

Hello from Principal Rossi!

During this holiday season AHS has much to be thankful for and much to look forward to. Recently the AHS Show Choir, Jazz Band, Drama, and our Dance students were seen performing at many of our local holiday events and have received rave reviews! The community is always impressed by the talent of our kids, and rightfully so. These kids work hard all year and do a Greyt Job and I want to acknowledge them all!

Looking forward we can be thankful for a grant we received through the county to provide a **Wellness Center** on campus to serve our students. The purpose of the center is twofold as it will serve the social/emotional needs of students as well as train students to be able to provide peer assistance in these areas. In turn, it will direct those students providing support towards a career in the counseling field. It will be staffed with two part-time Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) counselors who will support both kids in need as well as train the peer support providers. The Wellness Center will open in mid January and they will be providing more information soon!

Be on the lookout for **Registration Information** to be coming home very soon! We are going to continue with on-line registration for our students again, and will work to prepare students to complete the process at home or in one of our computer labs during an 8th period with support. This on-line process enables us to have students complete their schedule requests early to help with the design of the Master Schedule and also allows counselors to have individual conversations with each student. These individual conversations were not feasible last year and the absence of these had a negative impact on students/families/teachers as we were not able to firm up student classes prior to the start of the year. We believe this year will be a good year in registering kids as we continue to fine-tune the process.

As winter break quickly approaches, I hope everyone has an opportunity for family and friends during the time off from school and I look forward to a very successful second semester!

~ Mr. Rossi



Fall 2011 PTSA
Meeting Schedule
4th Tuesday of the
month at the High
School in Room
A166 @ 7 pm. All
are welcome!

Next PTSA general
meeting:

December 20th

There are 447
2011-12 PTSA
memberships !

>Free 2012 schedule/calendar planners are available to students who need them and available in the front office. Check at Mrs. Juchniewicz desk. **Courtesy of your PTSA!**

>Winter Formal is Saturday, January 21-the theme is "Roll the Dice in Las Vegas!" tix \$35 on sale Jan. 16th in the Bowl.



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: If you have an item that you'd like published to our wider school community, please submit them to me at 9oakcaroline@gmail.com * Please see page 4 for deadlines.



Library News!

—Past Yearbooks of Atascadero High School For Sale!—
Looking for that unique Holiday gift???

Did you or someone you know lose your Atascadero High School yearbook, or did you not buy one when you were attending Atascadero High School? The Atascadero High School Library is now offering past yearbooks for \$20. The library will use the donations to acquire new library books.

The years that yearbooks are available are: 80 – 83 - 87 – 88 – 89 - 90 – 92 – 93 – 95 – 97 – 98 – 99 – 2000 - 01 – 02 – 03 – 04 – 05 – 06 – 07 – 08.

Call the Atascadero High School Library for more information, 462-4316

CAHSEE update– in preparation for the upcoming test, the counseling office and the PTSA have teamed up to hire and offer **FREE TUTORING** for students who need to brush up on their skills before taking the test. Please see your counselor if this may be you!

CollegeConfidential.com—A Great Resource! What is CollegeConfidential.com?

The leading college-bound community on the Web where you'll find hundreds of pages of articles about choosing a college, getting into the college you want, how to pay for it, and much, much more. Highly recommended. But, if you want a little background first, then read this review (but jump down to the part that starts "The Good".)

<http://blogs.hopkins-interactive.com/blog/2011/01/the-good-the-bad-and-the-ugly-of-college-confidential/>

EF Exchange Program Needs Hosts

Few experiences can spark an interest in the world like welcoming an exchange student into your home. Hosting an exchange student offers a profound experience that does more than change your world view. **It changes your life - forever.**

Our students come from all over the world - from Spain to Scandinavia, and from Asia and Australia, who will be enrolling for the January semester and full year school cycle. They are ages 15-18, speak English, and are thoroughly screened for their motivation, character, grades, and language skill. You can view preliminary student profiles here: <http://www.effoundation.org/meet-our-students/>

We have several students who are eager to come in January, for the 2012 Spring Semester, and September, for the 2012/2013 school year. If you, or anyone you

know may be interested, please contact me, Sharon Marini at sharon.marini@att.net or [805-226-6900](tel:805-226-6900). Thank you in advance for thinking about hosting, or spreading the word about this wonderful cultural exchange.

We appreciate it!

