

LEIGH HSC NEWS



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President's Update

By Todd Mendenhall

Fall is my favorite time of year as "Friday Night Lights" brings the football team, the cheer team, the marching band and community together for a night that is fun for the whole family. If you haven't been to a Leigh Football game, I encourage you to come see for yourself. The Associated Student Body has been busy preparing for a sure-to-be successful Homecoming week that will unify the students and the community yet again.

The 2011-2012 school year is well underway, and the Home and School Club (HSC) has been hard at work supporting our teachers and programs as well continuing to enrich the student classroom experience. The HSC meetings are a great way to find out what is happening on campus. I hope to see you at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 18th.

Membership Drive

Our first project of the year was the membership drive which, unfortunately, has thus far fallen short of our fundraising goal by nearly \$5000. For those of you that have joined HSC and made a donation, thank you very much. With diminishing state funding, this money enables us to continue to enrich student education at Leigh by providing equipment and services not budgeted. We've now made it easier to donate to Leigh's HSC by accepting online donations via Paypal on our website. If you have not had the opportunity to donate to Leigh's HSC, I hope you will consider making a donation now at www.leighhsc.org.

eScrip and Amazon

Our eScrip participation has been on the uptick with more members supporting Leigh HSC each year. This year we increased our eScrip membership by 15% and now have over 350 eScrip members supporting Leigh HSC. In addition to eScrip, the Leigh HSC now participates in the Amazon affiliates program where Leigh HSC will receive revenue from Amazon when people "click-thru" the Amazon links on our www.leighhsc.org home page and make a purchase. So as we approach the holiday season,



be sure to use the Amazon links on our website.

Communication

We are just getting started on an effort to improve communication with the Leigh HSC membership to keep them abreast what is happening at Leigh. The first step in this process includes updates to the HSC website. Work is on-going, but so far the changes have been well received. Check us out at www.leighhsc.org. The second step is the rollout of a new email distribution list that enables us to "get the word" out to our members. To self-subscribe to the email distribution list, simply send an email to news@leighhsc.org with the word "join" as the subject. Be sure to reply to the confirmation email.

We've already started funding many important programs:

- In September, we approved a teacher grant to pay tutors for the Algebra Recovery Program. This is the third year of supporting this vital program that works to guarantee student success in math at Leigh.
- We also committed funds for Save Our Students (SOS) crisis counseling to help provide additional hours of counseling on campus.
- We also supplemented district funds with our Office Depot grant to provide funding for greatly needed classroom materials for the teachers.

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eScrip: We have a Winner!

By Todd Mendenhall

There aren't too many Win-Win situations these days, so Leigh High Home and School Club decided to create one! This is the third year of our Fall eScrip Membership drawing in which we give away \$100.00 in Safeway gift cards to one lucky eScrip supporter in October. Since we started this incentive two years ago, our eScrip participation has grown by 55%.

The rules are simple: Join eScrip, Register your Safeway Club Card, and add Leigh High Home and School Club (Supporter ID: 157506588) to your list of eScrip supporters.

This year's drawing winner is the Kagawa family. They have been supporting the Leigh HSC eScrip program since 2004 and were pleasantly surprised to get a phone call from me.

Leigh HSC would like to thank both you and Safeway for your commitment to education by



participation in the eScrip program. Due to our community's participation and commitment to the eScrip program, Safeway contributed over \$9000.00 to Leigh HSC last year.

Safeway's dedication to the eScrip funding program allows our students to continue to learn and thrive in a rich curriculum.

It's never too late to sign-up for eScrip. Sign up today at: <http://www.escrip.com>

Grad Night Planning Underway

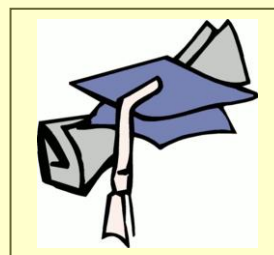
By Mary van Brunt

Safe and Sober Grad Night is a parent planned and parent sponsored event. The goal of the event is to provide a fun, safe, sober, graduation celebration for all graduating seniors.

We know that the LHS seniors will want to celebrate with their friends on their final night together and every year the seniors come back raving about what a great time they had at Grad Night. We are glad that we can provide our Seniors with a great opportunity to celebrate in a safe way.

The event takes place on the night of graduation, June 7th. Rest assured, Grads will have time to have dinner with their families before the event.

Check-in is at 9:30 pm. The event lasts all night long and



the students return the next morning around 5:00 am.

Grad Night 2012 gets a new venue and will take place in San Francisco, aboard a Hornblower Yacht, cruising the beautiful San Francisco bay.

Please contact Mary Van Brunt maryvanbrunt@comcast.net to volunteer to help with this great event or for any questions.

Leigh HSC and Amazon Associates

By Todd Mendenhall

Help Leigh HSC earn money by "clicking-thru" the Amazon links on the Leigh HSC website before you shop on Amazon.com.

Leigh HSC just started participating in the Amazon Associates program in which Amazon donates a percentage of sales back to Leigh HSC for your shopping.

What's the Catch? No Catch, but you *must* remember to "click-thru" the amazon links on our website before you do



your amazon shopping. If you don't, Amazon won't know that you want the proceeds to go to Leigh HSC.

Use the Amazon links on www.leighhsc.org before your next Amazon shopping spree!

Sports Boosters Funds Programs

By Mitch Vierra

It has been a busy start to the 2011-12 school year for the Sports Boosters. With the “new” lighting on the football field, Leigh was given 6 home games this season which meant that the barbeque and snack shack was “back in action”. Thanks to strong parental and student volunteering support from the Basketball, Baseball, Wrestling, and Field Hockey teams we were able to run an efficient snack shack.

