

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

College/Career Readiness

Our counselors have been working hard to schedule meetings with all 12th grade students to assist them in finalizing their UC/CSU application prior to the November 30th deadline. The next couple of months will be focused on applying for financial aid and registering for Community Colleges. Hercules High School is proud to partner with EdFund.org to support our 12th grade students and families in the process of applying for financial aid. On January 21st, we will be hosting CA\$H for College night to further assist our 12th grade families in completing the process. All 12th grade families need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Dream Act (www.CalDreamAct.org) application by March 2nd. We encourage all 12th grade families to attend this workshop at 6:00pm in the HS Library.

Contra Costa College representatives will be on campus once a month throughout the remainder of the 2nd semester. Each month they will have a special focus or topic of conversation. The first presentation is scheduled for January 28th, “Choosing a Major”. The second presentation on February 25th will be an application workshop. The third to be scheduled in March will cover the area of assessments.

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. In addition to our two regular counselors, we have partnered up with UC Berkeley Outreach Program and work directly with Mr. Denzale Johnson who is housed in the College/Career Center. If you want a head start, you might want to visit fastweb.com for over 1.5 million scholarship opportunities.

Academic Intervention:

Cyber High is an online credit recovery program available to 10th, 11th and 12th grade students who are in need of repeating a previously failed course. Cyber High offers courses in English, Math, and Social Science. Cyber High is held for one hour after school in the computer lab, 3:15 - 4:15; unit exams must be taken during the Cyber High at school, but all other

coursework may be completed from home or any other internet connection. 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. There are currently over 40 students completing credits on Cyber High. If you have questions concerning Cyber High, A-g/graduation requirements please contact Ms. Couto or Mr. Medeiros by email.

March of Scholars—Academic Awards!!

Last year we recognized students who achieved a 3.0 and above at the end of each quarter. This school year we are still recognizing students every quarter but have reserved night presentations for the end of the 1st Semester and 2nd Semester. Our end of 1st Semester Academic Night will be February 10th @ 6:00pm. Invitations will go out to individual students who received a cumulative gpa of 3.0 and/or above.



January 20th, 2016

Upcoming Events:

**11th Grade, SBAC Practice Tests—
January 26th & 27th**

**Black History Month Events: February 9th—Poetry Slam ;
February 26th—
Showcase**

3rd Quarter Progress Reports—February 24th

All District Music Festival—March 3rd

**Spring Music Concert: - Orchestra—
March 29th Band/
Choir—March 30th**

**Multicultural Night—
April 1st**

Vacation Days—NO SCHOOL

**President’s Week—
2/15– 2/19**

**Spring Recess –
2/4—2/8**

**Memorial Day-May
30th**

**Last Day of School
(Noon Dismissal) - June
8th**

**HS Graduation— June
11th @ 6:00pm—Titan
Stadium Admission by
ticket only.**

HHS LINK CREW

Link Crew is a high school transition program that welcomes freshmen and makes them feel comfortable throughout the first year of their high school experience. Built on the belief that students can help students succeed, Boomerang Project's proven high school transition program trains mentors from your junior and senior classes to be Link Crew Leaders. As positive role models, Link Crew Leaders are mentors and student leaders who guide the freshmen to discover what it takes to be successful during the transition to high school and help facilitate freshman success. More and more studies show that if students have a positive experience their first year in high school, their chance for success increases dramatically. Link Crew provides the structure for freshmen to receive support and guidance from juniors and seniors who have been through the challenges that high school poses, and understand that the transition to a larger school can sometimes be overwhelming.

January 26th – Link Crew Leaders Activity. February 11th – 9th grade family social

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

January 26th	April 26th
February 23rd	May 24th
March 22nd	

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. The program is available to all qualified 10th and 11th grade students meeting the basic qualification standards of a weighted GPA (from 9th grade) of 3.75. Last year we had 6 students accepted into the program.

For more information you can email your counselor or visit their website at <http://ivyleagueconnection.org/>

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.

Rising Scholars:

The objective of the rising scholars program is to personalize the approach to college readiness. 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. All those interested in attending the 2 upcoming college tours, please contact Mr. Scott at TScott@wccusd.net for payment questions.

Drama – Performing Arts:

Students are working after school on the school musical, "Into the Woods". The musical is March 17, 18, and 19th and March 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28th. We have well over 30 students involved in the cast and the crew, along with many art students helping with the sets.

Titan Athletics:

Fall Sports begin February 8th— All students who participate must complete an Athletic Application Packet, prior to their first day of practice. Athletic Participation Packets are available in the main office.

Athletic Boosters:

The athletic boosters would like to announce their "Day at the Races" is scheduled for May 15th, gates open at 11:00am. For Tickets contact,

herculesportsboosters@gmail.com



Testing/Assessment

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, or CAASPP, which has replaced the Standardized Testing and Reporting, or STAR program, is the new state academic testing program. CAASPP is a system intended to provide information that can be used to monitor student progress and ensure that all students leave high school ready for college and a work career.

Safety

Testing Dates:

SBAC Practice Tests – 1/16/16

SBAC Test – 4/26-29th

10th Life Science – 4/28/16

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

HHS PTO is excited and eager to cultivate opportunities of involvement, promote communication, and build partnerships to strengthen the school community. We look forward to the new school year and thank you, again, for joining us in support of our very important Hercules High School Titans! Check out these sites for more information and to stay connected with the Hercules High School PTO.

<http://shoutout.wix.com/so/aL7hh8Xh#/main>

<http://www.thetitans.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Hercules-High-School->