

BJHS PARENT NEWS

BELLARMINE-JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL

MAY 2008

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all who attended our "Casino Night". Under the leadership of Mrs. Patty Bertole, the evening proved to be profitable as well as fun.

Another "Thank you" to all families who participated in the raffles: **Congratulations to all the winners!**

Jeanne Tan (Raymond-11th grade)-Broadway Play for two.

Lorraine Mark (Erik Mark - incoming 9th grade) overnight at Disneyland for four.

Ed Hernandez (Nicole-10th grade)-50/50 drawing

The month of May will bring many opportunities to say "Thank You" to parents who have worked hard throughout the year. First of all, I would like to thank those many parents who have been involved in our parent organizations. They have given so generously of their time for the benefit of all students and the entire school!

We bid farewell to the following Parent Advisory Board 12th grade representative members who have been involved for three or more years:

Allyn/Edith Chung – (mom/dad of Daniel Chung)

Sonia Hovsepian – (mom of Sonia)

Carolyn Romano – (mom of Alexandra)

The Board currently numbers 27 representatives and I really believe they are an excellent group of advisors for me.

And last but especially, Mellie Loera – (mom of Stephanie) who has been on the Booster Board for four years and president for two of those years

and

Mirtha Rivas (mom of Vanessa) who also has been on the Booster Board for four years and has been responsible for all the sports banquets during her time here at Bell-Jeff.

I also want to thank all of the Booster Board for their tireless dedication and hard work for the athletics program! I am looking forward to working with all of you again next year.

Finally I wish to thank **the parents of the Class of 2008** for their generous support these past four years. I believe we have worked well together and I look forward to sharing in the wonderful graduation events with you and the graduates.

Sincerely,

Sister Cheryl Milner, SNJM

BOOKSTORE



Senior Book Buy-Back: The bookstore will be buying back some Senior textbooks only if they are in excellent condition on Thursday, May 29th for one hour only after exams. More info will be given to students regarding the procedure.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

Our annual Career Day took place on Friday, April 25. The day was very well attended by guest speakers in several different fields, and many were alumni. The students were able to choose the presenter of their choice. Each presenter had a classroom which held between 20-30 students. The morning consisted of four, 45minute sessions, with a break in the middle. Each presenter spoke to a new group each session. The day ended at noon with a nice lunch for all the presenters and faculty. A big "thank you" to Mr. Bud Phillips who coordinates this very special day. If you are interested for next year just give him a call at (818) 972-1400. Some of the careers included:

Real Estate	Nursing	Social Worker
Law	Beautician	Air Force
Artist	Physician	Law Enforcement
Psychology	Engineering	Journalism
Cartoonist	Screenwriting	Photography
Animation	Fashion	CIA/Politics
Acting	National Guard	

May Crowning Mass Thursday, May 1, 2008 Mass 11:55 a.m.

We invite parents to join us as we honor our mother Mary and all our mothers.

Please bring fresh cut flowers to school on Thursday, May 1st.

Tables with vases will be set up between 7:30a.m. and 9:30a.m. to receive your donation of flowers.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS BANQUET

The Fine Arts Department will host its annual Visual and Performing Art exhibit and concert, Thursday, May 15th at 6:00 p.m. in St. Eleanor Hall. The exhibit and concert will feature works of art, video, and photography and a performance by the Bell-Jeff choir. All involved students and parents are encouraged to attend. If you need parent-service hours, please contact Ms. Britt @ (818) 972-1400.

FRESHMEN SHALOM DINNER

It is a tradition that the Freshmen thank their parents for the opportunity they have been given to attend at Bellarmine-Jefferson High School. This wonderful evening is a great opportunity for the parents to share in the spirit of community that their sons and daughters experienced as they have built their class unity. I encourage every parent to join the Freshmen Class of 2008, their teachers and administrators for this wonderful

evening. Please refer to the letter from Freshmen class moderator, Mr. Joe Alexander. Tickets will be sold in bookstore.

**Shalom Dinner – Thursday, May 22nd
6:30p.m. in St. Eleanor Hall**

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

The 2008 Junior/Senior Prom will take place at Calamigos Ranch in Los Angeles Equestrian Center on Friday, May 3rd from 7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.. Students will not be admitted after 8:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale in the bookstore for \$85.00 per person, but after Friday, April 25th the cost goes up to \$95.00. Seniors may reserve their table at time of ticket purchase (first come-first serve). The cost includes appetizers, sit-down dinner, dessert, unlimited beverages all evening, great DJ, and party favors.

