



## PANTHER PRIDE

April 2010

Dear Parents,

As we get closer to the month of May we are quickly looking at the end of the school year. Soon it will be time to say goodbye to the **Class of 2010** and hello to the **Class of 2014!** It's hard to believe but we haven't even concluded this school year and we are working on starting the next. On March 11<sup>th</sup> we had our annual **Freshmen Open House** so that our new incoming freshmen and their parents could meet teachers and explore course and program offerings here at CHS. On March 24<sup>th</sup> we had our **Freshmen Parent Night** where new freshmen parents had the opportunity to meet their student's counselor and receive information about class registration, courses of study and graduation.

**For the parents of seniors, you will shortly receive a letter listing all books and fees still owed to Chico High School. Seniors who have not returned all books (textbooks and library books) by the end of the year, paid all required fees (transportation fees, lost or broken equipment, etc.), and served all assigned Saturday School days will not be permitted to participate in the graduation ceremony.**

If you have questions about the letter you receive, please contact the school immediately. We want to work with you to clear up any mistakes or problems as soon as possible. Be sure not to put this off until the last minute. Additionally, many seniors tend to put off completing all required computer competencies for graduation. Students must complete all competencies in order to participate in the graduation ceremony. Summer school is not offered in the state of California this year due to budget cuts and students will not have an opportunity to complete competencies at that time. We will be offering seniors the opportunity to complete competencies during the STAR testing (seniors are not tested) week of April 12-16 and again during our after school BLAST program. If you have questions about whether your child has completed their competencies, please contact the counseling office at 891-3033.

I am looking forward to graduation on May 27<sup>th</sup> at University Stadium. Your students have worked hard over the past four years to reach this important milestone. If you have any concerns about your son or daughter between now and May 27<sup>th</sup>, please contact us at 891-3026. We are here to help.

Jim Hanlon  
Principal

**Check The Daily Bulletin Online at [www.chs.chicousd.org](http://www.chs.chicousd.org)**

## Grad Night Ticket Information

Grad night tickets will be available for sale at \$35 starting April 16<sup>th</sup> at the birdhouse auction. They will be for sale at \$35 the first three Fridays in May during lunch. The last day to buy tickets will be May 23<sup>rd</sup> at Baccalaureate – the price this last day is increased to \$45. We encourage you to buy your tickets early. Remember that both the graduating student and their parent must sign the grad night permission slip to receive a ticket. Ticket forms will be mailed to each house; they are available in the office and with your government/econ teachers. Any questions regarding tickets please call Annie Gross at #892-9179.

### Senior Parents



**CHS Floral Team** will be taking orders for Graduation Hawaiian Leis' (\$20), May 1st-May 15st.

For more information please contact Quinn Mendez @ 891-3026 ext 381.

### CHS Library



It is time once again to start collecting your students' library books from under their beds, on their bookcases or desks so their account will be clear before the end of school. Please check with your son/daughter to see if they might have a book or two that needs to be returned before it gets too hectic for them with the closing of school. Since we are unable to purchase many books, we need to keep circulating the copies we have.

We will be mailing out a letter to all parents of seniors the last week of April, letting you know what current books, overdue books or fines your student has. Watch for the letter and call us with any questions you may have regarding library charges @ 891-3036.

### DONATIONS NEEDED!!!!

Due to our troubled economy, donations for this year's senior Sober Grad Night are quite low so far. We are hoping that by providing a "wish list" of specific prizes, we might be able to obtain some of the special items that the kids have enjoyed winning in past years. We're appealing to parents to "adopt a prize" or a portion of the cost of one. We're hoping for items such as mini-refrigerators, laptops, televisions, bicycles, digital cameras, itunes cards, gift cards for gas or restaurants etc.

We appreciate your support! Thank you for caring about our soon to be grads and for helping us create a drug and alcohol free special event. Tammy Barnett, Prize Committee Chair 343-4950 [tammypbarnett@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tammypbarnett@sbcglobal.net).

## Chico High School

### Baccalaureate 2010

On Sunday evening prior to the graduation ceremony, the PTSA invites you to a

#### Baccalaureate Service:

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at  
Grace Community Church  
2346 Floral Avenue, Chico

Baccalaureate is a non-denominational, inspirational service presented by and for graduating seniors and their families. Student presentations may include speeches, musical performances, poetry, dance, visual art and prayer. In addition to student presentations, there will be a keynote speech.

Graduating seniors should wear their CHS gowns (not caps) and gather at 6:30 p.m. in the church gym. Feel free to invite as many of your family and friends as you wish. The service will last approximately one hour and refreshments will be served immediately following the program.

Any parents who are able to help with refreshments may contact Charlie Bladorn at [clbladorn@sbcglobal.net](mailto:clbladorn@sbcglobal.net) or Susan Chrisco, [schrisco@chicousd.org](mailto:schrisco@chicousd.org). We encourage everyone to include this meaningful celebration in their graduation plans.

