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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (By Larry Oshodi)

Dear Patriots,

We begin the last quarter of the 2012/13 school year with enthusiasm as we drive towards the end of another year. I wish to remind parents and students that all Heritage 9<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the annual state-wide STAR tests on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> this year. I ask parents to calendar these dates as reminders for your students and also encourage them to approach the tests seriously. Eleventh graders are especially reminded that parts of the test may be used to determine their "college readiness", which may be used to determine whether or not students are exempted from taking college placement tests when they apply to colleges next year.

We hope to add another feather to our cap soon. Just before spring break we hosted a validation team from the California Distinguished Schools Program. The purpose of their visit was to observe the exemplary practices at our school. Heritage is one of only six high schools in Contra Costa County eligible for this academic achievement award this year. We look forward to the announcement of successful schools by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in the near future. I want to thank all our students, parents,

community members, district and site staff who actively participated in this process.

Finally, I wish to remind all Heritage parents that my last "Coffee with the Principal" evening this year is on April 8th. This informal meeting will be at the Starbucks at the corner of Balfour and Fairview. I look forward to seeing you there.

## SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (By Larry Oshodi)

School Advisory Council meetings are now held at 3:15 in the **Career Center Conference Room**. We hope to see you at one of the following meetings:

April 18, 2013

May 16, 2013

## ***Congratulations Students of the Quarter!***

### **Math**

Keilyn Mazariegos  
Ashley Wolf  
Sylvia Ofodu  
Jack Strauss  
Garrick Huether  
Joshua Brennan  
Mackenzzy Cagle

### **English**

Rafael Gonzalez  
Kathleen Kellor  
Mariah Dong  
Kevin Avalos

Erinn Vanier  
Elizabeth Allen  
Ashley Soto  
Christian Arce-Cuen  
Nicolas Perez  
Nathan Lund-Soyombo  
Tyler Healy  
Mindy Cook  
Vanessa Rubio

**Social Studies**

Raia Cherednikov  
Erin Furnary  
Alex Phipps

**Science**

Huda Ahmed  
Sarah Palmer  
Nicole Breznik  
Melanie Brum  
Jeffrey Smith

**Motivational**

Jacob Balaban  
Jade Box  
Emily Bradford  
Julian Johnson  
Nicolas Koukis  
Meraj Nushin

**Visual & Performing Arts**

Kaylin Morford  
Robert Campos  
Edward Gutierrez  
Adrian Saff  
Victoria Clements  
Fernando Sanchez

**Career Technology**

Jodi Ositu  
Derrick Bella

**Physical Education**

Jessica Anderson  
Hrudey Guerra  
Adriano Piazza  
Yvonna Elliott-Williams

**World Languages**

Nicole Loeffler  
Nina Venezia  
Shaylin Matosich  
Samantha Pastor  
Ryan Marawala  
Kaili Ferreira

**COLLEGE & CAREER CENTER NEWS**

(By Michelle Snyder)

**Up Coming Events**

- April 16<sup>th</sup> ~ SAT Essay Workshop (10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> graders)
- April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> ~ LMC Assessment Testing (Seniors)
- May 16<sup>th</sup> ~ Personal Statement Workshop (11<sup>th</sup> graders)

Students can sign up in the Career Center.

**HONOR ROLL**

(By Michelle Snyder)

Congratulations to the following Honor Roll Students.

**Patriot Honor Roll (GPA 4.0+)**

Huda	Ahmed
Rabehah	Ahmed
Elizabeth	Allen
Taylor	Allen
Rachel	Allison
Ava	Alvarez
Geoffrey Dale	Angus
Isabela	Angus
Christian	Arce Cuen
Clarissa	Arechiga
Isaac	Ashworth
Joshua	Asuncion
Matthew	Balocco
Victoria Louise	Barce
Jamie	Baron
Alexei	Barrow
Brianna	Baskerville Bridges
Laurie	Bell
Courtney	Belme
Bryce	Betts
Remy	Bidmead
Emily	Blackburn
Nathan	Bledsoe
Francisco	Borja VII
Danielle	Bradley
Sherikat	Braimah
Joshua	Brennan
Miranda	Breves
Jonathan	Briseno
Caitlin	Bronzan
Evan	Browne
Melanie	Brum
Matthew	Bryant
Kahla	Bulls
Cailey	Burns
Madeline	Bustos
Scott	Camara

