th. The filing period for CSU campuses is October 1st – November 30th. **The deadline for both systems is November 30th.** To apply for UC campuses go online to: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/. For CSU campuses, go to <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>. Students can start filling out the High School Planner on the California Colleges website at <https://www.californiacolleges.edu/#/user-login>, for CSU campuses. The California Colleges website will allow students to transfer the information entered directly onto the CSU applications starting October 1st.

Senior Class Visits: Guidance Counselors visited 12th graders the week of September 10th to review graduation requirements and the college application process for 4-year and 2-year colleges. Seniors were also given Financial Aid information. Information that was reviewed are available on the Prospect website. Click on Student Services > Guidance > Senior (12th Grade) Planning.

Students are continuing the process of filling out a “Brag Sheet” and Resume on Naviance Family Connection. Updating these documents give the students opportunity to share information about their school & community involvement, any awards & honors they have received. They were also guided through the process of updating their college list on Naviance Family Connection. Seniors received a copy of their transcripts to assist them in filling out their 4-year college applications.

Seniors were reminded that if they are applying to a private or out-of-state school to research all deadlines and any other admissions requirements they may need including additional financial aid information such as the CSS Financial Profile (private universities). A directory of schools that

require this additional financial aid application is located at www.collegeboard.org.

If your senior is applying to a private or out-of-state university that subscribes to the Common Application. Please create an account and start the application process on commonapp.org

**Financial Aid – 2019-2020
FAFSA and Dream Act
Applications**

The 2019-2020 Free Application for Cal Grant, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Dream Act application period will open on **October 1, 2018**. All students who plan to attend a vocational, 2-year or 4-year college should submit a FAFSA or Dream Act Application. Second, the FAFSA/Dream Act application will be completed using prior-prior year (PPY) tax data. **Deadline: March 2, 2019**

**www.fafsa.ed.gov – FAFSA
Application**

**www.fsaid.ed.gov – Create an FSA
ID – electronic signature for
students and parents**

**<https://dream.csac.ca.gov/> -
Dream Act Application**

For additional assistance,

- **Financial Aid Information Night**
 - Thursday, October 11th @ 6:30pm in Room 30
 - Presented by West Valley College Financial Aid
 - Presentation in Spanish in Room 32

- **Cash for College Workshop**
 - Thursday, October 25th in the Library at 5:00pm
 - FAFSA 1:1 application assistance

Class of 2020 & 2021

Sophomores and Juniors: PSAT/NMSQT stands for the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test and National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The PSAT will be administered to all JUNIORS on Wednesday, October 10th. The PSAT/NMSQT is a great way to preview and practice for the SAT. The PSAT tests the same skills and knowledge as the SAT. When you get your test results, connect your College Board account to get free personalized SAT study recommendations.

****Find out what types of questions you'll see on the SAT and what the test will measure.**

PSAT Free Prep Resources:

- Khan Academy also offers a free, personalized, online SAT practice that can be used to prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT, visit satpractice.org.
- Visit collegeboard.org/psatpractice for free, personalized practice, which can be used to prepare for the PSAT/NMSQT.

Class of 2022

Freshmen Class Visits: Guidance counselors visited 9th graders the week of September 17th to review the new graduation requirements, present California higher education information, support services etc. Students were registered for

Naviance Family Connection to begin post-secondary planning.

Build Solid Study Habits

With a new school year beginning, your teen has the opportunity to revamp their study habits. Share these tips with your student:

1. **Use a planner.** Every student received a Prospect planner at the beginning of this school year. Writing down homework assignments and tasks can help your teen keep track of what needs to be completed.
2. **Register for SchoolLoop:** You and your student can register for School Loop and receive daily email showing homework assignments, communicate with teachers and staff and get important Prospect News. To sign-up go to www.prospect.schoolloop.com. Click on "Register Now". Use your student(s) ID# on the class schedule to register.
3. **Take notes in class.** Help your student develop an effective note-taking strategy.
4. **Help your student remain organized.** Developing a system to help you student keep track of homework assignments, classwork, notes, projects, tests/quizzes, etc. Students should use 3-ring binders with dividers, folders and notebooks to keep their work organized and on hand for studying purposes or to turn in for grading.
5. **Find a quiet place to study.** It should be quiet, well-lit and stocked with supplies.
6. **Form a study group.** Discussing difficult subjects with others helps. But don't let this study group become too social!

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS

October continues to have many college visit on campus with 20 on the calendar to-date. These visits are listed on the main Prospect calendar, Naviance, and http://bit.ly/2018_PHScollegevisits. This is a terrific way to learn more about a school and indicate interest without having to travel. Encourage your teens to take advantage of these sessions! Click here <http://bit.ly/Qs4colleges> for questions you can ask the visiting admissions officers.

The month of October begins with Homecoming. Take advantage of all the school-spirited fun! October 10th the sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT while the freshmen and seniors will enjoy a presentation for post-secondary planning. It promises to be fun and informative! October 19th is COLLEGE DAY. The CCC Ambassadors are planning some fun activities to be held during lunch. Please plan to drop by the quad to participate.

While the fall is heavily dedicated to college applications and meeting those deadlines, we encourage all types of career exploration throughout the year. If there is a particular field of interest or profession you would like more information on, then we welcome your inquiries and suggestions. Also, please read the CCC weekly newsletter for more current information, career exploration, job opportunities, and college spotlights.

Parents, every Monday from 8-9am there is an open hour dedicated to you to drop in and meet with Ms. Bencomo. No appointment necessary and you are always welcome.