### Graduation Gowns

If you have an extra Chico High graduation gown lying around the house and you would like to donate it to a good cause, please drop it by Chico High. Gowns are distributed to students who can not afford the expense. Jostens donates tassels and together we make the graduation experience a reality for a few well deserving students.

Thank you for your help in this worthwhile effort.

### Attention Seniors



#### Recognition Nights for Seniors in May

Mark your calendars for two exciting evenings in May to honor outstanding seniors.

**Awards Night:** A ceremony recognizing academic, athletic and service achievements of CHS seniors (and a few others!), will be held **Thursday, May 13th, 7:00pm at the Masonic Center**

**Scholarship Night:** A separate ceremony honoring students who have earned monetary recognition for their outstanding achievements, will be held **Thursday, May 20th** will be held at the Masonic Center, 1110 W. East Avenue at 7:00p.m. Please notify your student's counselor of scholarship awards they have received so they can be included in the ceremony.

**End-of-Year Transcripts:** Students need to inform Sally Chandler, counseling secretary, where they need their final transcript sent. After grades come out in June, final transcripts are ready to be sent to colleges. Transcripts will not automatically be sent unless the student makes a written request.

# Safe and Sober Grad Night News

## General Information

Graduation is quickly approaching and plans for the Sober Grad Night party are underway. The event takes place at the Orchard Lanes bowling alley immediately following the graduation ceremony. Many volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. If you would like to help or would like more information call Sober Grad Night co-chairs Nicole Uecker 514-4358 or Layne Diestel 828-7297.

## Volunteers

Many parent volunteers are needed at Sober Grad night to help run casino tables, serve food, check in students and chaperone various stations throughout the evening. If you would like to help please contact Layne Diestel at 828-7297 or [Layneloveschico@yahoo.com](mailto:Layneloveschico@yahoo.com). Shifts are available from 10-12pm, 12-2am, 2-4am, and clean up.

## Fundraising/ Donations

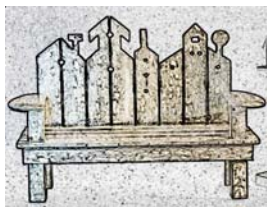
A Dine Out fundraiser is taking place at Marie Calendars Thursday, April 8th from 5-9pm. By presenting the Sober Grad night coupon 15% of the price of your dinner ticket will be donated to the event. Coupons were sent out in last month's mailer. They will also be available at the event.

The Chile's Dine Out fundraiser earlier this month raised over \$200.00 for Sober Grad night. Thank you to JENNIFER ROSSOVICH and ELLEN GALLENA for all their hard work organizing this event!

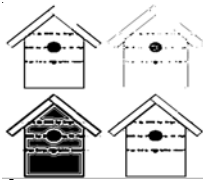
We are in need of food items as donations. We are hoping for donations of "finger foods" such as vegetable or fruit trays, brownies, donuts, bagels and cream cheese, cookies, pizzas, etc. If you would like to donate something please contact Food Committee chairman, Jeri Haiser at 680-6129.

Wood is needed for the The Birdhouse Auction. If you have something you can donate contact Kevin Dolan at 228-8161 or Cindy Triffo at 899-6970.

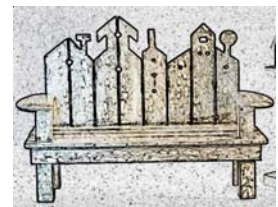
With your help, Safe and Sober Grad night will be a huge success!!! Thank you!!!



Birdhouses, Benches, and More...



The 10th Extravaganza and Auction



The Chico High **Class of 2010** hopes to raise **\$15,000.00** towards a Safe & Sober Grad Night party and we need your help.

**How:** By designing, constructing and painting birdhouses, benches and the like which will be auctioned off to family, community members and friends.

**When and Where:** The birdhouse and other designs will be uniquely detailed, assembled and readied for auction on Wednesday April 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>.

**How about the auction?** The auction itself will take place on the evening of April 16th in the Chico High gym. The silent auction will be between 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. The live auction will begin at 7:45 pm. Master auctioneer Jerome Nelson will once again be in attendance.

**How do people make bids?** Two ways. First, by viewing and bidding on those birdhouses which are selected for the silent auction. Bid sheets will be openly displayed on the table in front of each birdhouse including the name(s) of the student(s). The second way is to take part in the live auction of the award winning birdhouses as determined earlier by a selected committee vote. At the time, the silent auction will close and each birdhouse will go to the highest bidder on each sheet.

**What should I bring?** Your checkbook and a competitive spirit! Also bring neighbors, business associates, close relatives and other folks who have a checkbook and a competitive spirit! Let's help them reach their goal!

# Engineering, Architecture & Manufacturing

Several classes in Engineering, Architecture & Manufacturing are available for students seeking to pursue a degree or professional career in one of these fields. Beginning classes are offered in each area to new students who want to explore these class options. In many cases the classes can earn college credit or University of California Fine Arts credit. See all the course descriptions in the student handbook or ask your counselors for more details. Freshmen are encouraged to enroll early to take advantage of opportunities available in upper level courses by the time they graduate.

