

PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER
June 4, 2009

End of the year information:

- Final Exams: Minimum Days on June 10 and 11, classes begin at 8:00 and let out at 12:25. **Seniors will take finals during the regular class schedule on June 4 and 5, which will be their last two days of classes.**
- June 11 is the last day of classes. All textbooks and equipment must be turned in and lockers cleaned out. Students will be billed for items not turned in.
- Final grades should arrive home on or about June 22.

Valedictorian and Salutatorians:

Del Mar's 2009 **valedictorian** is **Erick Castellanos**, earning a 4.23 academic GPA; Erick will attend Santa Clara University in the fall on a four-year Presidential Scholarship. **Caroline Garfink and Megan Schott** were named the 2009 **salutatorians** with 4.14 academic GPA's. Caroline and Megan will attend UCLA and UCSB respectively. We also honor the following seniors who are graduating with 4.0 academic GPAs or higher. They are: **Sue Ashley, Mark Bigham, Minh Dao, Alyssa Ode, Tri Nguyen and Allison Schauer.** Congratulations to all!

The year in review:

Although there have been some challenging moments, all in all the 2008/2009 school year has been a very successful year at Del Mar. It has contained moments of success and celebration, and of bravery and civic responsibility. **We learned several weeks ago that Del Mar received a full six-year term of accreditation.** This is a major accomplishment which was the result of the significant improvements made at Del Mar the past several years, and the hard work of a very dedicated staff and community. Senior **Kelly Hall** was recognized by the City of Campbell for her quick response to a heart attack victim at the Campbell Community Center, saving a man's life. The PTA coordinated a very successful anti-drunk driving assembly, **"Every 15 Minutes"** in April. Ms. Guerrero's new **Renaissance class** brought an injection of school spirit and pride, focused attention on student academic achievement, and recognized those students and staff who are making a difference at Del Mar. Other highlights of the year include:

- 116 students were honored for earning 4.0 grade point averages
- 321 students (25%) named to the Principal's Honor Roll (3.25 GPA or better)
- 75 students had "perfect attendance" for the entire school year.
- Del Mar seniors have been accepted to a number of prestigious universities, including: West Point, Annapolis, Stanford, Purdue, nine UC's, Santa Clara, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Pomona, USC, Johnson and Wales, Texas Southern, Rochester Institute of Technology, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Bennett College, University of Idaho, University of Montana, State University of New York, and numerous CSU's.
- Varsity league championships in: Field Hockey and Golf.

- Junior, **Scott O'Halloran** was selected to participate in the Cal Poly All-State Honor Orchestra and is the Principal Clarinet for the San Jose Youth Symphony.
- Staff and parent accolades include: **Candy Basso** was named CCS Honor Coach of the Year for girl's tennis, **Carol Perez** was named Del Mar Teacher of the Year, and **Jenice Condie** was named the CUHSD Volunteer of the Year and will finally "graduate" from Del Mar after sixteen years and seven children. Congratulations Jenice and thank you!

Summer Office Information

- Summer School will be held at Leigh High School this year with the first session beginning on June 22 and the second session beginning on July 13.
- The Del Mar office will be closed from July 3 – July 31; the office reopens Monday, August 3; Guidance Advisors and Deans return to work on Monday, August 10. Summer Office hours are 7:30 AM - 4 PM, closed for lunch between 11:30 and 12:30 PM.
- 2009/2010 Student Check-In for sophomores, juniors and seniors will be Tuesday, August 18; Freshman Orientation and check-in will be Wednesday, Aug 19.
- First day of school: Tuesday, August 25

Summer Activity Information:

- **Football:** Summer weightlifting begins June 15th @ 3:30 PM in the weight room. Fall practice begins August 17th @ 2 PM. Varsity Football players will also be attending a team camp in June and July. Contact the head coach for fees, as well as dates and times. (contact Coach Mario Busalacchi at Sjfdcapt13@yahoo.com.)
- **Girl's Tennis:** Practice begins August 17 @ 2:00 PM (contact Coach Anne Hefflinger @ 393-7723 or ahefflinger@gmail.com.)
- **Girl's Volleyball:** Tryouts begin August 17 @ 8:30 AM – 11 AM. Contact Varsity head coach for open gym dates and times. (Contact Coach Jennifer Lee @ 512 799-1853 or jlee@cuhsd.org.)
- **Girl's Field Hockey:** Field Hockey camp is June 22 – June 25 (9 AM – noon.) Fall tryouts begin Aug. 17 at 2:30 PM. (Contact Coach Gene Sampson @ 264-2373 or www.delmarfieldhockey.com or delmarfieldhockey@yahoo.com.)
- **Cross Country:** Practice begins Aug. 25 after school (contact: Coach Marisol Hood @ mhood@cuhsd.org).
- **Basketball (open gyms):** Open gyms will be conducted: Girls are Tues/Thurs. from 4-6 pm. Contact appropriate coaches for summer league information. Boys are Mon/Wed. from 4-6 pm. (**Boys:** Coach Ryan Cooper @ ryancooper033@hotmail.com or 833-8893 and **Girls:** Coach Bill Murray @ 483-0631 or erfmurray@aol.com)
- **Marching Band Camp:** August 10 – 15, 8 A.M. – 8 P.M. with an overnight camp on the 15th. Band camp is mandatory for students planning to participate in our award-winning Marching Band and Color Guard. Please contact Mr. Burkhead @ wburkhead@cuhsd.org or check the Performing Arts website for more information www.delmarpa.org.

Note: **Students participating in athletics must have a physical from an MD covering the entire school year prior to participating in practices beginning Aug. 17.**

A Final Word

As we depart for the summer, four longtime and highly respected members of the staff are retiring: **Doc Iverson** (Activities Director), **Linda Goytia** (English teacher), **Carol Perez** (Art teacher) and **Tish Landers** (Switchboard operator). We thank them for their years of service to Del Mar and the CUHSD, and wish them well in retirement. To all Del Mar families we wish you a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing you in the fall. For those whose final child is graduating, congratulations and enjoy your new life after high school.