Emily	Carcot	Donovan	Hom
Kamren	Carey	Robert	Hunsinger
Matthew	Carr	Kelly	Hunt
Celine	Castano	Jordan	Jackson
Carla	Cernat	Kevin	Jauregui
Erica	Chen	Austin	Johnson
Kevin	Chen	Taylor	Johnson
Raia	Cherednikov	Madison	Jones
John	Chin Jew	Bailey	Kaczmarczyk
Kayla	Clarke	Catherine	Kaethler
Carson	Cleverly	Malia	Kanakanui
Joseph	Cliscagne	Kathleen	Kellor
Deirdre	Colvin	Andrew	Kenkel
Devon	Conway	Brendan	Kennealy
Kyle	Cook	Felicia	King
Mindy	Cook	Lillian	Kiriako
Samantha	Cook	Ryan	Kirkpatrick
Michael	Cosgrove	Jacquelyn	Klinger
James	Cui	Allison	Koontz
Emily	Culver	Matthew	Kuzmicky
Dakota	Cushing	Aaron	Larsen
Jacenda	Davis	Rachel	LeBrett
Francis Ryan	Del Rosario	Maxwell	Lim
Christina	DeMarzo	Sydney	Lim
Gurkamal	Dhaliwal	Cherylynn	Lima
Adeline Gabriell	Diaz	Alexandra	Lochhead
Elishia Timofei	Diokno	Brooke	Lochhead
Jasmin	Dobroff	Nicole	Loeffler
Vasudha	Dojode	Clay	Longden
Brittany	Dryer	Addie	Lyon
Michael	Dutcher	Ian Lemuel	Mababangloob
Abigail	Eelsing	John Kristofer	Madrid
Zachary	Elsasser	Nikita	Mandrychenko
Ayah	Elshaer	Ryan	Marawala
Carlos	Escobar	Haley	Marquardt
Michael	Eseed	Madison	Martin
Roxanne	Fallah	Marisela	Mattos
Iris Anne	Fermin	Christopher	Maxwell
Kasey	Fletcher	Emily	McDaniel
Miguel	Flores	Lindsey	McDonald
Taylor	Flory	Jadyn	McKenna
Emma	Formato	Anela	Medeiros
Amanda	Fredrickson	Matthew	Mehlberg
Morgan	Gallegos	Cristina	Mendez
Alessandra	Gamon	Alexis	Menjivar
Aaron	Gawer	Caleb	Michael
David Adrian	Gervasio	Stephanie	Mitchener
Stephanie	Goley	Alexis	Moore
Cassidy	Golinveaux	Darbi	Moore
Addie	Goyette	John	Moore
Haylie	Grant	Jacob	Morales
Nathan	Grovhoug	Annie	Moser
Landy	Gu	Esther	Mou
Haley	Guadagni	Tala	Moussouras
Sophia	Guernsey	Ashley	Negrete
Geneva	Hamilton	Cassidy	Nelson
Sara	Hamraz	Megan	Neuhoff
Annalise	Hanel	Karinne	Nevarez
Skyler	Hanson	Janet	Nguyen
Brianna	Herbolario	Kevin	Nguyen
Danielle Marie	Herrera	Jessica Ann	Nubla
Susannah	Heuer	Brea	O Boyle
Maddison	Hilgers	Dominique	Odon
Alejandra	Hinojosa	Onyinye	Onwuzulike

Jodi	Ositu
Sriram	Padavettan
Sarah	Palmer
Sarah	Pardi
Samantha	Pastor
Keiziah Keren	Pasule
Jason	Pena
Noah	Pena
Jordan	Penner
Brennan	Peppard
Matthew	Petures
Mitchell	Petures
Alexander	Phipps
Erika	Publico
Liliana	Rangel Parra
Heather	Reed
Michael	Renna
Logan	Reno
Sierra	Reyburn
Celia	Rivera
Haley	Roach
Rachel	Rodriguez
Allison	Rohlfs
Alexander	Ronning
Morgan	Ross
Paige	Ross
Christina	Rubio
Ron Dominick	Rubio
Gianna	Rusca
Adrian	Saff
Breanna	Salgado
Suttera	Samonte
Dylan	Sanchez
Stephanie	Sanchez
Ashley	Sandoval
Mikaya	Sandy
Ivana	Satre
Jared	Schaefer
Sara	Schall
Colton	Selin
Samantha	Serrano
Melissa	Shatswell
Morad	Shefa
Jagminder	Shergill
Ray Angelo	Siapno
Hannah	Simmons
Tyler	Slous
Regine	Smith
Ashley	Snodgrass
Delaney	Sparling
Dakota	Spence
Penelope	Stevenson
Allison	Strauss
Hannah	Strauss
Jack	Strauss
Rebecca	Strauss
Danielle	Strock
Kathryn	Strock
Katrina	Sudweeks
Adam	Tamura
Danielle	Tamura
Anna	Tarajos
McKenna	Taylor
Kiara	Towse

Huong	Tran
Tianna	Treichelt
Tracy	Tyrfingsson
Justin	Van Dicken
Alexandra	Varner
Paige	Velasco
Lauren	Velasquez
Amanda	Villareal
Ryan	Vogler
Nejma	Wais
Tameena	Wais
Megan	Welker
Shannon	Wilson
Margaret	Winding
Gabriella	Withers
Sydney	Wright
Minhang	Xie
Jayson	Yap

### Principal's Honor Roll (GPA of 3.70-3.99)

Mohammed	Abdulqader
Zinah	Abraha
Chukwusom	Amete
Jayne	Angelo
Janet	Arce
Melissa	Arone
Madina	Aryaei
Suryah	Aryaei
Josephine	Aseremo
Obyed	Azamey
Kelsey	Baptista
Robert	Bartolini
Stephanie	Bina
Brittany	Bishop
Madeline	Blaise
Emily	Brennan
Nicole	Brennick
Nicole	Breznik
Caroline	Briones
Ione	Broughton
Anthony	Cajigal
Austin	Campbell
Greg	Campbell
Margarita	Campbell
Jashmyn	Caranto
Gregory	Carney
Corinne	Carson
Brock	Castillo
Alicia	Ceja
Dalton	Chamberlain
Ugonnaya	Chilaka
Kellie	Chudzinski
Nathan	Cleverly
Andrea	Cliscagne
Lauren	Coley
Jesse	Conel
Katie	Coppel
Hailey	Cordua

