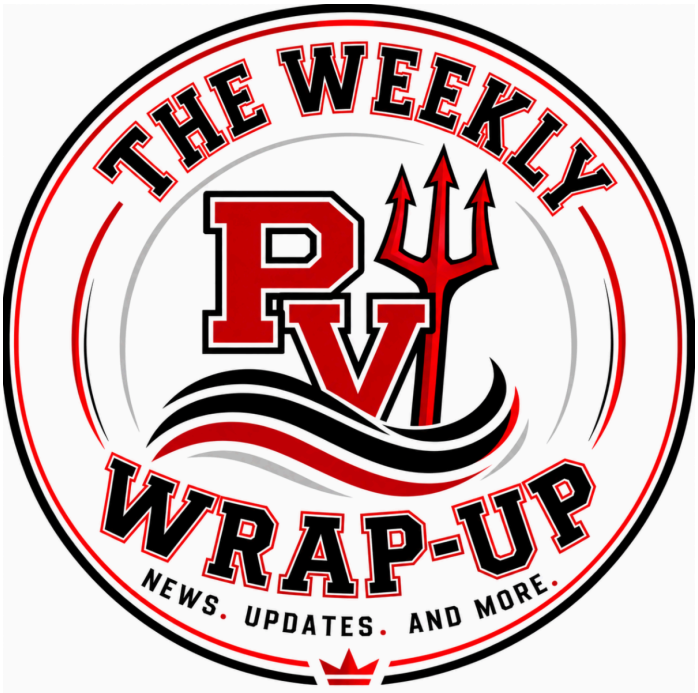
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Palos Verdes High School <ramirez@palosverdeshighschool.ccsend.com>
Reply-To: ramirez@pvpusd.net
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Fri, Nov 6, 2026 at 6:28 PM



Dear Sea King Families,

It has been another exciting week at PVHS! Our BTC students continued their Pickle for a Purpose event, bringing Sea Kings together for some friendly pickleball competition while supporting Special Olympics. Meanwhile, ASB brought a little winter magic to campus with Frozen Spirit Week in celebration of this weekend's opening of our fall musical! From dress-up days and rallies to ice-themed activities, our campus has been filled with school spirit. Our English classes even enjoyed a special preview of the production on Wednesday and Thursday. I'm sure you can tell how excited I am for this year's musical! Our talented cast and crew are ready to transport us to Arendelle, and I can't wait to see the show!

Looking ahead, there will be no school next Wednesday, November 11, in observance of Veterans Day. As we honor the brave men and women who have served our country, I encourage everyone to take a moment to thank

a veteran for their service and sacrifice. We owe them a tremendous debt of gratitude.

And believe it or not, Thanksgiving Break is just 14 days away, but who's counting? As we celebrate this season of gratitude, I encourage you to take a moment to thank a member of our Sea King family who has made a difference in your life this school year. Whether it's a teacher, counselor, staff member, or fellow student, a few kind words can go a long way. I know it would mean the world to them!

Have a wonderful weekend, Sea Kings!

Sincerely,

Dr. Trista Ramirez
Principal



Week of November 9th- November 13th

November 9th: **A-Day**

November 10th: B-Day

November 11th: NO SCHOOL

November 12th: A-Day

November 13th B-Day



Nearly 50 pumpkins were entered in the PVHS Library's annual Mini-Pumpkin Decorating Challenge this year! Close to 300 votes were cast in the library this week in recognition of the creativity, time, effort, skill, and humor that went into creating these terrific pumpkins. The quality was outstanding across the board, and singling out favorites among so many fantastic entries was no easy task! Congratulations to our winners and honorable mentions! A huge THANK YOU to everyone who entered a pumpkin and to the faculty members who continue to support this annual event. Wishing everyone a fun-filled Halloween! (Keep an eye out for the library's upcoming Winter Sweets Bake-Off!)