Several classes are available from beginning levels through advanced. The capstone class for CHS and PVHS students is ROP CAD Drafting. In this class students are completing internships called Cooperative Vocational Education placements in a variety of local industries. Our students have worked on a number of real life projects for clients, engineers and architects. Some community service projects have been featured in the local newspapers and many students have gone on to exciting, well paying careers in related fields.

The Industrial Technology Department at Chico High features some of the best state-of-the-art equipment, computers and software in California. Many colleges do not have labs that are as well equipped. We feature AutoCAD, Solid Works and Mastercam software. Each facility has its own complete computer lab with dual screen monitors. All the best printers, plotters, CNC milling equipment and 3D printers are made available to each of our students. We are supported by local business partners and a strong advisory committee to be certain our students get the education modern industry expects. Engineering, Architecture & Manufacturing professions have endured the toughest economies. Our students who have gone on to become college graduates have found prosperous careers waiting for them. Encourage your student to explore the options we have to offer and get an early start on their college credits too.

Feel free to contact either of the instructors, Mike Bruggeman or Tom Phelan, or come by for a visit to see the facilities. All instructors' current e-mails are available on the school web site or give the office a call.

## Science Department

### News



Congratulations to the 2010 Chico High School Science Bowl team for a strong showing at the Redding Regional Science Bowl on Saturday, February 27, 2010. Each year, the U.S. Department of Energy sponsors an annual academic competition called "Science Bowl" which promotes science and math education in 50 different regions throughout our nation. The full day event, sponsored by Redding Electric Utility, was held on the campus of Simpson University in Redding. The Science Bowl is conducted by placing student teams of five members each through a series of extremely rigorous, head-to-head oral quiz competitions covering questions in physics, chemistry, biology, astronomy, earth science, and mathematics. After training for 6 weeks, Chico High School brought 15 students divided into 3 teams to the regional competition. Chico High Team #1 finished the morning round undefeated and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Chico Team #2 finished the playoff round in 5<sup>th</sup> place.

The 2010 Chico High School Science Bowl Teams are:  
Team #1: Travis Glick, Sebastian Brady, Kamille Delgado, Marilyn McGowan, Maya Rosecrance; Team #2: Will Buchholtz, Dakota Dietz, Kelsey Ziomek, Kallan Berglund, Olivia Filbrandt; Team #3: Cody Schultz, Sean Brown, David Nemat-Nasser, James Farmer, and Andre Buccola.

All of these science students earned a great deal of well-deserved respect and a cool Science Bowl T-shirt for taking part in this exciting event. Physics/Chemistry instructor Tom Lampkin is the coach for all of the Chico High Science Bowl teams.



## Notes From Work Experience

Juniors or seniors seeking work or currently employed are hoping to earn dollars for cars, cash, and college.

After school jobs give them experience in time management as well as income. The Work Experience Education Program is here to help prepare students for employment and to help them become better and more informed employees.

**General Work Experience** is an elective class that combines legally paid employment or job searching with classroom instruction. Students must either be employed or actively seeking employment and filling out the Job Search Form and attached reflections to earn credit. All students must attend mandatory class sessions one period per week, and complete assignments. Variable credit is offered for unemployed students based on the number of hours spend searching for employment and time in class. Units of instruction include employment preparation, job success, economic and career awareness. Students also learn about child labor laws, occupational safety issues, how to complete and file income taxes, how to interpret payroll deductions and pay stubs, and much more. Final projects include a job shadow in their career of interest and a personal portfolio ready to present to future employers.

Student must be employed or actively seeking employment. Counselor recommendation and instructor's approval required.

A very limited number of students who are seeking employment may be eligible for our new class "**Exploratory Work Experience**", which combines non-paid job observation and sampling with related instruction. Its purpose is to provide students the opportunity to observe and sample a variety of conditions of work for the purpose of ascertaining their interest and suitability for the occupations they are exploring. Related instruction is the same as for General Work Experience including the development of a personal portfolio. Counselor recommendation and instructor's approval required. Enrollment is limited and based on possible placement opportunities.

**If your son or daughter gets a paycheck at work or would like to increase the chances of obtaining part-time work, why not have him/her get credit at school? Work Experience Education can help students earn extra credits, work more hours, make more money, become better informed employees, and prepare themselves for future employment and career opportunities.**

**If this sounds interesting, contact Ms. Windsor in the WEE Office @ 891-3026 ext 223, Rm 124 or e-mail**

**[mwindso@chicousd.org](mailto:mwindso@chicousd.org)**



# Every 15 Minutes Schedule of Activities

## 3/31 Wednesday Morning

“Living Dead” die every 15 minutes - representing the teenagers who die every 15 minutes on the average Friday or Saturday night from alcohol related accidents.