Austin	Cosgrove	Kierstin	Kolte
Catrina	Cowger	Nicholas	Kos
Sebastian	Cuevas	Sara	Kostenuk
Bryanna	Daniels	Nicolas	Koukis
Madison	Davenport	Frank	Kurtz
Catherine	David	Emily	Kuzmicky
Megan	Day	Kordell	Lacy
Danica	Dolle	Jennifer	Landreth
Mariah	Dong	Natalie	Lara Agraz
Erica	Downing	Alexia	Larios
Trevor	Dunning	Jonathan	Larson
Sabrina	Engelstad	Quynh	Le
Kyle	Farinas	Thao	Le
Laneisha	Ferguson	Virgilia	Lee
Christopher	Finlez	Chelsea	Lindsey
Madigan	Ford	Emma	Linney
Savannah	Ford	Annalise	Lyons
Janelle	Forkus	Alexandra	Mace
Sarah	Formato	Parker	Mace
Tesla	Fox	Cody	Maday
Christine	Fredrickson	Jadeyn	Madsen
Erin	Furnary	Allister	Magalued
Hillary	Gallagher	Asheela	Magwili
Alyssa	Gallegos	Danika	Maligro
Victoria	Goley	James	Marquez
Madison	Gonzales	Michalyn	Marzocco
Viviana	Gonzalez	Summer	Matthiessen
Alexandra	Graffi	Hannah	May
Bridget	Grant	Aimee	Mcdonald
Lauren	Gregerson	Amber	McKim
Sydney	Grube	Gabriel	Medina
Sydney	Haagenson	Hailey	Merchant
Peyton	Hamblin	Raquel	Minor
Bridget	Hardy	Benjamin	Mock
Devanni	Harper	Giti	Mohmand
Ethan	Heinrich	Mark	Moody
Maxwell	Herbert	Stephanie	Morano
Tristen	Heredia	Sydney Lou	Morano
Nathan	Honrada	Kaylin	Morford
Lynzie	Hudson	Matthew	Moser
Garrick	Huether	Deven	Neville
Amanda	Hunsinger	Imaan	Niazi
Crystal	Hurtado	Alexandra	Nichols
Tyler	Ige	Jordan	Norris
Jacob	Janzen	Ann Jellica	Nubla
Alan	Jobb	Krystal	Nzeadibe
Jennifer	Johnston	Andrew	O Neil
Chandler	Johnston Sweany	Ayokunmi	Ogunfunmi
Joshua	Joksch	Aracely	Ojeda
Tyler	Karg	Zhill	Olonan
Danielle	Keesler	Nicklas	Olsson
Ryan	Kelley	Ijemina	Onwuzulike
Emily	Kendler	Zayd	Othman
Heather	Kenney Mariano	John	Palmer
Kenna	Kersevan	Connor	Park
Ryan	King	Reyna	Pena

Cameron	Penner
Nicolas	Perez
Kaydee	Peterson
Adriano	Piazza
Gianna	PolICASTRO
Ashley	Potts
Amy	Probst
Elijah	Quilantang
Jhovanny	Quintero
Robert	Renteria
Cailey	Rocquemore
Raechel	Rodda
Jenna	Rodrigues
Paige	Rosano
Ira Emmanuel	Rubio
A Jay	Sabater
Adam	Saleh
Jordan	Sanders
Robert	Sauter
Mathew	Scolari
Kelsey	Shanks
Mckenzie	Sherlock
Jennifer	Smookler
Nicole	Sobolik
Victoria	Solis
Marisa	Sorbello
Emma	Sousa
Allyson	Spears
Corelise	Specht
Blaine	Spencer
Matthew	Stahli
Ryan	Stubo
Colin	Summers
Abigail	Swan
Anthony	Symkowick
Noah	Tan
Mercedes	Tawiah
Kiara	Taylor
Casey	Thacker
Kristyna	Thompson
Matthew	Threde
Christian	Tinio
Sarah	Toelkes
Lareana	Toralba
Gabrielle	Trejo
Dean	Trotta
Nicholas	Trum
Taylor	Underhile
Kelly	Valenzuela
Michael	Van Goor
Taylor	Van Vlack
Erinn	Vanier
Nicole	Vasconcellos
Jaime	Velasco
Megan	Vernoy
Ryan	Volta

Stephanie	Vosicka
Macy	Wannamaker
Joshua	Watts
Taylor	Wilgenbush
Meghan	Willmes
Terence	Wong
Kenna	Wright
Andrew	Yuri
Morgan	Zamora

### Honor Roll (GPA of 3.25-3.69)

Danielle	Absin
Surah	Abu Kishk
Nathan	Adams
Sarah	Aguiar
Kiran	Ahmed
Matthew	Alinaya
Elaina	Alvis
Haaris	Amirie
Harris	Ancarde
Jessica	Anderson
William	Andre
Megan	Andrus
Bianca Margarita	Antunez
Raphael	Antunez
Jaymie	Arnold
Martin	Aseremo
Raquel	Asi
Paige	Aster
Lauren	Atencio
Lauren	Atlas
Morgan	Baer
Micah Angela	Balingit
Leilani	Banuelos
Nicole	Barakat
Kylee	Barrios
Baylin	Baskerville Bridges
Edoardo	Bassi
Adrian	Batute
Madysson	Belden
Derrick	Bella
Alison	Berg
Nigel	Bernard
Sydney	Berry
Darren	Bloemker
Raley	Bloemker
Ashley	Bogdan
Alexis	Bomagat
Morgan	Bonner
Zainab	Bouhouch
Paige	Bowen
Jade	Box
Tyler	Brookens
Evangeline	Brooks
Alexandra	Brown
Jason	Brown

