

September 12, 2007

HOOVER HAPPENINGS



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SCHOOL CONTACTS

Attendance 248-1306
Administration 759-2783
Counseling 759-2787
GATE 263-6842
YMCA 832-0622
(Cameron Burch)
Ms. Judy Dong 263-6782
(Principal)

Please call the attendance number when your child will be absent from school. Be prepared to give their full name, grade, homeroom number, and reason for absence.

When calling the school, please remember that calls cannot be forwarded to classrooms. You will be asked to leave a message.

COUNSELING OFFICE VOICEMAIL

- Mr. Graven, Asst. Principal: 273-5451
- Ms. Gibbons, Head Counselor: 273-5710; gibbonsn1@sfusd.edu
- Mr. Leonard, Gr. 8 Counselor: 273-1075; counselor@frankleonard.com
- Ms. Castillo, Gr. 7 Counselor: 759-2783
- Mr. Koppes, Gr. 6 Counselor

TO BETTER SERVE YOU

We want to better serve you by being able to direct your calls more efficiently. Parents or caretakers are requested to use the most direct school telephone numbers to relay their questions and concerns. To report student absences call 248-1306. For any student related concerns, call 759-2787 or 2793 to reach the Counseling Department.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The SSC will meet on the second Wednesday of each month alternating morning and afternoon meeting times each month. All are welcomed to attend. SSC calendar: *WED SEPT 19, 2007 8:10 am Library

PTA CONTACTS

- Linda Renteria, President: 850-5165; Saliente@aol.com
- Jill Fox, Vice President: 285-9211; ibjill@comcast.net
- Debi Skaggs, Secretary: dbskaggs@yahoo.com
- Diego Montoya, Treasurer: dilinc@hotmail.com
- Carol Lee, Membership Chair: 664-5093; phonymom@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

*Susan Tong, Volunteer Chair: susan.tong@sf.frb.org

CALENDAR

SEPT 12 6:00 pm: PTA Board meeting. All welcome. Main Office
SEPT 20 6:30 pm: Back to School Night: Auditorium (Advanced Orchestra, Chorus, and Symphonic Band performs)
SEPT 26 Picture Day
OCT 1-5 Walk to School Week
OCT 8 Columbus/Indigenous People's Day (SCHOOL CLOSED)
OCT 10 6:00 pm: PTA Board meeting. All welcome. Main Office
OCT 13 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 pm: Band and Orchestra Fundraising Carwash at Commodore Sloat Elementary School

- **PTA Board Meeting:** All welcome, Main Office: Special Guest is the Librarian Katie Olsen
- **Join the Hoover PTA:** Please contact Carol Lee at phonymom@yahoo.com.
- **Join the Hoover Yahoo Groups:** Sign up for the Hoover PTA yahoo group list serve. Yahoo Groups is a list where any member can post information or ask questions about Hoover activities. Go to Hoover PTA website: <http://sfpta.org/Hoover>.

MESSAGE FROM JUDY K. DONG, PRINCIPAL :

Greetings Parent and Guardians:

Welcome to an exciting year at Hoover Middle School. We are faced with a challenging start of the year with the loss of several staff members, but please know that we are doing all we can to hire quality teachers to fill these vacant positions. Changes to staffing, however, also brought new members to Hoover: Officer Granucci, School Resource Officer and Annie Zerull, Counselor. Teachers have prepared to offer a challenging learning experience for your child, so be sure to support and communicate with your child every evening. Another way to support the school is to join the PTA and volunteer for school and classroom events.

Save this date: Thursday, September 20th for BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT. Hoover teachers, counselors and administrative team are looking forward to meeting all of you. Your child will bring home a class schedule and program on Wednesday in preparation for this event.

We have concerns regarding safety of students and traffic congestion at the 3:25 pm dismissal. Please do not block the school bus zones or Muni bus zones. If you pick up your child after school, I request that you consider two options. You could pick up your child away from the 14th and Santiago St. at your selected location or pick up your child at 3:40pm when traffic subsides. An administrator, school security aide and DPT crossing guards are on duty until at least 4:00 pm. For the safety of our 1200+ students, your cooperation is necessary.

MERITS OF HOOVER MIDDLE SCHOOL from Mrs. J. Cunningham (Merit Awards Sponsor)

The Merit Awards' event is alive and well at Hoover. You can earn merit awards points by being a good citizen (citizenship); by being a good student (scholarship), and by giving service to the school.