SAT & ACT**Upcoming College Bound Testing Dates:**Registration for **SAT & SAT Subject tests**

January 28th, 2012 test, register by December 30

March 10, 2012 test, register by February 10th

For the **ACT** on:

February 11, 2012- register by January 13, 2012

ASVAB info- (the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery) is a testing tool designed to help you understand your strengths and weaknesses in order to help you focus your career plans. Check with the counseling office for upcoming dates if interested. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE PLANNING ON A MILITARY CAREER TO TAKE THE TEST. There is NO obligation if you take the test.

Grad Night Committee NEWS

The Grad Night committee would love additional help! The students will be heading to California's Great America the evening of their graduation for a solid night of revelry in a safe environment. If you have a graduating Senior and would like to help organize this memorable night, please contact the board-

- Joyce Rabellino - SLORABS@Charter.net - 805-550-6141
- Monica Butler - mbutler4@charter.net - 805-801-8468
- Lynn Ogden - logden@calpoly.edu - 805-441-4495

Or see us on Facebook at: AHS Grad Night 2012.

Grad Night tickets are now on sale for \$100.00 each, cash or checks only. (this includes transportation, entry and PRIVATE use of the park for our students.) Look for tix sales in the Bowl during lunch periods- Tuesdays mostly. Graduation is Wednesday, June 13th, 2012



Grad Night tickets are a \$100 guarantee of fun AND safety on Graduation Night!

If you have not officially joined PTSA yet for the 2011-12 school year, please do so soon! Your \$7 membership fee helps us help your children! Thanks!

Events Around Campus

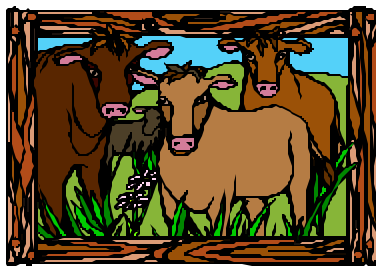


Theater Arts

From the FFA Boosters—

We will be hosting our annual Cow Drop Fundraiser on February 25, 2012, at the Atascadero Lake Pavilion. The event is \$100 per couple which includes dinner, dancing, live and silent auction & a chance to win \$3000. For more information, please contact Claudette Borba at 610-0240 or

Christina DeBusk at 674-3075.



The 4th Annual AHS Staff/Faculty Show is Saturday, January 28, in the AHS Gym. This year the "The A Factor" comes to Atascadero. Don't miss your staff and faculty in amazing, surprising and death-defying acts of entertainment. Only \$5 for a truly unique experience.

AHS Greyhound Theatre presents SOUTH PACIFIC April 26 - May 6, 2012. Join Seabees, Marines, Nurses, French Planters and South Seas Islanders in the classic World War II comic-drama set to Rodgers and Hammerstein's beautiful score. Put it on your calendar now!



A word about the Committee for Atascadero Public Schools

As a long time supporter of CAPS I wanted to get the word out to the community that if ever there was a time that you have thought about joining the committee, now is it. Over the past 5 years CAPS has put— **THROUGH NOTHING BUT VOLUNTEER EFFORT** - over \$270,000 back into your children's classrooms in the form of grants that paid for 61 field trips, calculators, science lab materials, books, netbooks, student planners, music equipment, and much much more. Please join us in ANY way that you can; info is available at www.atascaderocaps.org or call Caroline@ 466-1573.

Greyhound PTSA Newsletter Deadlines

- January 4th deadline ; publishes January 9th, 2012
- February 13th deadline ; publishes February 17th, 2012
- March 4th deadline ; publishes March 9th, 2012
- April 16th deadline ; publishes April 20th, 2012
- April 30th deadline ; publishes May 4th, 2012
- May 29th deadline ; publishes June 1st, 2012

If you haven't seen the latest copy of the **Hilltop News**, AHS's student **Newspaper**, please see the link below and check it out!

<http://sloblogs.thetribunenews.com/ahs/>

WASC

WASC (the Western Association of Schools & Colleges) has begun facilitating AHS's current accreditation process. We should complete the process by summer of 2012. Please see <http://www.wascweb.org/> for more info on accreditation or to learn how you can participate.

Regarding ASB/Athletic Office Donations

Polite reminder> the school no longer assigns fees to students to participate in elective programs or athletics. **However**, most electives and athletics have newly limiting budgets from AUSD– due to the state's ongoing financial problems. This means more difficulty in acquiring supplies, etc. Without the funds from fees that were formally available, *coming from the students who participated in the programs*, electives and athletics will struggle to maintain their quality. **Please**, if your child is in a program that involves travel or other *disposable material* expenses (anything with supplies that get used up), **donate what you can** through the ASB/ Athletic office today and keep our school vibrant and dynamic for all. **Thank You!**

2011-12 AHS PTSA Board, & contact info

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