Landon	Brown	Kelly	Daley
Madeleine	Brown	Thomas	Dalldorf
Evan	Brownrigg	Merna	Danial
Victoria	Bryan	Chase	Davenport
Ashley	Burgdoerfer	Sarah	Davies
Julia	Burns	Shirley	Davis
Hayden	Bursch	Elijah	de Guia
Sonia	Bustos	Michael	DeCosta
Carolyn	Buxton	Karina	Delgadillo
Vitaliya	Buynevich	Solomon	Demeku Ousman
Joshua	Calmerin	Alina	Dennis
Michael	Calvo Perez	Caitlin	Depaola
Bethsabe	Camacho Dominguez	Lindsey	DePaola
Madison	Campbell	Liana	Destefano
Robert	Campos	Marcus	Diaz
Christina	Canalita	Viviana	Diaz
Lindsay	Cardoza	Danielle	Dickerson
Jacqueline	Carlisle	Gavin Thaddeus	Diokno
Stephanie	Carter	Stephon	Dodd
Arianna	Casabonne	Brooklyn	Douglas
Francois	Casabonne	Brittany	Doyal
Courtney	Cattaneo	Jacob	Drees
Austin	Cauwels	Dorian	Duggins
Veronica	Caywood	Derrick	Dumag
Alfreda	Charway	Anna	Dunbar
Kathryn	Chatman	Katherine	Dunbar
Nneoma	Chilaka	Amanda	Duong
Julianne	Chinn	Harris	Durrani
April	Chisholm	Amber	Dziedzic
Taylor	Chisholm	Tavia	Eckhart
Taylor	Chu	Lauren	Ellingson
Nicholas	Cisneros	Yvonna	Elliott-Williams
Tristan	Cisternas	Ryan	Ellis
Courtney	Claudius	Brenna	Enos
Megan	Cleek	Simeon	Ernest
Victoria	Clements	Jesus	Esperon
Kayla	Clemons	Luz Estrella	Esperon
Derek	Coley	Justin	Estrada
Caleb	Collins	Savannah	Fanfa
Daniel	Comforti	Jonathan	Farnstrom
Megan	Conder	Krystal Anne	Fermin
Austin	Conner	Madisen	Ferras
Emily	Cook	Kaili	Ferreira
Jeremy	Cook	Haniya	Ferrell
Jessica	Cook	Alexander	Filardo
Amy	Coppel	Miraya	Finau
Aaron	Cornejo	Biannca Ana	Flores
Jayme	Courtney	Austen	Gabbard
Aimee	Covarrubias	Megan	Galban
Calvin	Cramer	Nicholas	Gantan
Jacob	Cruce	Amy	Garcia
Coby	Cruz	Angel	Garcia
Andy	Cui	Antonio	Garro
Adriel Jonah	Cunanan	Ian	Gathu
Jacob	Dacus	Kereshma	Ghani
Ryan	Dahl	Anna	Githua

Alexis	Gomez	Brittany	Kintscher
Samantha	Gonzalez	Joshua	Kirby
Mackenzie	Govaer	Allie	Klinger
Madelyn	Greenway	Jacob	Kolda
Courtney	Gregerson	Viktor	Korzhov
Rachael	Grima	Cole	Kraeber
Caitlin	Grimmett Cook	Kourtney	Land
Jannie Marie	Gutierrez	Kyle	Land
Donald	Gutridge	Asiah	Lane
Jordan	Haagenson	Nicolas	Lao
Alaina	Halter	Jeffrey	Larsen
Evan	Hamblin	Nicholas	Larson
Chandler	Hancock	Spencer	Lee
Claire	Hannigan	Sarah	Lefebvre
Colleen	Hannigan	Rav Dominic	Levy
Jaazib	Haq	Jarrett	Lile
Alison	Hardesty	Claudia	Lord
Joshua	Harms	Samantha	Lord
Sean	Harris	Haley Rose	Love
Michael	Hary	Angela	Lucas
Nicole	Head	Joshua	Lund Soyombo
Aiden	Heisler	Dianne	Luong
Grant	Henley	Alianah	Magalued
Alexander	Hernandez	Shivanni	Maharaj
Samir	Hinn	William	Manalili
Claire	Hockel	Kendal	Manza
James	Hockel	Sydney	Manza
Carney	Hocking	Zachary	Marawala
Bailey	Holden	Colby	Marquardt
Brittany	Hom	Daniel	Martin
Nicholas	Honrada	Jenna	Martin
Tamera	Hope	Cynthia	Martinez
Noah	Hoppe	Menard Aldwin	Mayo
Curtis	Howard	Brandon Thomas	McClenathan
Michaela	Hupman	Dillyn	McHenry
Analisa	Hurt	Michelle	Mechelhoff
Obinnaya	Ihenacho	Marina	Mehta
Kaylee	James	Andrea	Melendez
Gianna	Jenkins	Antonia	Melissare
Blake	Jensen	Kayne	Mellor
Zaire	Johnson	Thomas	Mellott
Ashley	Juarez	Clarissa	Mendoza
Dana	Jubilo	Jacob	Mendoza
Benjamin	Judd	Janet	Mendoza
Brandon	Kameny	Nicholas	Menjivar
Jaspreet	Kang	Kaitlynn	Meyer
Evan	Kardos	Kevin	Milam
Austin	Karowski	Jason	Miller
Alexandra	Keesler	Danielle	Milton
Stephanie	Kein	Rebecca	Moeller
Mckenzie	Kelsey	Nilofar	Mohmand
Brandon Kimo	Kepoo	Siemone	Moll
Jasmine	Khaliq	Rebekah	Monson
Amanda	Kiar	Lilly	Montero
Jeffrey	Kim	Fredrick	Moore
Winston	Kim	Gabriel	Moore