The points are accumulated during 6th, 7th and 8th grades. When you graduate, you will receive a pin for each category earned in your diploma. This is a terrific memory from a terrific middle school... "Go Hawks"

Beginning the week of SEPT 17, 2007, representative will visit homerooms to explain the system and how you can be part of it. Please continue to encourage your child to participate in this program. Thank you.

SEASONAL SPORTS: INFORMATION POSTED ON:

<http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/athletics.htm>

Baseball/Softball Volleyball
Basketball (Boys) Basketball (Girls)
Soccer Track and Field

BOYS' BASKETBALL SEASON 2007: Mr. F. Jue- Boys' Basketball Coach:

- Come One! Come All! The Hoover Boys' basketball season is about to start again. Any student interested in signing up for the school basketball team must pick up his sports physical form immediately in the Boys' P.E. Department. An appointment with the family doctor, family hospital or clinic or any city health center is necessary in order to participate. It is very important that a student shall not try out, practice or participate in competition without certification from a medical practitioner that the student is fit to participate in athletics.
- Official Boys' Basketball Try-outs will start on MON, SEPT 17, 2007. We will divide the grade levels into two days for try-outs. All interested 6th and 7th graders will show up on MON, SEPT 17, 2007 @ 3:35 pm. All interested 8th graders will show up on TUES, SEPT 18, 2007 @ 3:35 pm. Both try-out dates will probably end at ~5:45pm. All students are asked to dress down into P.E. clothing and to meet in the South Sym o@ 3:35 pm on both days. All basketball members must maintain an overall "C" average (2.00 GPA) throughout the school semester to be eligible to participate in basketball.
- 2007-2008 Boys' Basketball Seasons Schedule is available in the office and posted on-line.

GIRLS' LADY HAWKS BASKETBALL SEASON 2007:

- Official Girls' Basketball Try-outs will start on THURS, SEPT 20, 2007 & FRI SEPT 21, 2007 at 3:45 pm in the girls' gym. All grade levels are encouraged to try out- 6th, 7th, & 8th.
- In order to try-out, you must have your physical form completed by your doctor and on hand at the try-outs. Ask your PE teacher for a form if you need one. If you played on the team last season, you still must try-out.
- If you are playing softball, please inform the coaches.

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Article Due	Distribution Date
SEPT 21	SEPT 26
OCT 5	OCT 10
OCT 19	OCT 24
NOV 2	NOV 7
NOV 16	NOV 21

GOT NEWS?

Please drop Happenings items in the PTA Happenings mailbox or send items via email to Kate Ikeda at Bkbkikeda@aol.com. Electronic submissions preferred.

Help Hoover Earn Free Supplies

at Office Depot, our school receives credits equal to 5% of the qualifying purchases to use for free supplies. Hoover's ID Number is 70014080.

Rainbow Grocery Paper Scrip Program:

In order for Hoover to receive 10% of your Rainbow purchases, you need to buy "paper" scrip (in \$20 increments) from me BEFORE you shop. You can e-mail or call with your order, to arrange delivery, and if you have any questions. Shauna Woods. woodshauna@aol.com; (415) 337-6935

www.schoolpop.com

Go to www.schoolpop.com, enter Hoover's ID number 103851, and start shopping! Up to 20% of every purchase you make goes back to Hoover.

eScrip, Powerful, Free, and Easy!

Register your grocery club cards (such as Safeway) & Debit/Credit cards with eScrip. After you register and use the cards for your purchase, the proceeds will be deposited into Hoover's checking account. To register, log onto www.escrip.com and enter Hoover's group ID# 141773623.

STUDENT CLUBS: SAMPLE OF LAST YEAR'S CLUBS:

http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student_body_clubs.htm

Recycle, Merit Awards, Wellness Club, Math Counts, Knitting/Crochet Club, Gardening Club, Young Political Association Club, Art Club, HAMR (Rocketry Club), Computer Club, Newspaper, Yearbook, Japanese, Homemaking Club *Sewing Savvy, Science Club, Spanish Club, Badminton (Co-ed), and Drama. Most of the clubs meet during on of the lunch periods and others at 0 period or after school depending on the Teacher sponsor's schedule.