The winners for best in their categories:
For **SCARY**: the alien plant Audrey 2 by **Damien Garcia**
For **PRETTY**: the pumpkin spa day by **Sumner Wolcott**
For **FAVORITE BOOK CHARACTER OVERALL**: La Muerte by **Malia Holman**
For **best** in the **Over-the-Top** *and* **FAVORITE PUMPKIN OVERALL**: Baby Grogu by **Adelynn Henderson**

Special recognition for their pumpkins goes *to*: **Alisa Emelianova, Zenith Hanson, Rebecca Artner, Marissa Jurdo,** and **Fiona Falcone**


Damien Garcia
Sumner Walcott
Malia Holman
Adelynn Henderson
Top: Scary
Top: Pretty
Top: Character
Top: Favorite
Audrey 2
Spa Day
La Muerte
Grogu


Alisa Emelianova
Marissa Juardo
Fiona Falcone
Rebecca Artner
Zenith Hanson
EL DORADO
Detail
Character
Creative
Character
Detail
Rocky
Coraline
Hummingbird
Clifford
Tamaki


ACADEMIC
Spotlight



PV High Students Shine at USC Korean Speech Competition

Congratulations to our PV High Korean students for their outstanding performances at the K-Woolim Korean Speech Competition at USC on October 24! Competing against students from across Southern California, PV High was the only high school with multiple finalists, and all three Sea Kings earned top honors!

- Boogeon Seo earned first place in the Heritage Division for his speech about connecting cultures through Nanta drumming.
- Yuna Kim earned second place in the Heritage Division for her speech about family love and Korean identity.
- Lara Yu earned second place in the Non-Heritage Division for her speech about learning Korean and gaining confidence.

A special thank you to Mrs. Kim for guiding our students through two months of preparation. These impressive achievements highlight the strength of our Korean language program and the talent and dedication of our Sea Kings!



CAPITOL CONVOY

Sacramento 2027!!

Attention, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors!

Do you have an interest in politics? Do you want to learn more about how our local and state laws are developed? Do you want to speak with your local or state lawmakers? Come to the Capital Convoy general information meeting on Tuesday, November 10, at 12:45 in the OAR to learn about a unique opportunity to travel to Sacramento to meet with your state lawmakers and see how California politics are done!

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE



Parents/guardians must notify the Attendance Office within 72 hours to clear a student's absence.
All absences, early releases, and appointments must be reported using the Google Form.



Please note that the form must be submitted using the parent/guardian email address registered in Aeries (parents will get a confirmation email).



Students are not permitted to submit the form UNLESS they are 18 years old.



You may contact our attendance clerk by email for any questions:
Lisa Kastelan: kastelan@pvpusd.net


UPCOMING
PVHS
Events


PALOS VERDES HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS
Disney
FROZEN
THE BROADWAY MUSICAL
NOV
6-8
12-15
PVHSDRAMA.COM

SEA Kings UNDER THE STARS

Movie Night

FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING THE PALOS VERDES HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PROGRAM

$35
REGISTER HERE



SATURDAY 14 NOVEMBER

SHOWING "THE SANDLOT"

PALOS VERDES H.S. BASEBALL FIELD

GATES OPEN AT 4 PM

PARENTS: DROP OFF AT 4 PICK UP AT 7:15

TICKET PRICE INCLUDES:

CLUBHOUSE TOURS ● DUGOUT PHOTOS ● FIELD GAMES

FOOD/SNACKS FOR SALE:
PURCHASE FOOD VOUCHER, BRING CASH, OR VENMO

● QUESTIONS? PALOSVERDESBASEBALL@GMAIL.COM ●

PVHS SENIORS

CLASS OF 2027

ATTENTION: SOLEADO ALUMNI
Are you a senior
who attended Soleado Elementary?

Please meet in front of the Niños building at Soleado on Sunday, November 8th at 1:00 p.m. for a yearbook alumni photo.
Please wear a black shirt and jeans.
Please bring $20 to contribute to the cost of the yearbook ad,
or Venmo @Erica-Mangham.
Contact Erica Manham
at 310-947-2283 with questions.



Attention Sea Kings!

Interested in Playing Sports In College?