Jakob	Moore	Jason	Phipps
Matthew	Moore	Alana	Polk
Michael	Moore	Dorian	Porter
Samantha	Mori	Annaliese	Prestosa
Cassie	Moronez	Joseph	Protti
Joshua	Morton	Mathew	Pulos
Matthew	Mucha	Bryant	Purnell
Megan	Mulder	Olivia	Quadros
Megan	Muller	Carly	Quinn
Nicholas	Muse	Samantha	Quinn
Nina	Myers	Kareman	Rawy
Janice	Nam	Valerie	Reategui
Cassandra	Nardone	Carina	Renteria
Adrian	Nario	Cory	Reyburn
Maria	Navea	Lyvin	Reyes
Henna	Nazari	Vincent	Reyes
Benjamin	Needham	Kylie	Riddle
Brittany	Nelson	Kyle	Rilk
Kyleen	Nelson	Malia	Rivers
Miranda	Nelson	Melissa	Robbins
Noemi	Nesta	Caroline	Roberts
Austin	Newton	Kyle	Rodgers
Caylin	Newton	Kara	Rodota
Joshua	Nielsen	Isaiah	Roliz
Lauren	Norman	Kyler	Roloff
Hailey	Nunn	Annalisa	Ronning
Nnamdi	Nzeadibe	Dallas	Rose-Gebrosky
Aryana	O Brien	Nicole	Rosillo
Megan	O Farrell	Joshua	Sahagun
Vincent	Oblena	Medhat	Saleh
Sylvia	Ofodu	Courtney Renee	Samuda
Ifeoluwapo	Ogunfunmi	Angelica	Saquilayan
Megan	Ohara	Mason	Sargent
Alexa	Ojala	Morgan	Sasser
Justine	Okaforize	Scott	Sasser
Jacob	Olsen	Dale	Satre
Ashley	Olson	Trevor	Sawyer
Adan	Ortega	Cyrus	Sayah
Jacob	Ory	Samantha	Scalise
Brandon	Osborne	Tyler	Schalk
Cassandra	Ostergard	Harrison	Schwartz
Adriana	Owens	Ryan	Scolari
Ryan	Page	Riley	Scordelis
Tyler	Page	Bethany	Selin
Erin	Palmer	Victor	Shaw
Regine	Panga	Brendan	Shea
Renan	Paraguassu	Benjamin	Sheehan
Sandeep	Patra	Tysir	Shehadey
Angelica	Paz-Ortiz	Matthew	Sherwood
Amanda	Pedersen	Kaitlyn	Shusta
Omar	Pena	Victoria	Simon
Daylen	Perdue	Jacob	Smith
Brett	Peterson	Jaeda	Smith
Sierra	Petrie	Jordan	Smith
Tyus	Pettis	Kylee	Smith
Vivian	Pham	Madelyn	Smith

Rebecca	Snyder
Gennalyne	Soliven
Hunter	Soper
Trevor	Soper
Jacob	Specht
Keegan	Spencer
Julia	Steele
Malary	Stevens
Madison	Stitzel
Jessica	Stone
Mark	Stracke
Zachary	Strauss
Taylor	Stroud
Alexander	Suico
Ramisa	Syed
Hilary	Tam
Winnie	Tam
Brianna	Tateishi
Lydia	Tazhibi
Jessica	Terrenate
Paige	Thompson
Adam Drew	Thors
Christine	Tinoso
Jessica	Tirnetta
Gabriella	Tomicich
Jason	Toomer
Andrew	Topete
Emilee	Troy
Kaya	Troye
Nazlican	Turkmen
Angel	Valdez
Ethan	Vandenbrandhorninge
Alexandra	Vanderheid Nye
Isabella	Vargas
Sadie	Vers
Sydney	Veuve
Cameron	Villalpando
Julie	Villanueva
Christian	Viramontes
Julianne	Wakefield
Kirsten	Walker
Riley	Warner
Mohammed	Wase
Katelynne	Watts
Rylee	Weaver
Morgan	Wentz
Ashley	Weston
Andrew	Wheeler
Kasidee	Wiley
Shaeley	Wilharm
Destinee	Williams
Jacob	Williams
Michael	Williams
Tyler	Williams
Claire	Wilson
Dru	Wilson

Adam	Winding
Jordan	Wingate
Jacob	Wink
Jackson	Wise
Nicholas	Wise
Benjamin	Withers
Lillina	Woldemariam
Jonathan	Woo
Brenley	Woodard
Kennedi	Woodard
Zachary	Xavier
Meaghan	Yeakley
Stephanie	Younger
Amaana	Yusuf Sada
Sienna	Zabroski

## Want to Play College Sports?

**You MUST  
Know Your Core  
Course GPA.**



**CORECOURSEGPA.com**

*Addressing Recruiting and Eligibility...at its Core.*

Heritage High School has teamed up with CoreCourseGPA.com to provide custom online software to all student-athletes to assist in tracking their progress towards meeting NCAA initial eligibility requirements.

CoreCourseGPA.com calculates core course GPA for both the Division I and II, provides corresponding minimum SAT/ACT scores, and a detailed report of core course credits earned and needed.

All student-athletes are encouraged to activate their **FREE** membership to begin tracking their core course GPA and learn more about important recruiting topics. The sooner, the better - every semester counts!

### **Activate Your FREE Membership**

**Step 1:** Go to [www.CoreCourseGPA.com](http://www.CoreCourseGPA.com)

**Step 2:** Click "Free New Member Account"

**Step 3:** Enter School ID and School Code

**Step 4:** Complete Registration Form

**School ID: 050386**

**School Code: 737678811**

## PATRIOT PARENT ORGANIZATION (By Cindy Basa)

This year the Patriot Parent Organization (PPO) is under new leadership. Cindy Basa has stepped in as the President after having served on the board as secretary. She is supported by Corin Angran, VP; Tammy Vance, Treasurer; Suzanne Clements, Secretary; Debbi Walker, Membership; Raquel Silot, Recruitment.

