



PANTHER PRIDE May 2010

Dear Parents,

At the time of this writing, there are only 18 days left in the school year! It is hard to believe the time has passed so quickly. This will be an exciting month for all students, especially for those that will be graduating.

Seniors should have received a letter in the mail notifying them of any outstanding debts. It is important that your student take care of these debts as soon as possible. As stated in the letter, students will not be permitted to take part in the graduation ceremony until all charges are cleared. Please contact the school as soon as possible if you have any questions regarding outstanding debts. 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 and serve all assigned Saturday Schools 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. I look forward to graduation on May 27th at University Stadium. The students have worked hard over the past four years to reach this important milestone.

I want to thank all of you for the support you have given to the staff and students of Chico High School this year! Have a wonderful summer.

Jim Hanlon
Principal



**Chico High Graduation
Thursday, May 27, 2010
Chico State Stadium
8:00pm**

Check The Daily Bulletin Online at www.chs.chicousd.org

Grad Night Ticket Information

Grad night tickets will be available for sale at \$35 starting April 16th 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 23rd 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 letting you know what current books, overdue books or fines your student has. Watch for the letter which will arrive by the first week of May and call us with any questions you may have regarding library charges @ 891-3036.

If your student will be taking AP tests this fall and has purchased AP study guides, consider donating them to the library when they are finished studying from them. We can then check them out to next year's AP students. It's the best kind of recycling!

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.

Chico High School

Baccalaureate 2010

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

Baccalaureate Service:

Sunday, May 23rd 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 or Susan Chrisco, schrisco@chicousd.org. We encourage everyone to include this meaningful celebration in their graduation plans.



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** 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. Shifts are available from 10-12pm, 12-2am, 2-4am, and clean up.

Fundraising/ Donations

The Food Committee needs parent and community donations. Please help with cookies, wrapped candy, fruit and veggie platters, paper supplies, and pizza gift cards. Contact Jeri Heiser 530-680-6129 or vancourt7027@sbcglobal.net.

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

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.

Baccalaureate Auditions

Sing, dance, read poetry, play an instrument ...

MAKE IT YOUR EVENT!

When: Wednesday, May 12th

Where: Choir Room- D-1

Time: 3:10 – 4:30



SENIOR DATES



Mandatory Graduation	May 10
Speech Rehearsal	
Senior Memiories Rally and Slideshow	May 12
Senior Memiors Luncheon	May 12
Baccalaureate Auditions	May 12
Senior Memories Rally & Luncheon	May 13
Awards Night at Masonic Hall	May 13
Reg-to-Go Butte College	May 13
Graduation Final Speech	May 13
Scholarship Night at Masonic Hall	May 20
Baccalaureate	May 23
Final Exams	May 25
Final Exams	May 26
Senior Checkout	May 26
Graduation Practice	May 27
Graduation	May 27
Sober Grad Night	May 27



Chico FFA Spring Update

Your Legacy Awaits.....

Student Leadership Beyond Chico FFA

FFA Chapter brought 14 students to the 82nd annual State FFA Convention in Fresno this past month. Seven students were competing at the Fresno State Field Day on judging teams. Philipp Baker was competing for the State Proficiency Award and the remaining students gained knowledge about the FFA and the agriculture industry. All students were involved in leadership training workshops which will help them be better agriculture advocates in their local communities.

Corrine Mendonca an active Chico FFA officer, has decided to take her leadership to the next level for the 2010-2011 school year. Corinne has been a chapter officer for the past 2 years and also raises market hogs for the Silver Dollar Fair. The 2010-2011 Chico FFA Vice President recently interviewed and was slated for the position of North Valley Section FFA Sentinel. The Section Officer Candidates will give their speeches in May. Corinne joins the long list of Chico FFA members who have gone above and beyond the Chapter officer level. Elizabeth Rivara is the current Sectional FFA Reporter.

Chico FFA on the move!

Chapter members have traveled up and down the State of California and even across the Nation this year participating in leadership conventions, floral and livestock judging, speaking contests, and presenting to various Butte County organizations such as the Chico Unified School Board.

Ag Mech Project Construction!

