

# HERCULES HIGH SCHOOL

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

## 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

**We are currently in our 1st year of a 6 year WASC accreditation!**

Check out the Hercules High School Website, for up to date information!

<https://www.wccusd.net/Domain/542>

## "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.

## ASB Clubs/Organizations:

Our robotics team has just received another \$3000 grant from Bio-Rad. Besides competing in FTC this fall, the team will be paying for and mentoring elementary students who will compete in FLL Jr., a lego robotics competition.

MASS had their fall Outreach on October 25th, 2017 at Ohlone Elementary School. We have a ton of fun science experiments and logic puzzles set up, from setting dollar bills on fire to the mystery of the jeweler's shop. Stop by for the answers; each presence MATTERS.

Mock Trial has two new lawyer coaches from the county supporting the team. Our first competition will be on December 9th, and we will be scrimmaging with El Cerrito before that on Dec. 4th.

## College/Career Pathways:

A CTE pathway is a sequence of two or more CTE courses within a student's area of career interest. Pathways are designed to connect high school classes to college, industry certifications, and/or a career. Students who sign up stay in the pathway for 3 consecutive years.

### Computer Science Pathway:

We are currently in our 2nd year of this pathway.

- Introductory: Computer Applications (MS Applications/Google)
- Grade 10: Computer Programming (HTML/Javascript)
- Grade 11: Computer Animation/Digital Art (Adobe)
- Grade 12: AP Computer Science Principles (Python)

### Medical Careers Pathway:

The focus is on Rehabilitation/Physical Therapy/Sports Medicine/Occupational Therapy and other Medical Careers.

This is our 1st year in this pathway

- Grade 10: Anatomy/Physiology
- Grade 11: Medical Careers Intervention

October 30, 2017

## Upcoming Events:

### Parent Teacher Organization:

November 1st @ 6:30pm

**Jostens Order Forms**—November 10th

### Honor Roll Certificates:

**Distribution:**  
November 14th

### CA\$H For College:

November 14th @ 6pm

### School Site Council:

November 16th  
January 18th

### Cap & Gown Forms:

November 27th

### Fall Play:

November 30th

### Winter Music Concert:

December 12th

### No School—Vacation Days

**Veterans Day:**  
November 10th

**Thanksgiving:** Nov. 23-24

### Holiday Recess—

Dec. 18—Jan. 1

## 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 [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com) for over 1.5 million scholarship opportunities.

## Academic Counselors/EAOP/DCAC

College applications are open - counselors have been working with seniors on their applications, essays, personal statements and questions, and recommendation letters, meeting individually and in groups.

Counselor interns have been meeting one on one with Freshmen, completing 4 year plans on OverGrad.com and a career/interest inventory on [www.cacareerzone.org](http://www.cacareerzone.org). Seniors in need of making up a D or F, either to remain eligible for college admission, or to be qualified to graduate, have been enrolled in an online course through Edmentum. College admissions reps from 4 year institutions have scheduled visits on campus and usually held in the theater. Sign ups are through the counselors.

### College Career Center (EAOP/DCAC)

Juan Rosales is our new EAOP/DCAC advisor for 2017-18. Mr. Rosales has introduced himself to the EAOP cohort which ranges from 10-12th grade. In addition, I have created a College Success Plan which lays ground for them to complete the A-G requirements. Senior cohort has been getting help with college applications, essays, financial aid questions and College, Major, and Career Exploration. These presentations will be open for the entire senior class and I have been helping any senior that asks for help. The school has been registered for The Graduate For Mas challenge which will further help us promote the College Going Culture. This provides a gamified approach to college information in which students can redeem their points for prizes.

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**“Success is not, failure is not fatal: it’s the courage to continue that counts” - Winston Churchill**

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We are pleased and excited to announce the continued 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 **WCCUSD Student Acceptable Use Policy** and the Student **Agreement for Use of Electronic Mobile Devices**. 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 T, Th, and Friday from 3:30pm—4:30pm. In addition, we have a 9th grade algebra intervention program to support students struggling with the mastery of algebra I concepts.

**Edmentum:** 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. Edmentum 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).



**Technology and Inquiry Based Learning**