



## Half Moon Bay High School

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Mary E. Streshly, Principal

### Welcome Back Cougar Parents and Guardians,

It is my pleasure to welcome each new and returning family to Half Moon Bay High School. As the Principal of HMBHS, I look forward to working with you, your child and the Half Moon Bay High School Community. I am pleased to say we had another very successful school year and anticipate another year of continued improvement and acceleration toward our mission of educational excellence. The following is just a brief example of things we're proud of from the 2010-2011 school year:

- ❖ We graduated the largest number of seniors in many years who were accepted to prestigious universities, such as Duke, Vassar, Berkeley, UCLA, Johns Hopkins, Rice and NYU, to name only a few of the dozens of 4-year college acceptances – **THE BEST KEPT SECRET: This is the best place to be for the competitive edge on college acceptance...ask around, our kids are getting in!**
- ❖ Our athletic program boasted several championships, CCS bids, a PAL player of the year and coach of the year
- ❖ Our spring musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, had record-breaking crowds and profits
- ❖ Our counseling department won The San Mateo County School Boards Award of Excellence
- ❖ Our award-winning music, art and AG departments boasted 1<sup>st</sup> places and Hall of Famers again
- ❖ Our adoption of a student/teacher recognition program called Renaissance positively impacted school climate by expanding student leadership opportunities on campus
- ❖ Our parent support was simply outstanding. I've witnessed a Renaissance of volunteerism and giving from our community that is nothing less than inspirational. Spearheaded by our newly formed Booster Athletic Corp. (BAC) and supported by our Parent Advisory Council (PAC), parent-led beautification projects last year have produced a significant refurbishing of our athletic facilities and campus landscaping – projects are even planned throughout the summer and into next year!
- ❖ Our Parent Advisory Council not only purchased 70 new computers to support our media center and new web design/animation course, but also helped to create CSEF (Cougar Scholastic Excellence Fund) to guarantee rich elective offerings at HMBHS. Thanks to PAC's new Excellence Fund, sections of Marine Ecology, AP calculus, jazz and early bird PE were added back to schedules.

This is all possible and more because Half Moon Bay High School is a unique school with an outstanding, diverse student body and a dedicated staff. Along with continuing the momentum from last year, it is also my goal to sustain a dialogue with all stakeholders to meet the needs of our students, and provide a welcoming, safe, and caring atmosphere for students, staff, and parents. I have

an open door policy for all, so please to do not hesitate to come in, call, or email me. **Please read the following important fall 2011-2012 registration information carefully.**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR 2011-2012 REGISTRATION**

**New State Law: D-Tap immunization (whooping cough vaccination)** – no new student will be registered and no returning student will receive a schedule without this shot. \*see flyers inside for more information – shot clinics will be set up on campus during registration at the following times: Aug 16<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am – 12:30, Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30am – 11:30, Aug 18<sup>th</sup> 11:30 – 3:30

**Mandatory Freshman Orientation in the Gym: Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 1:00pm** – \*see attached flyer for student activities and parent orientation/reception hosted by our Parent Advisory Council (PAC). Parents, please plan to attend with your son/daughter.

**Arena Registration for grades 10-12 in the Gym: Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30am – 3:30pm and Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> 7:30am – 3:30pm.** Parents, please attend with your student in order to do the following: provide/verify registration information, sign off on parental agreements, purchase parking passes (\*parking will be strictly monitored this year – only free area is lower lot – proceeds go directly to student government), ASB cards, PE clothes, athletic clearance cards, PAC and BAC membership and yearbooks, renew Escript, sign up for volunteer committees, receive important documents AND LAST BUT NOT LEAST... pick up your student's schedule.

**First Day of School: Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup>** The first “warning bell” rings at 7:40am and the tardy bell rings @ 7:45am. We will not have lock out the first 3 days of school, but the “no tardy” policy will continue to be enforced because of its powerful impact on learning. If a family has extenuating circumstances keeping them from attending the registration dates listed above, please arrive to school the first day by 7:00am to complete registration with Ms. Vrba, the school secretary.

*\*Special Note: Our counseling policy is not to alter student class schedules; therefore, please do not schedule an appointment with your counselor to request a schedule change. Exceptions will only be made for technical or professional error and/or if a student mistakenly receives an incomplete schedule of less than 6 classes.*

*\*Special Note: Because of our well known traffic delays on Lewis Foster Drive it is recommended that students and parents plan their departure to arrive at school no later than 7:30am. There is consistently no traffic on Lewis Foster at this time. And, as weather allows, it is also recommended to drop your son/daughter off at the bottom of Lewis Foster near the New Leaf shopping center. As witnessed daily at lunch time, students can easily walk up the hill in about 10 minutes. New this year: the lot next to the softball field will no longer be available for student parking.*

**Picture Day: Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>** – All students are required to carry a school issued identification card at all times. Student picture ID cards will be mandatory for participation in all after school events and off campus lunch privileges.

**Back To School Night: Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm** – This is an important night to meet your child's teachers, get tips for academic success, get involved in your child's education, vote on school site council membership and learn more about “what's new and great” about Half Moon Bay's flagship school.