As the year has progressed, the support and assistance of the PPO has helped Heritage High School accomplish the following goals:

Hosting College Night – high school students from our area along with their parents were able to come and learn about college application processes in addition to having the opportunity to meet with representatives from approximately 100 different colleges and universities and military services.

Boot Camp for freshman – the PPO provided financial support which enabled the school administration to offer a new program where incoming students learned about Heritage and also built a foundation of camaraderie, friendships, and discipline on which to base their future at Heritage.

Honor Roll Gift Cards – in an effort to encourage students to achieve their top academic abilities, the PPO supports the administration by purchasing gift cards, which are given to students during honors recognition assembly. Approximately 300 gift cards were provided to administration this year.

Teacher Grants – Due to budget restrictions, supplies and special purchases would not be possible without the support from the PPO. This year, we were able to award two grants. The first was presented to the English and Theater department for the purchase of new specialized lighting required for the performance of “We Will Rock You.” The second grant was awarded to the art department so that students’ artwork could be properly displayed at our school and at local functions.

Dedicated Plaque – in honor of a special teacher and incredible person, the PPO paid honor to Sandy McKillip by purchasing a plaque in her memory for the small garden that was created in her memory this year.

Breakfast for Teachers – each Christmas the PPO likes to recognize and thank the teaching staff for all their hard work and dedication by providing a nutritious and delicious breakfast.

Open House – At this year’s open house, the PPO, with assistance from the rotary, offered delicious hamburgers at a reduced price so families could more easily

participate in the evening and not be distracted with meal planning.

Special Speakers – in an effort to provide parents with opportunities to be more informed, the PPO has hosted special speakers who provide pertinent information that is key to every student’s success. Officer McNerthney was able to provide parents with an update to the safety and security of our campus. Future speakers will provide information with parent-teen communication, college preparations, and more.

Our PPO is committed to helping all students, teachers and our school achieve excellent results.

We welcome each and every parent to our meetings which take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7pm in the staff lounge of the Administration Building.

**HERITAGE PERFORMING ARTS  
BOOSTERS**  
(By Steve Ernest)

The holiday season kept us very busy. Congratulations to our Drumlines. Varsity Drumline took first place in both the Brentwood Holiday Parade and the Discovery Bay Parade of Lights. JV Drumline took second place in the DB Parade of Lights only. The students played beautifully at the Winter Concert which was enjoyed by our friends and families. Our Holiday Ensembles and Breakfast with Santa helped raise much needed funds for the Wind Ensemble’s trip to New York (and future trips for other bands). The Wind Ensemble has been enthusiastically rehearsing for their tremendous opportunity to play at Carnegie Hall as well as Central Park next month. Everyone is looking forward to this great honor. Our Sweetheart Swing Fling was a huge success again this year. A special thank you to Tracy Matosich for organizing the event, to Steve Ernest, the Heritage High School Jazz Band, Jim Peddicord, Mike Grazidei and the Summerset Band, for the entertainment. A big THANK YOU to all our donors and

volunteers. We couldn't have done it without you.

We would also like to recognize our Parent Volunteers of the Quarter who each received a \$50 gift card to a business of their choice. Our first quarter winner was Susie Gomes and our second quarter winner was Mary Benotti. Remember to join us the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. for our Booster Meeting in the Band Room (LG114).

The Student of the Quarter has not yet been decided for 3rd quarter, but Menard Mayo and Juan Orantes were voted the Most Improved Musicians for January; Menard for Jazz Band and Juan for Orchestra. Each received a really tasty prize for this honor (Subway sandwich or meal).

The Jazz Band and Combo both participated in the CSU Stanislaus Jazz Festival on February 1st. They each performed very well. The comments from the judges were glowing.

#### ATHLETIC BOOSTERS (By Dwayne Mullins)

On Saturday May 11, 2013 the Heritage Patriots Athletic Booster Club cordially invites you to our annual "May Event" to raise money for our athletic and cheer programs. Our theme this year represents a common trait that all our athletic and cheer squads have experienced in the short history of Heritage High School...SUCCESS. Wearing the Heritage uniform in any sport or cheer competition has become a badge of honor and respect throughout the Bay Area. Raising the much needed funds to continue this success is the primary focus of the Booster Club. The annual "May Event" is both a celebration of the current season and an important fundraiser for the 2013/2014 campaign. We'll also have the honor of announcing our annual scholarship awards to some very impressive outgoing seniors. Come join us for excellent food, local wines, music and the opportunity to show the

coaches our appreciation for all their hard work. Let's take out 2012/2013 in style and carry over our theme of success into 2013/2014. For more information, contact [customerservice@heritageathleticboosters.com](mailto:customerservice@heritageathleticboosters.com).

#### GRAD NIGHT COMMITTEE (By Deanne Perkinson)

Grad Night's Bunco fundraiser was a HUGE success! Thank you to the Grad Night Committee Chairs, Board Members, HHS Administrators and Parents for your support. Thank you to all of the businesses who donated raffle or auction items.

We will be opening the official Grad Night "Worksite" within the next few weeks and will need parents to volunteer time and materials to help with making this year's event a success. Any amount of time you have available to give would be appreciated. Please see the Grad Night link on the HHS Website for further details about the worksite hours or supplies needed.