Horticulture Students!!!

The Chico Horticulture students continue to nourish and produce beautiful houseplants (variety of ferns, aloe veras', succulent plants, Swedish ivies, and tomato plants). Come out to the CHS Greenhouses every Thursday from 9am-4pm until May 13th. Make sure to bring plenty of money or your check book because these plants are reasonably priced (\$2-\$9). We are also looking into selling at the Butte Road Runner Farmer's Market during the summer, located at the Butte College Chico Center on Saturdays from 9am-2pm. Keep a look out for some gorgeous student grown plants!



Record Number of Livestock Exhibitors!

The project construction students have been hard at work building projects for the Silver Dollar Fair. Projects include trailers, patio swings, tables, and decorative metal art.

This year the Chico FFA is proud to have over 23 students entering animals in the Silver Dollar Fair! It has been quite some time since this many animals were exhibited by Chico High School and it's on the rise! With 12 market hogs, 6 market lambs, 2 market steers, and 3 pens of meat rabbits the students have been extremely busy this spring. The Livestock exhibitors would like to thank the M&T Ranch, Cinquini Farms, Cheryl Vanella, and the many other generous community members who have helped make this many animal projects a possibility.

CHICO HIGH PLANT SALE



Thursdays 9am - 4pm

West Sac. Ave



The Chico FFA would like to thank all of the WONDERFUL supporters who have given countless hours, dollars, and energy to the success of our program! We would not be where we are today without your help!

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



Two Chico High Science Students received recognition for their projects at the Chico Science Fair. Anton Dresler's project on "Aroma Differential Between Two Chocolates" was recognized by the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society at CSU Chico. Vinna Chan received First Place Recognition for "Spinergy".

On April 9th, 37 Chico High Chemistry Students attended the annual High School Chemistry Conference at CSU Chico. This year's theme was "metals in chemistry". The conference is completely run by the student chemistry club. The high school students enjoyed a day of demonstrations, mini-lectures and a chemistry magic show!

Peer Mediation Club

Chico High has a peer mediation club open to all students. This club is committed to assisting in keeping Chico High a safe campus. Students are trained in mediation skills so that they may assist students in resolving interpersonal conflicts peacefully. These mediation skills include active listening, negotiation and techniques to manage conflict. Referrals from school personnel and students themselves, who want to resolve their conflicts, are the sources for this mediation. The club also conducts violence reduction trainings (bullying, mean girls, gangs) in Chico Unified elementary and junior high schools. The club meets every Tuesday in B-9, the club co advisors are Mike Carroll and Lori Kliggerman.

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 mwindsor@chicousd.org

“Come Fly With Young Eagles”



Saturday, June 12, 2010

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Chico Municipal Airport

FREE

The program is open to Chico area youth ages 8 through 17. A parent must be present and sign a release. No reservations needed. Meet in the parking lot at the Sub Sandwich Shop, next to the Chico Air Museum, 160 Convair Ave. **For more info: Floyd Sanderson 530-277-8904.**

The Young Eagles program hosts a morning of absolutely free flights to kids between the age of 8 and 17, simply to get them excited about aviation. They had plenty of room for more kids last year. A parent must be present and sign a release. Kids are encouraged to fly without parents, but children with needs are welcome to bring a parent along at no charge. Young Eagles EAA is a nonprofit organization. This rally is all through volunteers, and is not a teaser or sales pitch for lessons- most of the pilots are not instructors.

Congratulations Jenelle Ball

Congratulations to **Jenelle Ball** who has been awarded the prestigious **Lloyd Ryland High School Teacher Award for Chemistry for 2010!** This is Janelle's second recognition this month as she was also selected as the 2010 Rotary Educator of the Year.

PTSA NEWS

As the 2009/2010 school year comes to a close, I would like to thank the Chico High School PTSA members, staff, and PTSA board for making a difference in the lives of students at Chico High. This year we implemented the “Panther Pride” program where students were nominated each month for doing great things at Chico High. Ten students per month were rewarded with gift cards for various downtown merchants. This program could not have been possible without the support of our members. An ongoing program went into effect recently with Jamba Juice. When students, parents, staff, or community members go to Jamba Juice, they present the small Jamba Juice card and Chico High School PTSA receives 10% of that purchase. If you haven't gotten a card yet, they are available in the office. I encourage you to continue to support Chico High PTSA in the future and to welcome our new 2010/2011 PTSA board members. I hope you have a great rest of the school year and a relaxing summer break. See you next school year.

