

Dixon High School

Home of the Mighty Rams



December 2011/January 2012 Newsletter

From John Barsotti

Higher Expectations and Class Schedules

Please help us encourage all students to explore their different interests by signing up for more classes and by signing up for more advanced classes – going beyond the minimum high school graduation requirements and going beyond satisfying the A-G requirements for the CSU and UC systems. The goal is to maximize learning for all students and that goal becomes difficult to accomplish if learning opportunities are not taken advantage of. It is our hope that an increase in class offerings will encourage students our students to enroll in a more rigorous course of study throughout their high school career. We are hoping to get board approval for the following course offerings:

Geography, AP European/World History, AP US History, AP Environmental Science, and Dance & Fitness

We are also hoping to offer **Choir** next year, which is a class that has already board approval. We are also in the exploratory phase of offering a **Advanced Culinary Arts, Theater, Costume Design, AP Art**, and **AP Statistics** for the next school year or sometime in the future.

Attendance

Our attendance rate to date is 97.17%. In order to encourage students to come to school, we had an incentive program for the months of November and December. We will continue this program in the second semester. Please make sure your students come to school daily to maximize learning.

Free Tutoring in our Learning Center

All students are welcome to receive free assistance in all subject areas. The Learning Center is opened each week Tuesday - Thursday from 1pm to 4 pm. Students can also earn 1 elective credit for every 15 hours they attend. Questions? Contact Norma Hutchins at 693-6330, ext. 7123.

PSAT results

The October 2011 testing will be distributed to students through their English classes in the coming weeks. Students and their parents are strongly encouraged to establish accounts at the College Board website www.satcollegeboard.com for extensive college planning information, especially the "My College QuickStart" for students who took the PSAT.

Scholarships

The Community Scholarships will be available for Seniors during the month of March in the Counseling Center. Last year the Dixon community distributed over \$200,000 in scholarships to our students.

SAT and Juniors

Students planning to apply directly to 4 year colleges MUST register to take college admissions tests (SAT or ACT) this

spring. Dixon High School code number is 050755. Registration information is online at the following websites: www.actstudent.com and www.sat.collegeboard.com. Recommended college and career planning website for ALL students: www.californiacolleges.edu

Start Smart

The first Start Smart Teen Driving program delivered by the California Highway Patrol was well received by those who attended. Mark your calendars for March 28th at 6pm in the DHS Theater for the Start Smart program presentation. Sign up in the attendance office ASAP as space is limited.

Graduation Ceremonies

In order to help families plan for graduation, and to ensure a smoother process should we need to postpone this spring, the following plan is in place:

- Graduation Ceremonies are scheduled for 9:00am on Saturday June 2, 2012 at Finney Field.
- The alternate date and time (to be used only if hazardous conditions exist on the morning of June 2nd on Finney Field) is Monday June 4, 2012 at 6pm at Finney Field (if Finney Field conditions are safe) or in the Dixon High School Gym (if Finney Field conditions are not safe). In the case that we need to use the gym for graduation ceremonies each senior family will be issued three (or possibly four) tickets to distribute to family and friends.

Spring Sports

If your student is interested in playing a Spring Sport this year, remember to attend one of the two Spring Athletics Meetings on January 30th or 31st in the DHS Theater at 6pm. **RES Testing** will be held for all Spring Student-Athletes in the office at 2:30pm on February 1st for Baseball, Softball, Tennis, and Boys Golf and at 2:30pm on February 2nd for Track, Swimming, and Girls Soccer.

Dates to Remember:

Jan 16 – Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday – No School
Jan 18 – ELAC Meeting – Room H110, 10:45 am
Jan 31 – CASH for COLLEGE Senior/Parent Workshop 6 pm in the DHS Library
Jan 30 & 31 - DHS Spring Athletics Meetings – Theater 6 pm
Feb 4 – Senior Ball – Garden Pavilion, Sacramento 9pm-12am
Feb 10 – Sweetheart School Dance – MPR 8 pm-11 pm
Feb 20 – Presidents' Day Holiday – No School

Our Mission

"The mission of Dixon High School is to graduate: Productive Individuals, Responsible Citizens, Independent Learners, Decision Makers, and Effective Communicators."