

CHS PTSA Board and Association Meetings are the **first Wednesday** of the month - at **6 PM** in **Room 269**. Any interested parents are welcome to attend, and we encourage you to just show up. If you have questions, call **Barb Burkett**, president, 506-3484. Remaining meeting dates for 2010 are:

Feb. 3

March 3

April 14 Association *

May 5

June 2 (tentative)

*Indicates date change due to calendar conflict.

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CAREER EXPO

EMPLOYERS/BUSINESS OWNERS NEEDED FOR CHS 2010 CAREER EXPO

Location: Chaparral High School Gymnasium
Date: Friday, March 5, 2010
Time for students: 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM
Set up time for participating businesses: 7:30 – 8:15 AM

CHS PTSA is recruiting representatives of area businesses to attend the **2010 CHS Career Expo**. This is an opportunity to meet students and share what your business does, the customers it impacts, and the education and life experience it takes to be an employee, business owner, or manager.

ANY business is welcome to participate; occupations will be grouped in these categories: **Business, Communications, Health & Medicine, Humanities, Performing Arts, Social & Community Services, Technical, US Military, and Vocational.**

Participants are asked to share academic preparation, job-related or special training preparation, job opportunities in this area or country, industry trends, salary ranges, work-day duties, and aptitudes helpful in a particular profession/career (skills, personality traits, interests and abilities). Employers or representatives should also come prepared to answer questions like, "What do you like or dislike about your

job/career?" "Why did you choose the career you have?" and to give general advice in pursuing a particular career.

If you'd like info or would like to help, contact Programs VP **Alina Freer**, am-freer12@aol.com, for more info or call 506-3484.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

CHS PTSA WINS TVC PTA MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE AWARDS

At CHS, we understand there are many ways parents choose to support their students. One of the best ways is by joining the **Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)** and demonstrating your support for its mission of working to

make a difference for all students. In January, CHS PTSA was recognized for having **the most members of any school in the TVUSD, with 1050 parents, teachers, and student members**. Additionally, CHS PTSA **won the challenge for which school had the member from farthest away**. The aunt of one of our

students lives in Dubai, United Arab Emirates – a mere 8,357 miles away!

Thank you to all parents who participate in PTSA, the CHS Education Foundation, School Site Council, and parent support groups – YOU make the difference for our students!

<http://chs.tvusd.k12.ca.us/index.htm>

PUMA PARENT DAY

Monday, February 8, is PUMA PARENT DAY at CHS! All parents are invited to shadow your student for all or part of the day, and see what high school is all about!

It's a late-start Monday, so school starts at 8:45 AM and ends at 2:20 PM. Lunch is 12:19 – 12:49, and parents may eat with their student or come to the Staff Lounge, 2nd floor, Administration (Student Services) Building (directions below). Parents should bring a lunch or plan to buy snacks from campus carts.

To make this day a success, we need everyone's help! Do your best to be on time; allow for traffic, parking, and check

in. Consider carpooling with your student OR with other parents.

All parents must come to the Lobby to sign in & receive a Visitor Badge.

Bring a copy of your student's class schedule with you.

The Staff Lounge will be open before school and during the day, including lunch, for parents. Coffee and water will be available. Restrooms for parent use are directly below the Staff Lounge on the 1st floor.

The Lobby is on the 1st floor of the Administration (Student Services) Building. The Staff Lounge is on the 2nd floor, above the Lobby. Enter the gates closest to the flag poles, adjacent the

Visitor Parking Lot. This is the second left after turning on Nicolas, past the marquee. Parents may park in the front (student) parking lots. We will be lenient with parking citations, but avoid parking along red (emergency) curbs.

Questions? Call 506-3484 or CHS at 695-4200.



PUMA PARENT CENTER

CHS & PTSA Open Puma Parent Center

When you walk on campus, do you feel like you belong? Or do you try your best to avoid coming to CHS and hope that emails and phone calls are sufficient communication? While it's true that high school students seek independence from parent(s) and family, at the same time, more than 30 studies demonstrate that continued parental involvement in grades 9-12 increases the probability of student success.

Officially known as a **Parent Information Resource Center (PIRC)**, the **Puma Parent Center** will be a place where parents can come to grab a cup of coffee or water and feel welcome. It will have a dedicated computer for parents to check grades and/or communicate with teachers. Eventually, it will house a collection of books, literature, and brochures on topics of broad interest to parents, including information on school, district, and community resources and events. The Puma Parent Center is scheduled to open **February 8**, the same day as **Puma Parent Day**, when parents are invited to spend all or part of the day with their student(s).

Located just off the main lobby in the Student Support Services (Administration) Building, the Puma Parent Center is next door to the Principal's Office, by design. Principal Gil Compton moved the former conference room into his office to make sure parents know they are welcome at CHS.

"We don't want to have a 'one-size-fits-all' approach to a parent center," said Barb Burkett, CHS Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA) president. "In many homes, both parents work, in others, grandparents play a major role. We want to reach out to parents and family members to make them feel welcome and to support students' efforts in school. Eventually, we hope to have volunteers who can be in the parent center to greet and meet other parents."

"An effective parent center must meet the needs of its site. We want to hear from Chaparral parents and families about what they'd like to see in a parent center," she added. For more info or to send suggestions, call 506-3484 or email barbaraburkett@verizon.net.



MEET PRINCIPAL GIL COMPTON FOR COFFEE

What IS academic fitness?

Are we moving to a 7-period schedule for next year?

How is CHS preparing our students for life after high school?

Get the answers to these questions and voice any concerns you have at **Coffee with the Principal**. Meet Mr. Compton in his office from **9 AM – 10 AM** on the

following dates:

January 21

February 18

March 18

April 22

PUMA R.O.A.R.

Recognize Our Awesome Resources

Has a staff member ever been inspirational to you?

Staff member: _____

Message: _____

If your Puma R.O.A.R. is chosen he/she will be acknowledged on the morning announcements!

*Please turn in to office



Your Name (optional): _____

Recognize Our Awesome Resources

(ROAR) Starts

Parents, if a CHS teacher or staff member has gone above and beyond to be of assistance to your student or you, we want to know about it! Complete the form to the right and drop it in the **PUMA ROAR (Recognize Our Awesome Resources)** jar in the lobby. Once a week, we'll choose a form to be recognized in the *Daily Bulletin* and announced in air on *CAT CHAT*. Did you know you can access the *Daily Bulletin* from the CHS website? Review it the night before, and your student may never miss another school deadline or event! Go to <http://chs.tvusd.k12.ca.us> to access the *Daily Bulletin*!

THANK YOU PUMA TEACHERS & STAFF

On behalf of students, parents, teachers/staff, thank you to everyone who joined CHS PTSA this year! CHS PTSA continues as the largest Parent-Teacher-Student Association in the TVUSD, and we are working to make a difference at CHS. If you have suggestions on how PTSA can help, contact PTSA Teacher Representative **Mary Venittelli**, mvenittelli@tvusd.k12.ca.us, or Barb

Burkett at 506-3484.

VP Membership Maribel Meza (whose work on behalf of CHS PTSA has won us prize awards from Temecula Valley Council PTA) and anonymous parent donors have enabled us to give away the following:

November: Laura Ruelas
\$25 Gift Card to Office Depot

December: Rob Clause
\$25 Gift Card to Office Depot

January/February: Sandra Skeith
Gift Basket from TVC PTA with one-night stay in San Diego

Congratulations to our winners, and thank you for your support of PTSA!