Kathy Hill
CHS PTSA President

MESA

Congratulations to Anabil Romo, Yobani Ortiz and Raul Hernandez. They placed 2nd in the Team Math Competition for Algebra 2 at the No CA Regional MESA Day Competition.

Chico High sent 13 students to the regional MESA Day competition Saturday, April 17 at CSU East Bay. The students who participated were the winners from the local Pre-MESA Day competition held in March. All our students did a great job both in their competitions and as ambassadors representing Chico High, CSU Chico and the greater Chico community. CSU Chico's MESA team was competing against teams from all over No CA, including UOP, Sac State, Berkeley, San Jose State, Ukiah and Santa Rosa, as well as East Bay.

Thanks to everyone for their support of Chico Highs MESA program, especially Jill Vanderheiden and the BLAST program. We could not do any of this without our CHS team

Musical Theater Gala

Friday, May 21, 2010 - 7pm

Saturday, May 22, 2010 - 2pm & 7pm

Chico High Williams Theater

Drop the Drugs Campaign

On Sunday, May 16th from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm, individuals can bring bags of old medications to hospital sites and simply drive by the designated sites and drop the bags in collection barrels, no questions asked. In an effort to fight the current abuse by teens and adults of prescription medication Enloe Medical Center will sponsor a Drop the Drugs collection area at the EMC campus at the corner of Cohasset Road and Rio Lindo Avenue in Chico (one block west of Mangrove Avenue.) This is a free public service coordinated by the Butte County Sheriff, Butte County Meth Strike Task Force, Butte County Public Health and Enloe Medical Center. Clean out those medicine cabinets and bathroom drawers and take advantage of this free public service.



Spring Testing Schedule 2010

Notes from the Band!



CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam)

- **Grade 10**
Make-up (absent in Feb.) **May 11 & 12**
- **Grade 11**
March 16 & 17 – **vacation** – test **May 11 & 12**
- **Grade 12**
March 16 & 17 – **vacation** – test **May 11 & 12**

STAR Test Window

April 14 through May 4

Physical Education Fitness Tests

February through May

AP Tests

May 2010

- Government Monday, May 3 – 8:00 am
- Statistics Tuesday, May 4 – **12:00 pm**
- Spanish Language Tuesday, May 4 - 8:00 am
- Calculus AB Wednesday, May 5 – 8:00 am
- English Literature (12th) Thursday, May 6 – 8:00 am
- US History Friday, May 7 – 8:00 am
- Biology Monday, May 10 – 8:00 am
- English Language (11th) Wednesday, May 12 – 8:00 am
- Spanish Literature Friday, May 14 - 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

Sober Grad Night

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 6th. 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 Vocal Music Department has had a busy couple of months. Sac Street Boys and Chico Chic performed 125 singing valentines on Valentine's Day to the Chico High students and staff. Thank you for your support in our fundraising endeavors. Haley Chamberlain performed at the CMEA Solo/Ensemble Music Festival and received a "Superior" rating and a Command Performance. Way to go Haley. Chico Chic sang at the Chico Public Education Dinner. They were complimented on singing the Star Spangled Banner "how it should be performed." That was nice to hear. Sac Street Boys performed at the PTSA District Honorary Service Awards Dinner. Both Mixed Choir and A Cappella Choir performed at the California Music Educator's Association Region III Choral Music Festival held at CSU Chico in March. Both groups were the best the judges heard and we received "Excellent" ratings. I was very proud of both their singing and their behavior. They did a great job! The A Cappella Choir sang at Jan Doney's Memorial Service and were fortunate enough to have the composer, Leonard Duarte conduct for them while Mrs. Delgado sang with the choir. The three Doney children, all alumni of CHS, also came up and sang. We held auditions for A Cappella Choir for next year and more than 70 students auditioned. We should have a great group next year. The A Cappella Choir sang for the incoming 9th grade orientation for 3 hours. Now, for the upcoming events! A Cappella Choir will be singing for the Noon Exchange Luncheon in May and will be attending RENT at CSUChico on May 7th. Baccalaureate Auditions will take place on May 10 in D2. A Cappella Choir will also be singing at Graduation on May 27.