We encourage underclass parents to "pay it forward" and become involved with Grad Night now. We have several board members leaving at the end of this year and need new parents to become involved to continue this tradition for the years to come.

Grad Night will be here before you know it, hope to see you at the worksite!

#### HHS VIDEO PRODUCTIONS (By Gus Guardado)

Parents, do you have a son or daughter graduating in June? Are you having a graduation party with friends and family? Would you like a way to show how far your son or daughter has come to get to that momentous milestone? Well then HHS

Video Productions can help by editing a photo montage set to your favorite song. These montages will be put on DVD which you can have playing in the background of your graduation party. We have various

examples to show and costs are very affordable. Plus all the proceeds go to the Video Productions equipment budget. Email Mr. Guardado at [guardadog@luhsd.net](mailto:guardadog@luhsd.net) for details.

#### **CPR & FIRST AID CLASSES** (By Sarah Davies)

Ever thought about getting CPR and First Aid Certified but didn't know where to go or found that it was too expensive? Come and get CPR certified for only \$15! Classes will be Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30 and Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m.-Noon in HR-103. Come and learn these life saving skills while supporting your HHS Sports Medicine program! You can email Ms. Davies for details at [daviess@luhsd.net](mailto:daviess@luhsd.net).

#### **MOCK TRIALS CLUB** (By Tyler Rust)

The Mock Trials Club participated in the CCCOE Mock Trials Tournament on February 5, 7, 12 and 14. This year's case was a hit and run trial. Students competed with schools across Contra Costa County for a chance to represent the county at the state level.

#### **AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB** (By Charleen Lovick)

**Students:** Need help with your homework? Want someone to proofread your papers? Need to type a paper but don't have a computer at home?

**H.E.L.P. is here!!**  
(Heritage Extended Learning Program)  
**3:00-4:30 p.m.**  
**Monday\* thru Thursday**  
**Room C-111**  
(\*Exceptions include: 2nd Monday  
of the Month)

You must follow all school rules and be working on homework in order to come to the HELP program. Disruptive students will be asked to leave and/or receive a referral.

#### **ABI PARENT PORTAL INFORMATION** (By Gina Kroner)

The Liberty Union High School District has transitioned to a new Student Information System, Parent Portal through ABI (Aeries Browser Interface) for parents. We think you will enjoy the new interface and access to more timely information. The attendance in the portal is updated live-time, as are any assignment updates completed by the teachers.

#### **How do I get an account?**

Accounts were generated at the end of the first quarter. Any parent with an accurate email address listed in the student's electronic record received an email with the login process as soon as the portal was opened.

#### **Do I have to have an email address listed to get an account?**

Yes. If your email address is not listed in your child's record and/or you did not update it at walk-thru, please contact the school or email [hhsattendance@luhsd.net](mailto:hhsattendance@luhsd.net) to have that information listed in your child's electronic record. If you do not have an email account, you can create one for free through G-mail.

#### **Can my son/daughter sign up for an account?**

Yes, your son/daughter can sign up to access his/her own account. To do so, your son or daughter's email address should be listed in the student's record. The view for a student is identical to that of a parent, so they will want to select "Student" when asked what type of account they want to create.

#### **Are there resources available to me so I know what to do?**

The ABI Parent Portal website was completed with FAQs, video instructions, and other documentation to assist you in navigating the portal. The interface is intuitive, so I think you will really enjoy the new service.

#### **Who do I contact if I need assistance?**

If you need assistance, you may contact Heritage directly; however, we request that you first go to the online resources on the **Parent Info** tab to address your questions.

## CAFETERIA COMPUTERIZED PAYMENT SYSTEM

The Liberty Union High School District recently adopted the Nutrikids computerized Point-of-Sale payment system for meals purchased in the district's cafeterias. Some parents may be familiar with a similar system that is used by some of the elementary schools.

Each student has their own meal account based on their Student ID number. Transactions will only require that the student swipe their ID card across a scanner that is located at each cashier terminal.

The posting of credits to your child's account is done on the Nutrikids website by using a credit card or via Paypal. A link to nutrikids.com is on the Parent Portal, and also on the HHS website. You will be able to view your child's meal purchases online, by accessing your account on the Nutrikids website. We are encouraging you to create an account for your child, but the system is flexible, so you may still pay for meals with cash.

If your child qualifies for Free-or-Reduced price lunches or breakfasts, this information is securely contained within the system and the transaction will be processed just as it is for all other students.

If you are concerned about a food allergy that your child has, please provide the cafeteria with this information. A warning will appear on the cashier's screen for a quick review of the items on the student's meal tray.

## TRANSCRIPTS (By Michelle Snyder)

Need a Transcript? Visit the HHS website at [www.luhhsd.net/heritage](http://www.luhhsd.net/heritage) and visit the Counselor page under the Student Info tab. There are two options for transcript requests - Electronic or Other. The electronic process is quick, easy and provides a tracking system. The other process requires printing out a completed form, turning in the form to the Registrar for processing, then

pick up/mail out. There is no tracking method with this process.

## HERITAGE HIGHLIGHTS (By Larry Oshodi)

►Cherylynn Lima won FIRST PRIZE in the Martin Luther King "I Have a Dream" art contest in San Francisco. There were hundreds of entries from schools all over the Bay Area from grades K-12. Cherylynn won first for the High School Category with her beautiful digital drawing and a 250 word essay. It was on display at The Old Mint in San Francisco but is now on display in the lobby at Heritage High School. Cherylynn received a \$250 gift certificate for art supplies. Congratulations Cherylynn!!!