SAFETY WORKSHOP: The Second District of the California State PTA cordially invites you to its General Meeting SAT, SEPT 15, 2007. Come share in a workshop conducted by *Common Sense Media* on Safety. <http://www.sfpta.org/Flyer091507.doc>

2008 ENTERTAINMENT SAN FRANCISCO/SAN MATEO BOOKS are now on sale for \$25/book! The target is to earn \$10 per book with a minimum of 100 books sold. We're selling them at the Back to School Night: in the Auditorium SEPT 20, 2007 at 6:30 pm or via the order form on-line: <http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/>

YEARBOOK PRE-SALE: From the yearbook staff and Mr. Raznick:

The Yearbook Staff is announcing that the yearbook pre-sale will take place on Back-to-School Night, SEPT 20, 2007, in the Cafeteria, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Yearbooks will be sold at a discount price of \$24 on that night. Buy one before the price goes up!

SEVENTH ANNUAL MUSIC CAR WASH – SAVE THIS DATE!

- **Saturday, October 13th from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at Commodore Sloat School, 50 Darien Way**
- The proceeds from the Music Car Wash help buy new instruments, repair existing instruments, and pay for music specialists to tutor students.
- Car wash tickets will be handed out next week to all Band and Orchestra students. Please feel free to purchase a car wash ticket (suggested donation \$10) from a Hoover Band or Orchestra student. The class with the highest ticket sales gets a pizza party! Bring the ticket stub to the car wash and have the *Hoover Music Car Wash Experience*. Buy delicious baked goods and coffee and relax as your car is washed by Band and Orchestra students.

Band and Orchestra Families:

The Music Car Wash is a fun opportunity to mix with other parents over soapy sponges and drying cloths. Parent volunteers make this event a fun way for students to help support the school's music program. Be ready to encourage your musician to sell as many tickets as possible. Share your secret car wash tips with the next generation – send back your volunteer form as soon as possible. For more information, you can contact Teresa Chu (Orchestra Contact) tchu@visa.com, Daphne Powell (Band Contact) daphne.powell@yahoo.com, or Julie Hagelshaw (Orchestra Contact) jhagelshaw@sbcglobal.net.

HOOVER MUSIC DEPARTMENT IMPORTANT DATES – Put these dates on your calendar now!

- THURS, SEPT 20th, 6:30 p.m. - Back-To-School Night (Advanced Orchestra, Chorus, and Symphonic Band performs)
- SAT, OCT 13th, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Band and Orchestra Fundraising Carwash at Commodore Sloat Elementary School
- FRI, NOV 30th, 7:30 p.m. - Fall Orchestra Concert
- FRI, DEC 7th, 7:30 p.m. - Fall Band Concert
- THURS, DEC 13th, 7:30 p.m. - Fall Choral Concert
- WED, MAR 5th, 7 p.m. - Pops Concert Benefiting the Hoover Annual Fund (Advanced Orchestra, Advanced Chorus, Symphonic Band, and Jazz Band perform)
- WED, MAR 19th, 7:30 p.m. - Sixth Grade Night of Music (sixth grade orchestra and band students perform)
- FRI, MAY 16th, 7:30 p.m. - Spring Band Concert
- FRI, MAY 23rd, 7:30 p.m. - Spring Orchestra Concert
- FRI, MAY 30th, 7:30 p.m. - Spring Choral Concert
- Symphonic Band at the SF Giants – TBA (late spring)

WEST PORTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**CHINESE PERFORMANCE ARTS PROGRAM (CHINESE NEW YEAR PARADE)**

All West Portal Alumni students are invited to participate in the 2007/2008 Chinese Performance Arts Program. The Chinese New Year parade is FEB 23, 2008. The performance group list below shows the practice info for each group. Additionally there will be three Sunday (or Saturday) practices before the parade.

- Stilts Walkers, FRI 4:30-6pm, starting Sept. 21, 2007 for new walkers. Returning walkers start NOV 16, 2007. Veterans in the 8th grade and over must help as spotters for the first month starting SEPT 21, 2007.
- Ribbon Dancers, FRI, 5-6pm, starting SEPT 21, 2007
- Lion Dancers, FRI 4:30-5:30pm, starting SEPT 28, 2007
- Fan Dancers, FRI 4:30-5:30pm, starting SEPT 28 2007

Please pick up sign up forms in the West Portal office - CPAP box.

Forms must be filled out and signed by parents and returned to the CPAP box or bring to the first practice. If you do not have a signed form, you will not be able to participate.