Webinar - November 10th @ 7pm

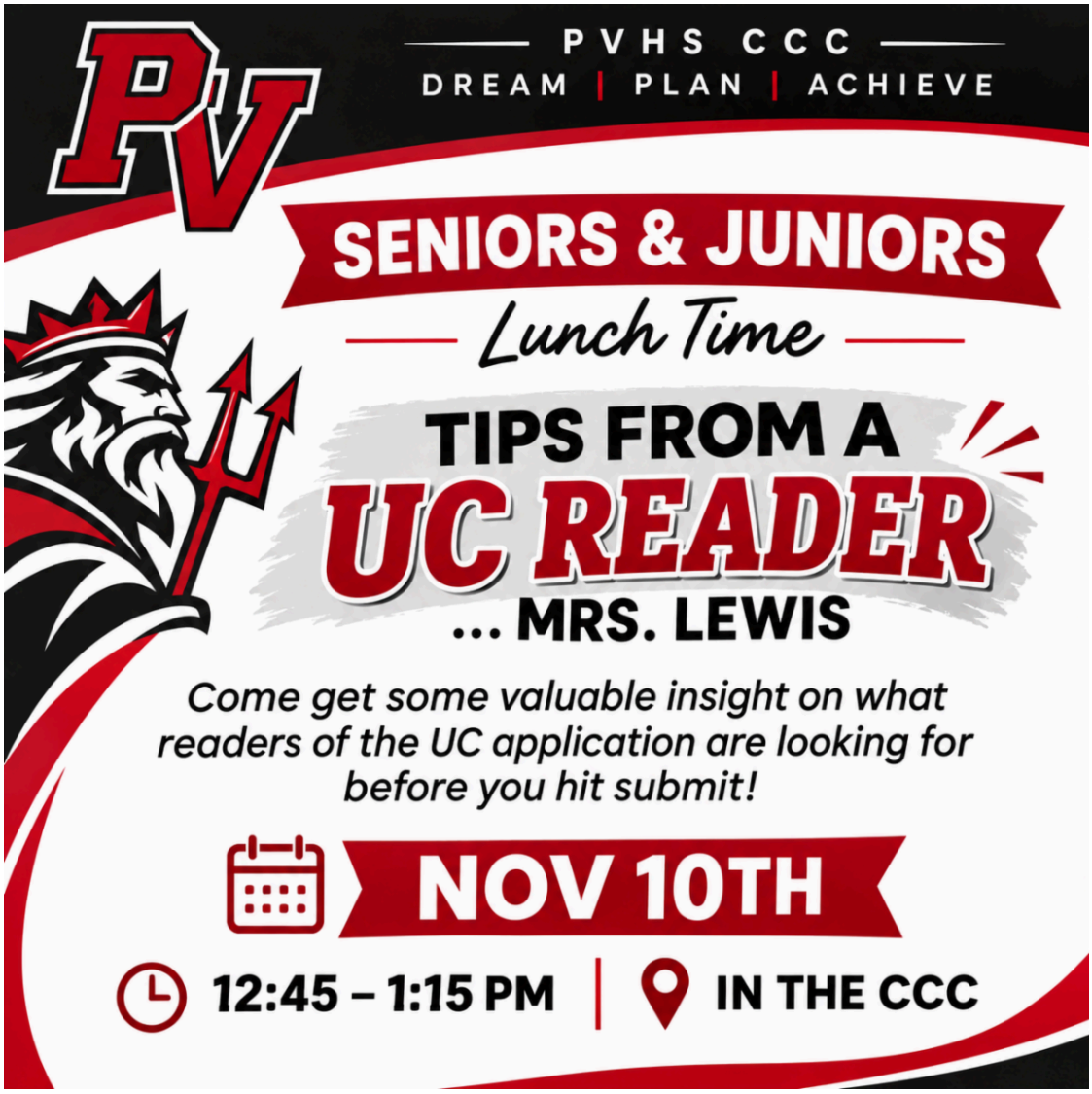
Athletic recruitment at the NCAA, NAIA, and Junior College levels is not passive. Waiting to be discovered often leads to missed opportunities. In this session, Chuck Liddiard, Founder & Executive Director of The Paratum Scholars, will teach students and parents how to:

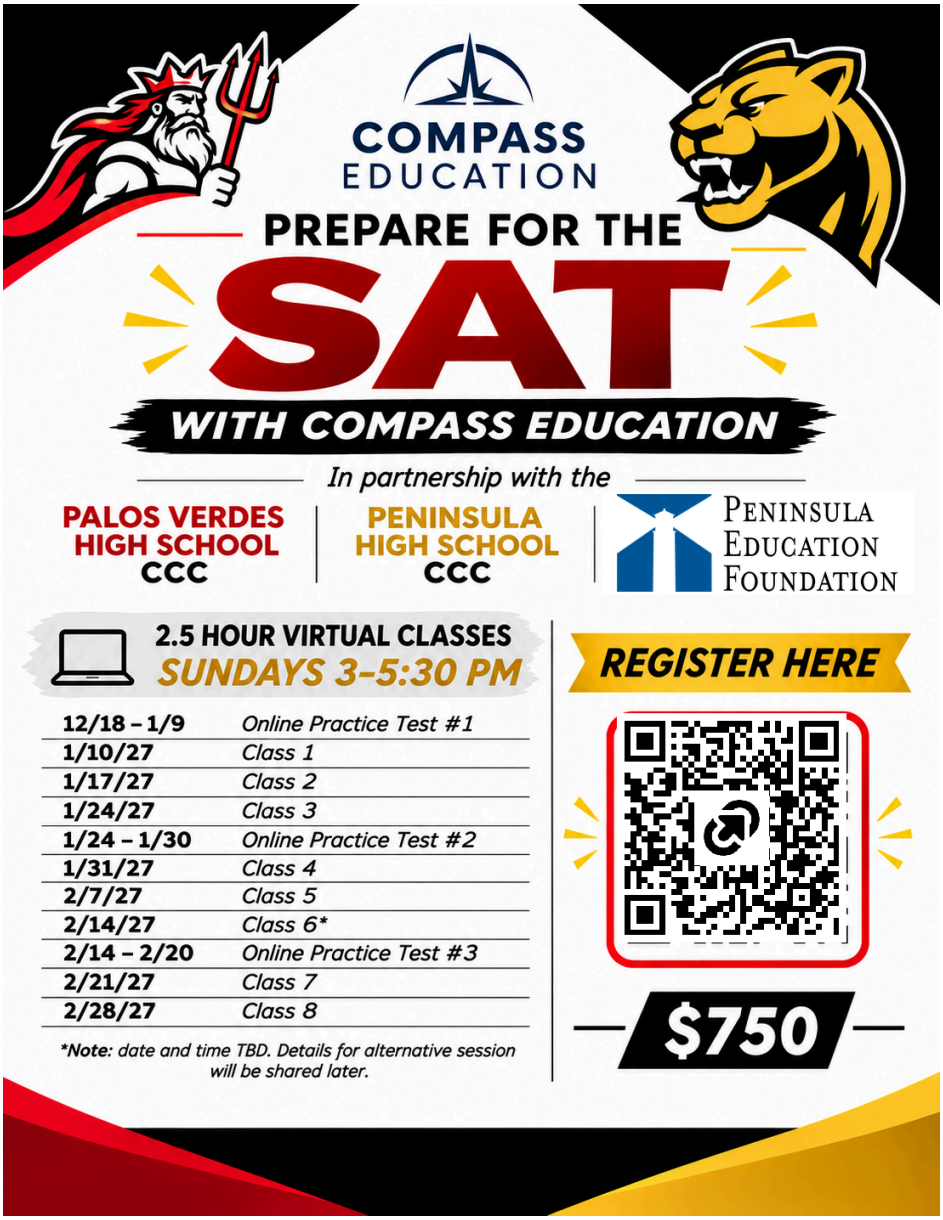
- Take ownership of the recruiting process
- Communicate effectively with college coaches
- Understand key recruiting timelines
- Balance athletics with academics

Families will leave with a deeper understanding of the process and a clear strategy for the road ahead. This session is valuable for student-athletes in every grade, and it is never too early (or too late) to start planning.