Students must be in school all day on Friday, May 2nd in order to attend the Prom.

Also all financial accounts must be up to date for all grade levels attending.

The school does not approve of post-prom parties at hotels.

Attire for Prom should be formal.

Our school policy is that Freshmen & Sophomores are not allowed to attend the Prom.

SENIOR ACCOUNTS & UPDATES

Reminder: Final statements for seniors will be mailed the first week of May. Senior accounts which include tuition, graduation fee, support hours (worked or paid) and AP exams (if applicable) may be **cleared by check by Thursday, May 15th, 2008.** Senior exam permits will be issued on Wednesday, May 21st and all Senior accounts must be cleared in order to take final exams and participate in graduation activities. If you need more information, please contact Mr. Sadeghi, Senior Class Moderator.

PARENT SUPPORT HOURS—FOR GRADES 9, 10, 11

Thank you to all parents who have completed their 25 support hours for this school year. **The deadline to WORK your support hours is Saturday, May 31st.** The last day to pay by **check is May 29th.** **Exam permits will be issued on Wednesday, June 4th.** Any outstanding fees, support hours, fundraising money, athletic uniforms, etc. will be added to your tuition account. **All students must have an exam permit in order to take their final exams.**

REMAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUPPORT HOURS THIS MONTH FOR 9TH, 10TH AND 11TH

- Visual & Performing Art Exhibit & Concert : Thursday, May 15th – Call Ms. Britt @ (818) 972-1400
- Freshmen Shalom Dinner: Thursday, May 22nd @ Call Mr. Joe Alexander – (818) 972-1400
- Spring Sports Banquet: Monday, May 19th
Call Mrs. Mirta Rivas (818) 506-4237.
- Baccalaureate Reception: Thursday, June 5th
Call Mr. Fito Cadny – (818) 972-1400

All of the above organizations need parent help, so 9th-10th-11th

parents don't wait to pay – sign up to work your hours, it's much more fun!! Again the deadline to work is Saturday, May 31st. If you are helping with the Baccalaureate reception on June 5th, those hours will still count for this year.

“REVISED” - 2008-2009 BINGO SCHEDULE

Oops!! A mistake was made on the June and July Bingo dates (see the revised schedule enclosed) Reminder: If you wish to schedule your Bingo hours for the new school year beginning Tuesday, June 3rd, 2008, please fill out the form enclosed and send it back to the main office attention Melody Doyle - **Don't Wait – Summer fills up very fast.**

BOOSTER BOARD

Spring Sports Banquet

Date: Monday, May-19-2008

Please see the enclosed flyer for all the details!!!

Tickets may be purchased at the bookstore or attendance office from Monday 5/7 thru Friday, 5/18

Tickets will not be sold at the door.

To volunteer for service hours please contact:

Mirtha Rivas 506-4237

Join the Booster Board!!!! Meet other parents and get involved with the school. By being on the Booster Board you satisfy your 25 service hours come join us at the next Booster meeting May 5th @ 7:00 PM in the school Library

Thank You each any every one of you for all your help and support you have given me throughout the years. I will miss you

Mellie Loera, President

PARENT ADVISORY BOARD

“Casino Night” “was a huge success. Thanks to all PAB members and their invited guests who attended the dinner/gaming and auction event – credit goes to Patty Bertole and all the committee members who put this event together - it was well received and attended and a financial success. **The 18th Kairos Retreat** concluded on Thursday, April 17th at 7 p.m. at the gym. As a parent of a junior student who was specially invited to attend the Kairos retreat this year – the experience was truly satisfying and rewarding. Congrats to the organizers including the Teachers, student volunteers and Kairos graduates for this most precious memory. **The last PAB meeting was held on Thursday, April 24th.** The Agenda included registration of new and returning students/Tuition/Financial Aid and Election of PAB officers for school year 2008-2009. The Board unanimously voted and re-elected the current officers as follows: Rudy de Leon, President, Lena Vargas, Vice President and Luisa Rosana, Secretary. The first meeting of the 2008-2009 will be August 21st. **In closing,** we thank all the teachers, the school staff and everyone at Bell-Jeff for another successful school year!

Rudy de Leon–PAB President.