The “Grim Reaper” appears in their class to summon them - they go put on make-up and return to class for coursework but may not interact socially or use communication devices until the next afternoon. A police chaplain and a counselor talk with the class for a few minutes to explain about the program and read a simulated obituary for the “dead” student.

## Wednesday Night

Participants retire to a hotel to a seminar and assembly planning session.

## Wednesday Afternoon

Right before lunch begins, a simulated 911 call describes an accident in the quad at Chico High. Students are released to the quad where they see students in make-up involved in a mortal accident scene. Police, fire trucks, and eventually a mortician arrive and run through their jobs including first aid, DUI testing, arrest, and body bagging.

## 4/1 Thursday Morning

Participants return to CHS for an assembly for Juniors and Seniors including a 15 minute film of the events leading up to, during, and after the accident.

# Ag Department News

The past couple months have been very busy for the Chico High Agriculture Department. Our career development teams have been working hard throughout this entire year. The horse judging, livestock judging team and the floral team have traveled throughout the state to practice their skills against some fierce competition. The Heshaw Farm SAGE team is currently working on a presentation for their competition in San Francisco – April 30-May 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be competing against twenty four CA high school teams, to possibly continue on to the finals in Buffalo/Niagara Falls. We are also preparing for our local and regional project competition contest. Sarah Butterfield, Phillip Baker, Claudia Randall, Liz Rivara and Corina York will be presenting their student projects to Mr. Allen, Mr. Asnault and two Butte College instructors this Thursday and again on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. The students will be judged on knowledge and scope of their project, record keeping, appearance and speaking skills. On March 5<sup>th</sup>, the Ag department hosted the third annual 8th Grade Ag recruitment day.

Approximately 175 students from Chico Jr., Marsh Jr., Bidwell Jr. and Notre Dame, were lead through four different hands-on Ag presentations in: Plant/Floral, Agri. Science, Welding and equipment demos. The students all had a great time and there seemed to be many incoming freshmen that are interested in our program. We would like to thank all the parents, administrators, counselors, boosters, and Friends of Agriculture for helping make this event a success.

On April 17, Ms. Zweigle and Mrs. Mendez will be traveling down to Fresno in two vans full of students to the FFA State Conference. This is a leadership opportunity at the state level for FFA members. It gives students the opportunity to learn about and discuss current agricultural issues, as well as meet other FFA members from all over California. Phillip Baker will also be competing for a State proficiency in Specialty Crop Production. Good Luck Phil!

The students and Ag advisors are beginning to plan and prepare the Henshaw property for our summer crop. The second week in June, we will be planting pumpkins again. During the planning meeting with Seeds by Design, it was mentioned to incorporate baking and Cinderella pumpkins and butternut squash to this fall's crop. We plan to sell the pumpkins on site and invite elementary school students to the farm. There will also be cut flowers (a variety of sunflowers) grown to incorporate into the floral department and sell to the community.

Our Parent/Member Banquet will be held on May 12th in Lincoln Hall, where we will be awarding students for their outstanding work in FFA and the agriculture industry.

Students are really starting to gear up for the Silver Dollar Fair. In the Livestock area, over 20 students are preparing their hogs, lambs, steers and meat rabbits to be exhibited at the fair this May. The Friends of Ag will be offering cash prizes to students who raise outstanding animals in their respective classes.

The Horticulture students are growing and nurturing some gorgeous plants to exhibit this year and hopefully come home with another “Best of Show”. This year the FoA will be offering a \$250.00 cash prize for the “Best of Show” in specific plant categories. The Horticulture class still continues to hold weekly plant sales, every Thursday 9am-4pm, until May 13<sup>th</sup>.

The welding and fabrication students will be entering Ag Mechanics projects ranging from orchard sprayers to trailers and hoping for more “Best of Show” prizes from Friends of Ag and SDF.

Stop by the Ag department and see all the wonderful things that are happening this Spring!

## Chico High Psychologist Available

Mike Carroll is Chico High's Psychologist. He works with both special education students and general education students. He assists teachers and parents in supporting their students' learning. He meets with students in a confidential setting on a variety of issues affecting their educational experience.

Mike is also an advisor for the “CHS Peer Mediation Club” along with Lori Kliggerman. They assist students in resolving their conflicts peacefully. Students can receive services upon referral from teachers, counselors and administrators.

## Jon Nickerson - Secondary Teacher of the Year

Jon Nickerson, SDC teacher at Chico High, was selected by the Chico Public Education Hall of Fame as secondary teacher of the year. He was honored at the annual dinner on March 10th. Jon has been instrumental in the beautification of the Chico High campus over the past several years — including major work projects in the summer. He teaches his students not only academics, but real-world employment skills. He motivates, encourages and mentors in a way that enhances self-esteem and employability. Congratulations and thank you Jon for your dedication to Chico High and your students.