Registration link **HERE**




PVHS CCC
DREAM | PLAN | ACHIEVE
SENIORS & JUNIORS
Lunch Time
TIPS FROM A
UC READER
... MRS. LEWIS
Come get some valuable insight on what readers of the UC application are looking for before you hit submit!
NOV 10TH
12:45 – 1:15 PM
IN THE CCC



If you missed our Testing Webinar on 11/4, please find the link to the recording **HERE**

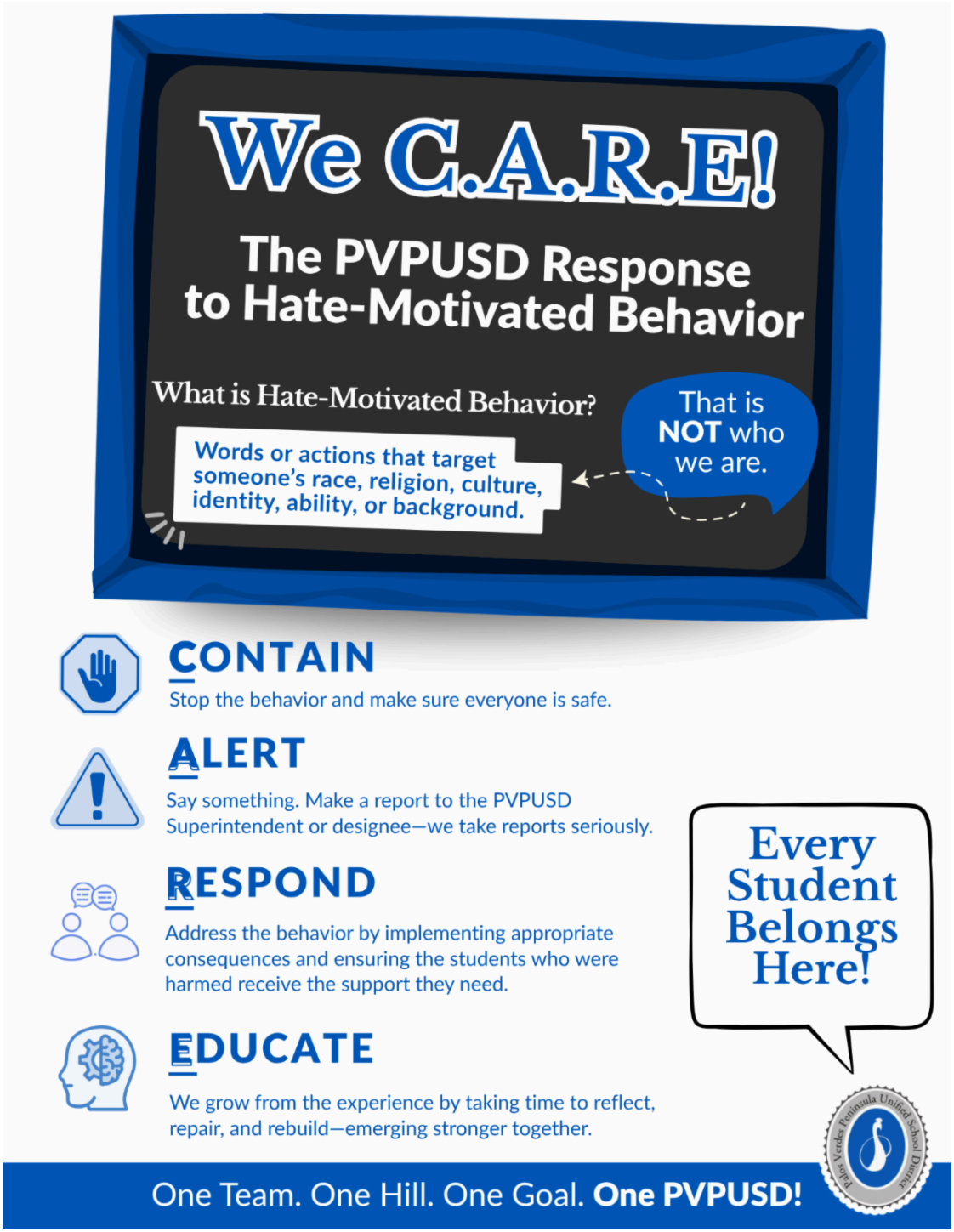




We are seeking new members for the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Measure M. The mission of the committee is to ensure the proper expenditure of Measure M revenues i.e., parcel tax funds.

