

Pittsburg High School

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Dear parents:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back for another great year at Pittsburg High School. It is hard to believe, but a year from this September we will move into the new **Pittsburg High School** which is being built on the section of campus that borders Harbor and School streets. We will have, without a doubt, the finest high school campus in Contra Costa County. We have one more year of school construction and, beginning with the 2010-11 school year, we will move into our new school! On behalf of our students and staff at Pittsburg High I would like to thank you for your support of our school; without your financial and moral support we would not have a new high school being built as I write this!

We are committed to ensuring your child receives an outstanding education at Pittsburg High. To that effect your child's counselor will meet with your child (and you are invited as well) during the beginning of the school year to go over their **Progress Toward Graduation** form that is filled out and updated each year. The purpose of this meeting is to set education & career goals with each student and monitor their progress toward graduation. Your child's counselor will also meet with your child at the end of the year to review the progress that was made during the school year. As always, you are welcome to call or visit your child's counselor at your convenience throughout the year.

Registration takes place on August 18th, 19th and 20th this year. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. Senior and juniors will register on the 18th, sophomores on the 19th and freshmen on the 20th. It is very important that a parent accompany each student to registration. We will have our four assistant principals and myself present to meet with you and answer any questions you have. During registration your student will receive their class schedule, have an opportunity to speak with a counselor, check out their textbooks and pay for items such as a yearbook, P.E. clothing and a student body activity card. If you are not able to come on this day please contact Mr. Whitmire at (925) 250-1932 to schedule another time/day you can attend.

School attendance continues to be an area of focus for us as we enter the 2009-10 school year. Specifically, we need your help ensuring your child attends their classes each day/period and is on time to each class. Our attendance clerk, Carol Covarrubias, is available at 473-2390 ext. 7513 with any questions you may have regarding your child's attendance. We are committed to working with our families to ensure our students are present in class each and every day. We have learned, over the years, that students tend to do poorly when they are not attending school regularly (this includes being tardy to class).

We are also focusing on improving parental and community involvement in our school. To that effect we are hiring an additional parent coordinator (bilingual) and we will have two full-time parent coordinators for the 2009-10 school year. Please expect to hear from us with information regarding events and activities at Pittsburg High School. In addition, you will be receiving invitations to various events including luncheons and late morning coffees where you will have an opportunity learn more about our programs and how to help your child be successful in high school. Lastly, please do not hesitate to call me at (925) 250-1932 with any questions!

Todd Whitmire
Principal