

### HERCULES HIGH SCHOOL



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

- The Accrediting Commission for Schools, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACS WASC) is one of six regional accrediting associations in the United States. The ACS/WASC accreditation process aids institutions in developing and sustaining effective educational programs and assures the educational community, the general public, and other organizations that an accredited institution has met high standards of quality and effectiveness.
  - WASC Visit—February 26th— March 1st.

#### **HHS Mission Statement**

All students will be meaningful and responsible contributors to local, national and global communities through demonstrated academic proficiency in common core disciplines.

### **Student Learner Outcomes**

- ♦ Critical Thinkers
- ♦ Effective Engaged Communicators
- ♦ Responsible Citizens

Contact us if you are interested in knowing more about WASC or would like to participate in our

"New" Online School Enrollment System 2017-18: InfoSnap will replace the annual paper registration packets, saving you valuable time. Infosnap is a secure process that allows the District to verify all student information for your child prior to the start of the new school year. The system will also allow you to electronically sign the annual permission forms for school district policies. Visit our school website for more information.

## **College/Career Pathways:**

Computer Science: Currently we offer 4 sections of computer science courses serving 107 students. This is the first year this pathway and we look forward to expanding it. For 2017-18 school year we plan to offer

Course 1: Computer Applications (MS Applications/Google)

Course 2: Computer Programming (HTML/Javascript)

Course 3: Computer Animation/Digital Art (Adobe)

Course 4: AP Computer Science Principles (Python)

Robotics: Our robotics club continues to grow. Last fall we sent 23 students to first tech competition and they came back with awards! We are very thankful to Bio-Rad who donated \$3,000 to the robotics club.

We are moving closer to identifying a second career pathway at Hercules that would focus on Rehabilitation/ Physical/Sports/Occupational Therapy. In order to move forward, we must have about 64 students who are willing to select these courses for next year. Once we have enough students who have selected to be a part of the pathway for 2017-18 school year, we would work towards adding a 12<sup>th</sup> grade course for 2018-19.

### Potential 2017-18 Courses:

- Grade 10 Anatomy/ Physiology
- Grade 11 Rehabilitation Therapy

January 23, 2017

### **Upcoming Events:**

Academic Awards— February 9th @ 6:30 -HS Gym

# Black History Month Showcase:

February 17th—7pm

# Multicultural Night Assembly Performance—

March 10th @ 7pm

### Minimum Days:

End of Quarter 3 March 28

**Open House**—March 30th

No School—Vacation Days

President's Week— Feb. 20—Feb. 24

Spring Recess—

April 3—April 7

# College/Career Center

## College/Career Readiness

Rising Scholars: Our college career advisors along with our academic counselors identify, recruit, and support students of color to participate in this college readiness programs.

WCCUSD has partnered with the Young Scholars Program to create the Rising Scholars Project (9-12), a subsidiary of the Young Scholars Program. The Rising Scholars Project is a project to increase the number of Young Men of Color who matriculate to college and successfully move toward degree attainment.

College Scholarships: Paying for college can be an overwhelming thought! Hercules High School Counselors are ready, willing and able to guide you in the right directions so you can complete all the scholarship applications you want. If you want a head start, you might want to visit <a href="fastweb.com">fastweb.com</a> for over 1.5 million scholarship opportunities.

## School Site Council—SSC

The School Site Council (SSC) is composed of the school principal and a group of school and community members, selected by their peers, representing all segments of the school community for the common goal of supporting student success. The SSC does this by developing and monitoring the implementation of the school's plan known as the Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). We are seeking new members for the 2017-18 school year, and would encourage you to participate in the remaining SSC meetings for this year.

January 24	April 18
February 28	May 16
March 21	June 6

The meeting time for the SSC to convene will be from 4:00-5:30pm, in the Library. Hope to see you there.

"Success is not, failure is not fatal: it's the courage to continue that counts" - Winston Churchill

We are pleased and excited to announce the deployment of our 2-in-1 personal tablets (Lenovo/Acer) to all students (9-12) at Hercules High School. The intent is for each student to "check-out" a 2-in-1 laptop tablet that can be used in the classroom as well as at home. Teachers will be utilizing a variety of online resources and technological tools to support instruction, assignments, projects, research and assessment. Our transition into technology based learning will enhance student engagement through the development of critical thinking, collaboration and communication skills. The immediate access to computers and the increased use of technology throughout all courses, will have a beneficial effect on teaching and learning.

All students will need to have completed the <u>WCCUSD Student Acceptable Use Policy</u> and the Student <u>Agreement for Use of Electronic Mobile Devices</u>. Both technology forms are attached for your convenience. **Please read and sign the back of each form and return to the main office or to the library.** Once all the proper forms have been turned in, students will check out a 2-in-1 laptop tablet and charger just like they would check out textbooks.



### ACADEMIC INTERVENTION

Homework Center — Achieve Learning Tutorial Services staff 3 individuals to support English, Math and Science. The homework center is open to all students and occurs every M, T, and Thursday from 3:15pm—4:30pm.

CyberHigh: Cyber High is an online credit recovery program available to 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students who are in need of repeating a previously failed course. Cyber High offers courses in English, Math, and Social Science. In order for students to complete "A-G" course requirements for UC/CSU entrance criteria, they must pass each course taken with a "C" or better. If you have questions concerning Cyber High, contact your academic counselors (Ms. Couto or Mr. Medeiros).