# Spring Testing Schedule 2010

# Notes from the Band!



## CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam)

### Ø Grade 10

Make-up (absent in Feb.) **May 11 & 12**

### Ø Grade 11

March 16 & 17 – vacation – test in **May 11 & 12**

### Ø Grade 12

March 16 & 17 – vacation – test in **May 11 & 12**

## STAR Test Window

April 14 through May 4

## Physical Education Fitness Tests

February through May

## AP Tests

### May 2010

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| Ø Government                             | Monday May 3 – 8:00 am     |
| Ø Statistics                             | Tuesday May 4 – 12:00 pm   |
| Ø Calculus AB                            | Wednesday May 5 – 8:00 am  |
| Ø English Literature (12 <sup>th</sup> ) | Thursday May 6 – 8:00 am   |
| Ø US History                             | Friday May 7 – 8:00 am     |
| Ø Biology                                | Monday May 10 – 8:00 am    |
| Ø English Language (11 <sup>th</sup> )   | Wednesday May 12 – 8:00 am |

## Spring Finals' Schedule

May 25, 26, 27

8:00 a.m. to 12:20 pm – each day

May 27 - last day of school

Finals for seniors - May 24, 25 & 26 (no finals for seniors on May 27)

Graduation Practice – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Graduation – 8:00 pm

It is with mixed feelings as I submit my final Panther Pride article for the wonderful Chico High Band. I have announced my retirement at the end of this school year and am looking forward to new adventures and time to relax a little. This job has been fantastic and a dream-come-true for me; but relaxing and stress-free are certainly not adjectives that would describe it! I will certainly miss all the outstanding students, the wonderful Chico High Staff and Administration, and the great parents I have had over the past twelve years. It has been truly the highlight of my career and I wouldn't trade the experience for anything. The Chico High Band has been known for their "Tradition of Excellence" for the past 41 years, and it is certainly my hope that the tradition continues. I wish all of you the very best in your musical experiences and in your lives ahead. I will truly miss you. May God bless you always.

Now that you know all of this, please mark your calendars for the last annual spring concert under the direction of Mr. Karol Forrest to be held on Tuesday, May 11th at 7:00 P.M. at Laxson Auditorium. It will feature the Chico High Symphonic Band and the Chico High Jazz Ensemble. Tickets are \$7 and will be available from any of the Chico High Band students and at the door. It's going to be absolutely incredible!

The band is also really looking forward to the Spring Tour to Southern California. The band will be gone from May 14-17. While on tour, they will perform a concert in Disneyland, which will really be one of the big highlights of the year! We can all hardly wait to go!

The band would like to thank several local businesses whose generous contributions were so gratefully appreciated this year. Mr. Forrest and the band extend their sincere thanks to Chico Cleaners, Safeway, Mr.Kopy, Round Table Pizza, and Papa Murphy's. Thanks, also, to so many other businesses and individual band parents for donating their time, money, and/or raffle prizes for the Hot Chili/Cool Jazz fundraiser dinner given on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The generosity you have shown the band is to be commended. It is no wonder that these students are so great, when you witness first-hand how supportive the parents and community have been to the band!

Now as we come in for the finish of another fun and successful year, Mr. Forrest would once again like to personally extend his heartfelt thanks to all of those that have been so extremely supportive of the band. The terrific students, the fantastic Chico High administration, staff, support staff, and the many wonderful CHS Band Booster parents have all played such a big part in showing support for so many years. You are all amazing! Thank you all for my unbelievably awesome and memorable twelve years at Chico High School!

## Choral Notes

The Choral Music Department has been very busy. Several students performed at the CMEA Solo/Ensemble Music Festival. Chico Chic and Sac Street Boys delivered approximately 125 Singing Valentines to Chico High staff and students. The Musical "Aida" was a great success, with the last two performance nights being sold out. The A Cappella Choir sang for Mrs. Doney's Memorial Service. The choirs performed at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent orientation meeting and again for the visiting 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Chico Chic sang at the Chico Education Hall of Fame Dinner, Sac Street boys will sing at the PTSA Honorary Service Award Dinner on April 20. The Chico High Vocal Spring Concert/Dinner/Silent Auction will be held on Wednesday April 28 at the Evangelical Free Church. Look for more details about this event, our biggest fundraiser of the year. The A Cappella Choir will all be going to see RENT on Friday May 7 at CSUC for their end of the year trip. A Cappella Choir will be singing at an Elks luncheon on May 11. All of the choral groups will be entertaining people at the May 8<sup>th</sup> CUTA Pancake Breakfast. The Musical Gala will occur Friday May 21 @7pm and Saturday May 22 at 2pm and again at 7pm. Get your tickets early as this event always sells out. Auditions for Bacca-laureate will be held on May 10. We had over 65 people audition for the 2010-2011 A Cappella Choir. Congratulations to those students who were selected to be in this group. If you have any questions about the vocal music department at Chico High, please call or email Mrs. Delgado [sdelgard@chicousd.org](mailto:sdelgard@chicousd.org) or 891-3066-322.