►Heritage HS Rewards is a new way to support Heritage High School. Sign up today at [www.heritagehsrewards.com](http://www.heritagehsrewards.com). Turn your everyday spending into money for you and Heritage High School by shopping at over 600 stores through the heritagehsrewards.com website. You can also donate directly to our school or to various micro-projects and fundraisers. By shopping online at stores such as Target, Nordstrom's, Macy's, Home Depot and Best Buy through heritagehsrewards.com you can save money and make money for Heritage!

►Congratulations to Joey Vigil. Joey is the first Heritage High School State Wrestling Medalist, finishing 8<sup>th</sup> in the state.

►Congratulations to wrestler Lania Dumdumaya. Lania won 4<sup>th</sup> in the state in girls wrestling for her weight class.

►Congratulations to the Patriot Girl's Basketball Team for making it to the semi-finals of the Northern California Regionals of the CIF State Playoffs and advancing further than any team in Heritage High School history!!

►Our very own Mrs. Donna Earle (chemistry and physics teacher), has been chosen as a Siemens STARS Fellow to participate in the 2013 Siemens Teachers as Researchers (STARS) Program at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL).

The STARs program provide teachers with a two week research experience at PNNL, mini workshops on transitioning research into the classroom, and continuing collaborative opportunities with PNNL scientists and other educators.

PNNL “is a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science National Laboratory where interdisciplinary teams advance science and technology and deliver solutions to America’s most intractable problems in energy, the environment, and national security.”

**Please continue to the next 2 pages for the STAR exam schedule and test-taking strategies.**

### **SAFETY CORNER**

**Parents, please remind your student of the following:**

► As spring approaches, so does the increased number of student drivers. If your student plans on parking on campus, be reminded that they will need to complete a parking application immediately in SLC-A. Permits are FREE, but space is limited. Students are not permitted to park on campus without a permit.

► For the safety of all, please discuss with your student driver about the dangers of texting and driving.

► If you notice any health or safety concerns on campus, we would like to know. Please e-mail Assistant Principal Dan Hanel at [haneld@luhsd.net](mailto:haneld@luhsd.net).

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP  
OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE!**

# STAR EXAM SCHEDULE

**April 24, 25, 30 & May 1**  
**(During 2<sup>nd</sup> Period Class)**

<b>Wednesday, April 24</b>		<b>12<sup>th</sup> graders report at 12:00</b>
8:15-11:30	English testing (9-11 <sup>th</sup> grade)	
11:30-12:00	Lunch	
12:07-12:45	1 <sup>st</sup> Period	
12:45-12:52	Passing Period	
12:52-1:30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	
1:30-1:37	Passing Period	
1:37-2:15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	
2:15-2:22	Passing Period	
2:22-3:00	4 <sup>th</sup> Period	
<b>Thursday, April 25</b>		<b>12<sup>th</sup> graders report at 12:00</b>
8:15-11:30	Math testing (9-11 <sup>th</sup> grade)	
11:30-12:00	Lunch	
12:07-12:45	5 <sup>th</sup> Period	
12:45-12:52	Passing Period	
12:52-1:30	6 <sup>th</sup> Period	
1:30-1:37	Passing Period	
1:37-2:15	7 <sup>th</sup> Period	
2:15-2:22	Passing Period	
2:22-3:00	8 <sup>th</sup> Period	
<b>Tuesday, April 30</b>		<b>9<sup>th</sup> &amp; 11<sup>th</sup> grade students taking a Science test report at 9:15</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> graders report at 12:00</b>
8:15- 9:15	EOC World History Pt.1 (10 <sup>th</sup> grade)	
9:15-9:30	Break	
9:30-11:30	EOC Science testing (9-11 <sup>th</sup> grade)	
11:30-12:00	Lunch	
12:07-12:45	1 <sup>st</sup> Period	
12:45-12:52	Passing Period	
12:52-1:30	2 <sup>nd</sup> Period	
1:30-1:37	Passing Period	
1:37-2:15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Period	
2:15-2:22	Passing Period	
2:22-3:00	4 <sup>th</sup> Period	
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>		<b>MANDATORY SENIOR ASSEMBLY in the gym at 10:30 a.m.</b>
8:15-10:15	NCLB Life Science (10 <sup>th</sup> grade)	<div>11<sup>th</sup> graders report at 9:15</div> <div>9<sup>th</sup> graders report at 12:00 noon</div>
10:30-11:30	EOC World History Pt.2 (10 <sup>th</sup> grade)	
9:30-11:30	US History testing (11 <sup>th</sup> grade)	
11:30-12:00	Lunch	
12:07-12:45	5 <sup>th</sup> Period	
12:45-12:52	Passing Period	
12:52-1:30	6 <sup>th</sup> Period	
1:30-1:37	Passing Period	
1:37-2:15	7 <sup>th</sup> Period	
2:15-2:22	Passing Period	
2:22-3:00	8 <sup>th</sup> Period	



**Test-taking Strategies – Prior to test:**

- *Believe in yourself*
- Do not eat any heavy meals
- Exercise
- Eat Natural Carbohydrates
- Get at least 8 hours of sleep
- Wake up at least 2 hours before the test
- Develop a study plan that works for you
- Be prepared for the test
- Be comfortable with the test you are taking
- *Believe in yourself*

**Test-taking Strategies – During the test:**

- *Believe in yourself*
- Read all questions very carefully
- Understand the type of test you are taking
- On reading comprehension questions do not read the paragraph but read the questions first
- On an essay test write outlines
- Write in simple sentences on an essay test
- Do not panic
- *Believe in yourself*