With 2 meetings under our belt, the Boosters Club has already donated funds for the needs and requests of the following sports...Baseball, Football, Girls Soccer, Wrestling. We have allocated funds for brand new custom logoed cushioned chairs to be used by athletes while sitting doing sporting events held in the main gym. Funds are also being allocated for mat covers (wrestling/cheerleading) and shoulder harness shop vacs to help keep the large/small gym and baseball/softball fields clean of



debris. All told, the Leigh Booster organization has allocated \$17,800.00 in support of the Leigh Sports programs since the start of the school year. We were also instrumental in getting the administration to look into and to get the approval for the purchase of a new diving board for the Swim/dive team.

The Boosters are now in the process of designing new Leigh logoed merchandise to sell to the student body and supporters of Leigh High School. We hope to have the new logos on shirts and sweatshirts in the next few weeks. Thanks for your support of the Leigh Sports Boosters Club and its programs

The College & Career Center: A Valuable Resource

By Lynn Rice

The College and Career Center, located in room 32, provides resources for students and parents in their explorations of post-high school opportunities. We are staffed by parent volunteers and open every day at lunch and Wednesdays and Thursdays during tutorial. Our volunteers assist students in locating view books, brochures and catalogs from in- and out-of-state colleges and universities, in finding SAT and ACT dates and registration information, in discovering scholarship and financial aid opportunities, and by answering questions about the college preparation and application processes. We have computers available so students can conduct college, career, financial aid and scholarship research and take interest and values inventories to connect the things that they find rewarding and important to college majors and career possibilities. We encourage students of all grade levels and their parents to take advantage of our offerings.

The College and Career Center has several dozen books available for check out including new college guides like the 2012 editions of *The Best 376 Colleges* and *The Insider's Guide to the Colleges*. Other books include *Admission Matters: What Students and Parents Need to Know About Getting into College*; *Accepted! 50 Successful College Admission Essays*; *Cool Colleges: For the Hyper-Intelligent, Self-Directed, Late Blooming, and Just Plain Different*, plus a number of SAT and ACT test preparation guides.



A number of representatives from college admissions offices have visited the CCC this fall including USC, Cal Poly Pomona, Case Western Reserve University, and University of San Diego, among others. On the schedule in the coming weeks are CSU Stanislaus on October 19, San Jose State on October 25, and Pacific University (OR) on November 3. Meeting with college reps allows students to ask questions, get information and make personal contacts with officials at colleges and universities to which they may decide to apply. Check schoolloop for up-to-date information and new listings.

Feel free to visit the College and Career Center any lunch period or during tutorial on Wednesdays or Thursdays. Please contact Lynn Rice, lynnrice@hotmail.com, if you have questions or are interested in joining us as a volunteer.

PAPA: Performing Arts Parents Association Update

By Dave Manley

The 2011/2012 Performing Arts year is off to a great start! The Leigh Performing Arts Parents Association (PAPA) would like to welcome the entire Leigh community back to school and invite them to join in sharing the many different and engaging performing arts performances coming up this year.

Fall means the kick-off of the Marching Band season. On October 8th, the Marching Band performed in their first competition of the year at Cupertino High School. The fans, judges, staff and most importantly the students were pleased with the results and look forward to performing in Gilroy on Oct. 22. The Marching Band also performed at the Alzheimers Memory Walk on Oct. 15 in Downtown San Jose. Leigh Performing Arts Programs continue to support the community that is supportive of the arts. Under the direction of Mrs. Suzi Royer, this year's field show theme "Massacre at Glencoe" promises to be an entertaining and exciting one. Come see them at Homecoming!

Mr. Bill Burkhead's vocal students in the choir and Madrigals ensembles have kicked off the musical year in song. Preparing for the Winter Concert, The Leigh vocalists will be singing their way into your hearts as well as attending State level festivals and showcases. Mr. Burkhead also leads the return of stringed instruments to Leigh with a guitar class! Even in this difficult economy, Leigh administration, staff, parents and students continues the long traditions of music and personal growth at Leigh.

The Drama classes are busy rehearsing lines and getting ready for the Fall play, "The Foreigner". With Mr.



Bryan Ringsted at the helm, he has brought together an incredible group of thespians for this year's maiden show, set to premier in the new Performing Arts Center on December 2. The gala grand opening will celebrate not only the play's opening night but also the first major production in the brand new facility. Mr. Ringsted not only provides actors with stage opportunities, he also teaches Tech Theater, allowing students to design and construct sets, learn lighting and sound requirements, write, direct, and get hands on experience in all aspects of Theater Arts.

Before bringing the fall play to the stage, look for the Drama groups to bring some scary fun to the campus with their 2nd Annual "Haunted House" here on campus in October. We are looking forward to the upcoming performances of all of our programs, Band, Choir and Drama and the grand opening of the new Performing Arts Center here at Leigh. Look for more information about performances and annual events like the "Leigh Crab Feed" in the coming months. To check out our website go to www.leighpapa.org.

List of Upcoming Events

10/18/11	Home & School Club	7:00 pm	Library
10/20/11	Board Meeting	5:30 pm	District Office
10/21/11	Homecoming Festivities		Leigh Bowl
10/25/11	School Site Council	6:00 pm	Library
10/26-10/30	Haunted House!!	7:00 pm	Leigh Campus
11/3/11	Board Meeting	5:30 pm	District Office
11/3/11	Parent College Night	6:30 pm	Gym
11/7/11	PAPA	7:00 pm	Band Room
11/8/11	Sports Boosters	6:00 pm	Library
11/9/11	Donuts with Donna	8:00 am	Room 33
11/15/11	Home & School Club	7:00 pm	Library