# CHS SPORTS PAGE

## Wrestling Corner



### CHS Wins EAL and Section Championships

The Chico High wrestlers completed the 2009-2010 season by winning the EAL Championships, the Division I meet, and the North Section Masters Championships. This is the second year in a row that the Panther wrestlers have won the Section crown, and we are very proud of them! Prior to last season, Chico had not won a Section title since 1977.

The wrestlers won the Masters tournament by putting 6 (!) wrestlers into the finals, establishing a **new North Section wrestling record** for most State Championship qualifiers in a year for a single team. In the North Section, the top 3 finishers per weight class at the Masters tournament go on to compete in the CIF State Finals. The finalists were seniors CJ Berry (162 lbs.), and Jessen Cole (191), juniors Nahshon Garrett (105), Efen Rodriguez (127), and Ross Longnecker (173), and sophomore Mason Sauseda (114). Garrett, Rodriguez, and Longnecker finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place while Cole, Berry, and Sauseda finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Sophomore Pang Lee (137) finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place, while sophomores Zack Bolen (121) and Max Bristow (217) went 2-2 and fell just shy of the placing rounds.

At the CIF State Championships, Chico's wrestlers gave it their best, representing their school with great pride. Longnecker, Sauseda, Cole, and Rodriguez came up short in advancing to the second day while Berry and Garrett were able to make it through. Berry ended up going 4-2 in the tournament, finishing one win away from earning a top 8 finish. Garrett ended up having an amazing tournament and after defeating Poway's Victor Lopez 11-1 in the finals (the only finals match to have a champion win by more than 6 points), Nahshon became Chico High's first state champion in over 30 years!

Looking forward to next year, the Panthers graduate only 2 seniors (Berry and Cole) and return 4 Section finalists, including a State Champion. Chico's wrestlers are eagerly anticipating the opportunity to earn a three-peat as North Section Champions!

### CHS Girls Basketball Team

This was another successful year for the CHS Girls Varsity Basketball team led by seniors Clara Chrisco and Anna Bartel (both All League members) and senior Kristy Reynolds (All League Honorable Mention). After an impressive regular season, the girls entered the post-season with high expectations. Playing one of their best games of the year, they easily defeated their cross-town rival Vikings 61-44 in the finals, winning the Northern Section Championship. This is the fifth time in the last seven years that the Chico High girls have won the Northern Section Title.

## Sports Boosters

Spring Sports are underway and our athletes are doing well. Try to catch some of their competitions! It is well worth your time!

Again this June we will be allocating in excess of \$100,000 to the Chico High Athletic Fund in order to SAVE SPORTS at Chico High School. As many of you are aware, the drastic budget cuts that hit Chico Unified School District greatly threatened the livelihood of athletics at Chico High. Chico High Sports Boosters continue to raise the monies necessary to keep athletics alive at Chico High School. We held several successful fundraising activities: in August, we held our second annual Chico Fest, followed in October by the Prius car raffle and in December we held our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Crab Feed. These activities coupled with a successful membership drive have enabled us to SAVE SPORTS for the second consecutive year!

Our year-end fundraising activity will be our second annual golf tournament on April 26<sup>th</sup> at Canyon Oaks Country Club. If you are interested in participating please contact Lori Twisselman.

We are in the long term process of helping to provide CHS with a state of the art sports facility, including our own football stadium. Please stay tuned for updates on this exciting project.

The 2010-11 school year will be here before we know it. If you are interested in participating in Sports Boosters next school year, please contact Lori Twisselman for additional information—899-7233. New parent board members are welcome!!!

Last but not least, a grateful appreciation for all of the time and diligent effort that the following board members have contributed to the athletes of CHS! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Lori Twisselman, Dave Pollak, Jane Dolan, Chris Moxon, Barbara Burkett, Mark Chrisco, Carol Ann Marshall, Keith Schuler, Mike Barney, Tom Manning, Greg Williams, Mike Mares, Lisa Bristow, Pat Conroy, Rich Leeds, Ray Peck, Jim Piluso, Annie Gross, Ron Cinquini, Dave Zavala, Barry Jones, Angela Acevedo, Danny Webb and Jim Hanlon.

## Sports Physicals

### Needed for Athletics

Before your student can play on a high school team, he/she must have a sports physical. Physicals will be offered by the local Butte Glenn Medical Society at Chico High on **Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00pm. and May 10 at PV. Get there early!**

Local doctors donate their time to give our students free physicals. However, we do ask for a small donation, which goes to support the athletic trainers at Chico High School.

Current eighth graders who are thinking about competing in any high school sports are strongly encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity. Physical forms need to be filled out and signed by the parent before the physical is given. After the doctor completes the medical portion, the form remains on file at CHS for the next school year.

Physical forms are available in the office.