Click **HERE** to visit our website for additional information on the Measure M Citizens' Oversight Committee (Parcel Tax) homepage.

Applications are due at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 11th. Click **HERE** for the application.



Our Commitment to a Safe and Respectful School Community

PVPUSD is committed to ensuring every student feels safe, respected, and included. Harassment and discrimination are serious matters, and we expect all students and families to play a role in preventing and addressing them.

- **If your child is harassed or discriminated against:**
- They should report the incident to a teacher, counselor, principal, or any other trusted adult at school immediately so that staff can take

action. All reports are taken seriously and investigated.

- **If your child witnesses harassment or discrimination:**
- They should report it immediately to a teacher, counselor, principal, or any trusted adult at school. We teach students to be *upstanders* by reporting incidents, offering support, and speaking up against the behavior.
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Parents and guardians are also encouraged to share concerns directly with the school principal or with the District Compliance Officer, Dr. Rick Licciardello licciardello@pvpusd.net

Together, we will ensure that every student feels safe, valued, and respected at school.

For more information about PVPUSD's nondiscrimination and harassment policies and procedures, **please visit the district website**.

Volunteer with PVPUSD

MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS!



Thank you for your interest in volunteering with the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. Please review the following information to learn how you can get involved.

Types of Volunteer Opportunities

CATEGORY A: Special Events (Site-Specific) or Office Volunteer

CATEGORY B: Day Field Trips, Parent-Led Art Classes, Reading Groups, Tutoring, etc.

CATEGORY C: Overnight Travel and Special Event Drivers *(Parents/guardians using personal vehicles)*

Required Documentation

REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORIES A, B, & C

Valid Form of Identification
- Driver's License
- Identification Card
- Passport

Tuberculosis (TB) Risk Assessment
- To access the TB Risk Assessment Form, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/VolunteerTBRisk
- *If applicable:* TB results must show date given, date read, results, and name of medical facility.
- Assessments and/or results are valid for four years.

- **Raptor Check-In**
  - When arriving at a school site, volunteers must present a valid state-issued identification to use with the Raptor system.
  - Volunteers will receive a sticker with their name and volunteer location after checking in.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CATEGORIES B & C

- **Live Scan Background Check**
  - To request a Live Scan Background Check, scan the QR code or visit tinyurl.com/PVPUSDBackgroundCheck

- **California Annual Mandated Reporter Training**
  - Before volunteering, provide your training certificate to the school office.
  - This training must be completed and updated annually.
  - To complete the training, scan the QR code or visit mandatedreportertraining.com/volunteers-training.
  - If you are a first responder or educator, you may use that training certificate.

Ready to Volunteer?

For application materials, forms, and additional details, **scan the QR code** or visit **pvpusd.net/volunteers.**



PVHS

PTSA & Booster Club

PVHS PTSA GIFTING COMMITTEE

WE'RE LOOKING FOR NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

The PVHS PTSA Gifting Committee reviews staff gifting requests and, when PTSA gifting funds are available, facilitates the purchase of approved gifts in accordance with California State PTSA gifting rules.

Interested in Joining?

If you'd like to be part of the PVHS PTSA Gifting Committee, please reach out to Amy Friedman, Gifting Committee Chair, at **amymfriedman@aol.com.**