Please contact Amy Bencomo at abencomo@cuhsd.org if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Prospect PTSA
Parent*Teacher*Student Association
Build the Pride!

Way to go Panther Parents! Our Membership drive is going strong and we have raised over \$10,000 of our \$15,000 goal. We have been using our reserve from past years to meet our needs, but that up now and it is time to build our members and drive so we can serve our students. If you ever joined and supported the Home & School Club or PTO in the past, please join PTSA. We are the same type of Parent organization that supports ALL of our students and teachers. To join and donate (at any level) go to ProspectPTSA.org/ptsa-membership-join/

Next Meeting:

Oct. 9, 2018

6:30 PTSA Meeting in Rm 30, 6:30-7:15pm

General Meeting

7:30-8:30pm “PHS CPM Math Night 2.0” - run by our Prospect Math department. If you are confused on how to support your student with the CPM math curriculum be sure to attend this event. This was well attended last year and parents found this very useful.

Want to know what happened at our last meeting? Go to our website and check out the slides, budget and meeting notes posted: prospectptsa.org/meetings/

Or sign up for our newsletter on our home page at the top left corner. Just input your email.

CUHSD School Board Candidate Forum – At PHS

October 2nd, 7pm in Room 30 at Prospect High School

Join us to learn about the 4 candidates running for 3 seats on our Campbell Union High School Board. This is your opportunity to ask questions and find out who you want to vote for to lead our school district. This is hosted by PTSA.

Prospect's PTSA Parent Education Night presents:

This is a special opportunity for Prospect! Tyler Durman, motivational speaker, author and giver of hope to teens and families to live better stories by caring for each other, making good choices and becoming positive leaders. Author of Counterintuitive, best known for his ability to offer wisdom through laughter and storytelling bitesizedwisdom.com.

Come out and hear this incredible speaker your student at Prospect High will hear earlier that day.

WHY? Because you deserve a great relationship with your child through the teen years!

Wednesday Oct 10

7:00pm to 8:15pm

Prospect High in the gym

RSVP at www.prospectPTSA.org

\$5 donation to PTSA requested at the door

Tyler's book "Counterintuitive" available for sale

PTSA Book Club: Mindset by Carol Dweck, Ph.D.

Who: All Parents of Prospect High School

When: First Monday of the Month

Starting: Oct.1st 7:00 PM

What Chapters: Chapters 1-3

Where: Prospect HS Library

RSVP: l.palumbo9@gmail.com

All the teachers at Prospect High School have been trained in this unique and positive way of thinking that Carol Dweck explains in her book *Mindset*. One of the most beneficial books to read as your student learns to learn.

Join us by RSVPing ASAP!

Join PTSA! “Build our Pride” Membership Drive

Join the PTSA and support the students and staff for an amazing school year and celebrate Prospect's 50th anniversary!

have a membership level to suit every need and our goal is to raise \$15,000!. **Join or learn more at:**

ProspectPTSA.org/ptsa-membership-join/

Teacher Mini Grants Coming Soon!
Questions? Email Jen Loftus at:
Secretary@ProspectPTSA.org

We Need Your Help!

We are looking for help with communication, Open House and a Vice President. If you can help with any of these please email Cathie at:
president@ProspectPTSA.com

Help Us Earn Money from your Computer:

Use Amazon Smile for all your purchases!

1. To support PTSA **go to ProspectPTSA.org and click on Amazon Smile icon on right before you purchase.**

Sign Up for eScrip:

1. Log onto www.eScrip.com.
2. Enter the Prospect High School or PHS I.D: 137613021
3. **Register your Lucky Card, debit, and/or credit cards**
4. Shop at Lucky, eScrip merchants, or restaurants
5. Prospect HS earns each time you shop with your registered cards! These organizations will donate to us a percentage of what you spend with them. It really adds up and goes right back to Prospect.

Down load the Benefit Mobile App

1. Go to BenefitMobile.com, iTunes or Google Play Stores.
2. Raise money for PTSA through shopping you already do AND you can use your credit card!
3. You can support Panther Paws and Grad Night too!

Fall SAT Prep Class Is Full!

Thank you Prospect families for supporting this great class. We will be hosting another one in the Spring!

Panther Paws Sports Boosters has a lot of fun upcoming events! Our 3rd annual Tri Tip fundraiser on November 3rd (pre-order by 10/29); Pre-order your Poinsettias (by 11/19) and pick up at our Holiday Craft Faire on 12/8!
We are also collecting old shoes for our Angel Bins. Drop off in the bins by the ASB office, at home football and volleyball games.

Please click on the link below to see how you can get involved, pre-order items, purchase a membership, come to our flea markets, volunteer and much more! Feel free to reach out with any questions to president@pantherpaws.org

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Grad Night Info

Grad Night 2019 needs your support!

Grad Night is an all-night drug and alcohol free celebration for our class of 2019 graduates.

Graduates bus to a surprise venue graduation evening and the event includes

awesome socializing with friends, fantastic food, amazing entertainment, games, prizes and more! Please help us make Grad Night happen by participating in our ongoing fundraising events such as Restaurant nights, shopping on Benefit app, and Flamingo Flocking. Find more details

at <https://www.prospectptsa.org/GradNight/fundraising/>. We welcome direct donations too. Senior parents, please join our planning committee at next meeting on Tuesday, October 23 at 7pm in the Faculty Lounge.

Comment [SS1]: