

HERCULES HIGH SCHOOL

Vision Statement: Diverse 21st century scholars and leaders, demonstrating integrity and academic excellence.

“Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.” - Harriet Tubman

March 27th, 2015

Academic Counselor Update

Course scheduling for 2015-16: All students are able to log-on to PowerSchool and select their courses for the next school year! If you are not sure what courses your son or daughter should be in for 2015-16 school year, please email your counselor or have them schedule an appointment to get assistance with their course selection process.

Contra Costa College admissions office was on campus to help seniors apply and enroll for college this fall. College representatives have also been on campus to administer the assessment test that is required for placement in English and Math to the students who enrolled for the fall.

We had a representative from Cal State East Bay on campus this month. She, along with the counselors, went into all of the Junior English classes to present information about EAP. The upcoming SBAC assessment that the juniors will be taking next month is linked to the CSU Early Assessment Program. The juniors' scores on the SBAC can qualify students to go directly into college level math and English classes at all of the CSU campuses, and 90 of the California Community College campuses. The juniors were encouraged to study for the assessment and do their very best.

Summer School applications have arrived!! Counselors will be distributing the applications to the students in need of remediation for grades and credits this week. Don't delay, pick up your application today.

AHIT WINS AWARDS!!

March 19th, 2015 – The Academy of Hospitality and International Tourism (AHIT) competed in the JA NorCal Company of the Year competition in Mountain View, California. The student led organization (Herban Movement) came away with 2 of the top 4 awards. The 2 awards were: Best Business Plan, and Best Commercial. The next step for the team is a trip to the 2015 Junior Achievement (JA) National Student Leadership Summit in Washington D.C. in June of this year.

CONGRATULATIONS to AHIT & Herban Movement!!!!



Upcoming Events:

**SBAC—11th grade
April 13th—May 1st**

**SSC— April 23rd @
4:00pm—Library**

**WASC Visit—
April 20th—21st**

**Orchestra Pops &
Awards Concert- May
21st**

**HS Showcase May
28th & 29th**

Vacation Days

Spring Break

April 6th—10th

Memorial Day

May 25th

End of 4th Quarter

June 5th

Last Day of School
(Noon Dismissal)

June 6th

HS Graduation—@
6:00pm—Titan Stadium
Admission by ticket only

MESA Achievements!

Math, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Day was held at Cal State East Bay on March 7th. The event, which gives educationally disadvantaged students from local schools an opportunity to participate in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) competitions, is designed to help the students apply their academic skills in a hands-on, real-world setting. Out of all participants, Hercules High School came away with 40 high school students and 13 middle school students all earning an award! Winners will attend the Regional Competition at CSU Chico on April 25th.

School Site Council—SSC

School site agendas minutes and meeting dates are posted on Hercules High School Website. The meeting day and time for the SSC to convene will be on the third Tuesday of each month from 4:00-5:30pm, in the Library:

Lenson Wong, Chair
Linda Coleman, Vice Chair
Madeline Yuen, Secretary/
Recorder
Kirsten Kho, Co-Parliamentarian
Mark Pugeda, Co-Parliamentarian

April 23rd	May 21st
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Ivy League Connection: The Ivy League Connection is a privately financed scholarship program designed to promote the college going culture in the high schools of the West Contra Costa Unified School District in the San Francisco Bay Area. Nationally and State recognized for their innovative approaches, the ILC works hand in hand with the District to provide scholarships to summer programs at highly selective Ivy League schools. We have six HHS students that have been accepted!! Alyanna Paulino—Columbia, Brandon Dela Cruz—Chicago, Chiamaka Nwadike—UPenn, Julie Lum—Cornell, Justice DelosSantos-Cornell & Thao LeHoang—Cornell

Mission Statement: All students will successfully demonstrate academic excellence in common core disciplines that enable them to be meaningful and responsible contributors to local, national and global communities.

WASC Update:

The Western Association of Schools and Colleges will be on campus from April 20th to April 21st. Their purpose of their visit is to evaluate our academic programs that we offer to all students and to verify that all students are learning and teachers are continuously striving to meet the needs of all students. Check out the Hercules High School Website for more details including copies of the previous WASC reports and the current WASC report that was submitted to the committee at the end of March! We are proud to present Hercules High School to our visitors!



KTVU's Dave Clark's Selfie at Hercules High School - Mr. Clark provided students, parents and staff with incredible words of wisdom and inspiration at the African American Student Union Showcase.

SBAC Testing

The new Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium test will be administered throughout April this year. All 11th grade students will complete the exam in both English and Math. The exam replaces the CST's and STAR exams given in prior years. The exams measure students' proficiency in meeting the high school standards from 9th through 11th grade.

CST Life Science – 10th Grade

April 13th & 14th

SBAC Testing – 11th Grade

April 13th – May 1st