### CHS Boys Basketball Team

The CHS boy's basketball team finished with a 23 and 7 season as division Two Section Champions by defeating PV in the Section playoff game. The team went on to the State playoffs and won their first game against Alameda. They then traveled to Roseville and lost a very close game to Woodcreek, a team that went on to play for the Northern California Championship.



## CHS Sports

### Update

### Boys Basketball Section Champions

### Girls Basketball League Champions Section Champions

### Wrestling EAL and Section Champions

# Farewell to the Academy of Communications & Technology



The ACT program is regrettably ending its wonderful experience as a smaller learning community at Chico High School after 16 years. This is a farewell and a statement of gratitude to so many. We have been blessed with students from every part of the "student spectrum," with teachers who have been part of the Core Program and with many of you who have worked with ACT students in a variety of disciplines. Some are retired, some now work at other jobs, some have moved on to other teaching experiences at CHS, some work with ACT students during this final year. Office staff, campus supervisors and administrators have gone above and beyond. I hesitate to thank you by name for fear of forgetting a single person, and for making this the longest article in this newsletter.

The California Partnership Academies is the longest state-funded program in California. ACT has been blessed with funding, through the hard work of ACT Director Ron Pope, to provide a unique experience for part of each school day for ACT students. ACT students, teachers and parents have enjoyed a family experience along with a strong and unique, integrated curricular educational experience. Juniors have each been paired with a community/business mentor for years, thanks to a variety of Mentor Coordinators. Those relationships exist, for some students, long after the junior year. Seniors, while participating in the capstone English/CTE Advanced Studio Production block, have raised funds to visit a variety of educational venues in Los Angeles for many years. Freshmen and sophomores have learned sophisticated technical and academic skills, developed further during their junior and senior years that can be applied in their academic and work experiences beyond high school.

The ACT Presentation Team has shared technology-infused, integrated curriculum across the state at school districts and professional conferences. They have traveled out of state numerous times to share and assist with the National Service Learning Conference.

Perhaps more importantly, ACT students have worked with students in Butte and surrounding counties, and especially in CUSD elementary schools, bringing *Mission Nutrition* and *Don't Laugh at Me* to a variety of elementary students. Over the years, in the ACT labs, students have served Chico High students in all disciplines, CUSD elementary and middle school students, senior citizens, local veterans, historians and other groups who have asked for help, service, and assistance. Like all of our Chico High students, they have been quick to respond with open hearts.

For me, and for all of the ACT teachers, family has mattered most. Students have found a home in their ACT family, and parents have contributed so much to that experience: picnics, fundraisers, various social events, movie nights at City Plaza and so many other events over the past 16 years.

While remaining a strong member of the Chico High English Department, serving Chico High School ACT students has been the most rewarding experience of my professional career.

I write this as a personal letter because, although so many have participated in and contributed to this smaller learning community, Ron Pope has always been the visionary, the grant-writer, the leader, the workaholic, the person who has only taken Christmas Day off for so many years. ACT is his legacy. ACT has been a unique educational and family experience for so, so many students that would not have existed without his hard work and love. Thank you all for your support for the past 16 years.

Chris Persson, Coordinator, Academy of Communications & Technology

## **FFA Events in April:**

FFA/Parent Booster Meeting: 14<sup>th</sup>  
State FFA Conference (Fresno, CA): 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>  
SAGE Competition (San Francisco): 30<sup>th</sup>-May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Plant Sales: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

## **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Growing Healthy Children Walk & Run Celebration 2010**

Sat. April 24, 2010  
Bidwell Park – One Mile Recreation Area

1 mile/5k and Kid Sprints  
9am – 12pm



Race Starts Promptly at 9am  
Race Day Registration 8am – 8:45am

# STAR Testing Overview



Participation in the Standardized Testing & Reporting (STAR) program is a requirement of all public schools in California. The purpose of the Standardized Testing & Reporting (STAR) Program is to measure how well students are learning the knowledge and skills identified in California's content standards.

The content standards describe what students in each grade should know and be able to do in English–Language Arts, Mathematics, History–Social Science, and Science. All students in grades two through eleven are assessed on the California content standards. The STAR Program tests ensure that information about the academic achievement of all students is collected on a regular basis. This information is critical to evaluating the quality of education provided to California's students. To ensure that schools have the most complete information possible, all students need to participate. A parent is required to meet with a school administrator in order to excuse their student from testing ( for an appointment call 891-3027).

**STAR** Program test results are a reasonably good measure of how well students are meeting state standards, and are used for the following purposes:

### **Communicating with Parents and Guardians**

Along with student report cards and information from school and classroom tests, results on STAR Student Reports can be used by parents and guardians to talk with teachers about ways to improve their children's achievement of California's content standards.

### **Monitoring Student Achievement**

Individual STAR Program results, along with other school and school district reports and teacher information, help school staff form a more complete picture of their students' academic achievement.

### **Evaluating School Programs**

Each year, school and district staff thoroughly review test results for groups of students by grade and subject to gauge what they are doing well and what needs improvement.