PVHS PTSA MEETINGS
Meeting Topics & Activities
2026-27
All Meetings to occur at 9 am in the PVHS MPR
September 22, 2026
Celebrating our District!
Guest Speaker:
Dr. Devin Serrano, PVPUSD Superintendent
District & PVHS Academic Highlights
Athletic Program Overview
Student Involvement on Campus
Student Clubs, MUN, Mock Trial, PVIT, Capitol Convoy, Debate Team and more!
October 27, 2026
Red Ribbon Week @ PVHS
Guest Speakers:
Substance Abuse Speaker (TBD)
November 17, 2026
Academic Counseling @ PVHS
Student Course Scheduling
Student Academic Pathways
AP vs. Honors vs. Dual Enrollment
Dual Enrollment Opportunities:
SCROC & Harbor Community College
January 26, 2027
Engineering & Research @ PVHS
PVIT & Robotics Teams
Science Pathways & Course Offerings
Science Research
AP Research & Capstone
PVHS Library Services & Research
February 23, 2027
Leadership & Activities @ PVHS
ASB
Red Tide
Be the Change
Live from 205
PV Board Member Student Council
March 23, 2027
College Readiness @ PVHS
College & Career Center Updates
Student Scholarship Information
College Readiness Next Steps
April 20, 2027
Student Mental Health @ PVHS
Guest Speakers:
Kathi Colli, Sage Therapy
Sage Counseling Services at PVHS
Can't Make It?
Participate Virtually
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88620741188?pwd=SBjnWmA6A2OdTDmMpq6iFbCHNBDTmO.1
All are welcome to participate & learn!
PALOS VERDES
SEA KINGS
PVHS PTSA



PVHS Spirit Store: www.pvhsspiritstore.com



PVHS Booster Club 26-27:

Click HERE to join today!



TRAFFIC CONTROL SCHEDULE CHANGE



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Afternoon traffic control at
Palos Verdes Drive West & Via Corta
Hours shift with the seasonal time change.

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY


Diwali
Lunada Bay's Festival of Lights
Saturday, November 14, 2026
4 - 7 PM
Lunada Bay Park
2201 Palos Verdes Dr W, Palos Verdes Estates
Tickets include: Delicious catered Indian food, a lively Bollywood DJ, and much more!
TICKETS
Ages 10 & Up $40
Ages 5–9 $20
Under 5 FREE
LIMITED CAPACITY • ONLINE ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
Scan the QR code to buy secure mobile tickets instantly!
Once SOLD OUT, no additional tickets will be available. No exceptions!
All ticket sales are final and non-refundable.
PARKING: PV Drive West, Via Anacapa & Yarmouth
EVENT ENTRANCE: Via Anacapa, past Lunada Market
DINNER: 4:30 PM onwards
RAFFLE & PRIZES: 6:30 PM
DJ • Bar • Henna • Games • Raffles • Prizes & More!
Dress Code: Indian Festive Wear or Elegant Evening/Cocktail Attire
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- **Connection Circles / Mom Mingles**
  Informal gatherings where caregiving moms connect, share, and belong.
- **Respite Retreats & Retreat Scholarships**
  Dedicated time away for caregiving moms to rest, restore, and reconnect with themselves and each other.
- **Brave Together Podcast**
  Conversations that offer authentic stories and resources.
- **Books**
  Our publications speak directly to and raise awareness about the caregiving mom experience.
- **Virtual Mental Health Education Sessions**
  Hosted by a licensed psychotherapist, this free resource brings valuable tools meant to empower a caregiving mom on her own terms.



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Calling all artists, photographers, and writers to

Explore America's History!

The Point Vicente chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring the following contests to promote good citizenship and appreciation of our American heritage.
Potential for monetary awards and national recognition!

Junior American Citizen Contest (Pre-K to Grade 12)

Topic: A Symbol of Independence: The Statue of Liberty Illuminating the Path to Freedom for 140 Years

Contest Categories: Stamp Design, Photo Essay, Banner, Poster, Digital Art, Poem, Short Story, Graphic Novel/Comic, Community Service

Patriots of the American Revolution Essay Contest and American History Video Contest (Grade 9-12)

Topic: Select a figure from the American Revolution. Discuss how he/she influenced the Revolution and contributed to the founding of a new nation.

Essay 800-1200 words, Video ≤ 3 minutes

American History Essay Contest (Grade 5-8)
American History Video Contest (Grade 5-8)

Topic: Announcement of the Declaration of Independence First Reading. How would you react to hearing the Declaration read in your community? How would this have impacted your life?

Video: ≤3 minutes, Grade 5 essay: 300-600 words, Grade 6-8 essay: 600-1000 words

The deadline for submissions is November 1st, 2026

FOR CONTEST SUBMISSION RULES CONTACT:
Junior American Citizen Contest: pvdarjac@gmail.com
American History and Patriot contests: pvdaramerhist@gmail.com



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