CHS SPORTS PAGE



Chico High Wrestlers Qualify for Nationals

The Chico High wrestlers have stayed busy since the conclusion of the high school season, competing weekly in Freestyle and Greco-Roman tournaments (Freestyle and Greco-Roman are the styles of wrestling that are contested in the Olympics).

Sophomore Pang Lee and Junior Nahshon Garrett qualified for their age-group national teams recently at the Northwest Regional's in Battleground, Washington by finishing in the top three in their weight classes. Currently, they are the only Chico High wrestlers who have secured their status as national team members; however, there is still time for their teammates to qualify as well.

Pang and Nahshon will be representing the state of California at the national championships on July 18-24 in Fargo, North Dakota, the largest wrestling tournament in the world. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$14,500 and fundraising efforts for the boys have just begun, and any help that can be offered is tremendously appreciated. If you would like to make a donation or to find out how you can help, please contact Mr. Rollins in PC-16 or by e-mail at kröllins@chicousd.org.



Boys Golf

The golf team has 5 seniors and one freshman on the traveling squad. Seniors: Davis Rich, Chris Corbin, Kevin Lucena, Karl Gabski and Cody Conway. The freshman on the team is Logan Huber. The boys are 3rd in league and are hoping to climb up some notches in future EAL golf rounds.

Sports Boosters

The boosters will be electing officers and new board members in June. We welcome new freshmen parents. Sports Boosters' objective is to raise enough money to support all athletics at Chico High—this is a huge undertaking with the drastic budget cuts that have occurred within our school district. We must raise a minimum of \$100,000 to keep ALL Sports at Chico High. We have 4 major fund raisers per year (the first is our Brew Fest in September).

Please join Sports Boosters and help us reach these ambitious goals. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact Lori Twisselman at 899-7233.

Boys Baseball

The Chico High baseball team has set up a baseball scholarship fund as an endowment with the Chico High Foundation. All seniors who are on the varsity baseball team receive a \$250.00 "scholarship" (award). These scholarships are through the Chico Community Foundation.

The team has given out 18 scholarships in the first two years and will give out 5 more this year. For some kids it is the only award they ever get. The look on their face is great.

If you would like to make a donation contact Chip Carton at ccarton@chicousd.org

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.

Boys Varsity Volleyball

Chico High Varsity Boys Volleyball Team is currently ranked #47 in the Nation on ESPN's Fab 50 Ranking. This is a great honor for the team and CHS.



Other Spring Sports

Girls Softball

Girls Soccer

Track

Boys Tennis

Check the Chico High website for more information about the spring team sports

Academy of Communication and 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

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.

Arts for All is a parent booster group committed to the preservation and advocacy of the Arts in CUSD. The next meeting is on May 4, at Chico High School, in room F-1, 6:30 PM. Please join us. For more information please contact: pbaxter@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!



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



Year End Dates To Remember

Blood Drive	May 5
Staff Appreciation Luncheon	May 6
ACT Mentor Dessert	May 6
MESA Math & Science Day	May 7
Science Sizzler	May 7
Spring Band Concert	May 11
Choral Music Spring Concert	May 11
FFA Banquet	May 12
ACT Awards Night	May 14
Band Trip	May 14
Symphonic Band/Jazz Ensemble Concert	May 14
Pre-sold Yearbook Distribution	May 14
Musical Theater Gala	May 21
Sales of Remaining Yearbooks	May 22
Musical Theater Gala	May 22
Final Exams	May 25
Final Exams	May 26
Final Exams (no finals for seniors)	May 27
GRADUATION and	
Grad Night Party!	May 27



Chico High School

proudly presents

“The Grand Finale”

Spring Concert

This will be the final 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

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