### **Providing Data to Accountability Programs**

STAR Program test results are used for state and federal accountability programs that monitor the progress of each school district and school toward achieving established goals. A parent's decision to excuse a child from all or some of the STAR tests puts schools and districts in a tough spot, since the district and school must have at least 95 percent of students participate in statewide assessments in order to meet federal accountability requirements.

### **Transition to College**

As part of the STAR Program tests, students in grade eleven may participate in the Early Assessment Program (EAP) through which a student can earn exemption from having to take California State University placement tests. The EAP is a collaborative effort, the purpose of which is to help identify a student's level of readiness for college-level work in English and/ or mathematics.

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), the accrediting entity in the Western region of the U.S., uses the STAR test results in the accreditation process. Grades and credits from accredited schools are much more likely to be accepted by universities and colleges.

## ARE YOU A PARENT OF A HIGH SCHOOL-AGED TEEN? DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?

Chico High School's Friday Night Live Chapter  
Presents: Parent Committed

Date: April 14th, 2010  
Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Where: Chico State BMU Room 210  
RSVP: [jskinner@buttecounty.net](mailto:jskinner@buttecounty.net)

- ◆ The Parent Committed Campaign is designed to help parents communicate and form stronger bonds with their teens.
- ◆ The Campaign's main goals are to make parents aware of underage drinking behavior in Chico and to help parents identify their role in reducing underage drinking.
- ◆ Parents can sign a pledge at the convening indicating their commitment to creating an alcohol-free environment that is fun and safe for their teens.

# Junior/Senior Prom 2010

## “ Un Soiree a Paris”

### The Junior Class

Cordially Invites You To The

### Chico High School

### Junior / Senior Prom

The Event Will Take Place On

Saturday, April 24, 2010

At Eight O'clock

In The Evening

At The Manzanita Place

#### Cost:

2 Chico High Students w/ ASB Card	\$50.00
1 Chico High Student w/ ASB Card and	
1 Student without CHS ASB Card	\$55.00
2 Students without any ASB Card	\$60.00
Single Ticket w/ CHS ASB Card	\$30.00
Single ticket without ASB Card	\$35.00

\* Guest passes for non-Chico High School students w be available from Mrs. Scott in the Assistant Principal's office. Complete guest pass and return ASAP.

# Chico High Over a Century of Excellence Shirt

Check the Chico High website at

<http://chs.chicousd.org/> under on-line payments/ student store to place your order



### Front of Shirt



### Back of Shirt



## Art Department

The Art Department seeks donations of new or gently used working digital cameras for our photography classes. If you have questions or donations, please contact Shannon McLean at [smclean@chicousd.org](mailto:smclean@chicousd.org).

The Art and Industrial Technology Departments would like to invite all families to check out Chico High's booth at the Silver Dollar Fairgrounds during the Silver Dollar Fair on May 27- 31st . The work of these Panther artists is amazing!

Arts for All is a parent booster group committed to the preservation and advocacy of the Arts in CUSD. The next meeting is on March 30, at Chico High School, in room F-1, 6:30 PM. Please join us. For more information please contact: [pbaxter@chicousd.org](mailto:pbaxter@chicousd.org)



## Year End Dates To Remember

Multicultural Rally	April 9
Junior/Senior Prom	April 24
Day On The Quad	May 8
Symphonic Band/Jazz Ensemble Concert	May 14
Choral Music Spring Concert	May 11
Seniors Award Night	May 13
Senior Slide Show & Luncheon	May 13
Pre-sold Yearbook Distribution	May 14
Sales of Remaining Yearbooks	May 22
Senior Scholarship Night	May 20
Musical Theatre Gala	May 21
Baccalaureate Celebration	May 23
GRADUATION and Grad Night Party!	May 27



**Chico High School**  
Proudly presents the Final  
Spring Concert  
under the direction of Mr. Karol Forrest

featuring the  
**Symphonic Band**  
and  
**Jazz Ensemble**

**Tuesday, May 11th**

**7:00pm**

**Laxson Auditorium**

**Tickets \$7.00**

Tickets will be available from  
CHS Band students and at the door.

## How To Reach Us At Chico High School

- To leave a message for teachers  
**891-3026**
- To call in an absence  
**891-3028 (A - L)**  
**891-3030 (M - Z)**
- To call a counselor  
**891-3033**
- To call the Principal,  
Jim Hanlon  
**891-3027**
- To call the Health Office  
**891-3031**
- To call Newsletter Editor,  
Dianne Regh  
**891-3026 X 616**

## Library Book Drive at Lyon Books!



During the month of APRIL, take your good-condition, used books to Lyon Books. The libraries (CHS & PVHS) will be given credit toward new books. Be sure to tell Lyon Books that your used book credit is for our high school libraries. Lyon Books is open Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 10am-6pm (121 W. Fifth Street by the Post Office)

**Look for the last  
Parent Newsletter on the CHS  
website  
for the 2009-2010 school year  
in May**