



San Pasqual Academy

Bulletin

As of December 10, 2004, 121 youth are living and studying at the Academy.

School Days...

- ◆ Students completed the first five weeks of the second quarter on December 10. Progress reports are being distributed.
- ◆ Senior meetings are taking place to ensure that students with senior standing are on track to graduate. In addition, they are receiving support to complete college and scholarship applications in a timely manner.
- ◆ The San Pasqual Academy football team, the Dragons, had an outstanding season! The Dragons are the Citrus League champions, and went on to play La Jolla Country Day in the 8-Man Division Finals. Despite their 53-12 loss to La Jolla Country Day, the Dragon's reveled in their 10-2 season!
- ◆ The Board of Supervisors proclaimed December 14, 2004 "San Pasqual Academy Dragons Football Team Day" in acknowledgement of their phenomenal 10-2 season! The entire football team attended the Board meeting, and each player was recognized for his contribution to the Dragons' success.
- ◆ Winter is a busy time for interscholastic sports... The Dragons are currently competing in CIF boys' and girls' basketball. Early contests at home include games against Julian, Calvary Christian, Lutheran, and San Diego Academy. Game dates are Thursday and Friday, January 6 and 7; and Tuesday and Thursday, January 11 and 13.

For more information about how you can help the Academy with donations or volunteer opportunities, please call Debby Syverson at (619) 435-4557.

WHAT'S NEW

The next Open House for Foster Youth is scheduled for January 19, 2005, from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for foster teens interested in learning more about the Academy as a placement option to meet the program staff and tour the campus.

- ◆ Students were recognized for academic achievement on December 15. Twenty-two students earned a GPA between 3.0 - 3.4. Eleven students earned a GPA between 3.5 - 3.9. Three students earned a perfect 4.0! Three students were awarded perfect attendance awards. Each teacher personally nominated a most improved student of the quarter. Six students were awarded outstanding citizenship awards, and two students were nominated students of the quarter.
- ◆ Students attended the National Comedy Theatre as an introduction to possibly starting a student improv team at the Academy.
- ◆ Academy students attending either the on-site high school or the middle school will be on winter break for two weeks.

Residential Information...

- ◆ Ghosts and goblins came out for the Academy Halloween Party on October 30. San Pasqual Academy Neighbors (SPAN) volunteers attended the party and helped with the decorations.
- ◆ With the help of SPAN volunteer Jane, a couple of students displayed their "In the Spirit of Dia de los Muertos: Alternative Altar Creation" art at the Mixed Media Art Gallery and Studios. The students and volunteers attended the unveiling reception on October 30.
- ◆ Many students set foot in snow for the very first time on November 23, when a group of students spent the day in Julian. What a treat!
- ◆ Several Alumni who went to college returned home for the Thanksgiving holiday and the Citrus League Football Championship game against Julian High School.
- ◆ Students and some of their families joined staff to feast on turkey and all the fixings in the Cyber Café on Thanksgiving. No one left the table hungry!
- ◆ To work off some calories, students took on campus staff in a basketball game following Thanksgiving dinner. The vote is still out on who won the game - students say they won, but rumor has it the staff came out on top!
- ◆ A few students chose to enjoy San Diego's fall weather on an evening stroll in Seaport Village on November 26. Participants all returned to the campus with big smiles on their faces.
- ◆ With winter approaching, students and staff are gearing up for the holidays! Johnny Ellison, Food Services Manager, is helping students bring a cozy living room feel into the Cyber Café. Part of the cafeteria has been decorated with a faux fireplace, curtains, a mock-up of a holiday dinner setting, and plenty of holiday decorations. The windows even have a touch of "snow" painted on them, and a Christmas tree and stockings for all will round out the holiday spirit!

- ◆ Sharon Mousavi has joined the campus staff as the Sulpizio Family Health and Wellness Center Coordinator. Sharon brings a great deal of enthusiasm and fresh ideas to this innovative program!

Work Readiness...

- ◆ Fifteen organizations participated in the October 12th Career Day at the Academy. The participants included: Point Loma Nazarene University, Youth and Non-Military Opportunities, EDD, San Diego Cal SOAP, Navy, Coast Guard, Marines, Maric College, Job Corps, SDSU, Mira Costa College, Miramar College, City College, Cuyamaca College, CAPF, California Conservation Corps, and UPS.
- ◆ Approximately 40 Academy students took part in “College Connection: Making College a Reality” at Cal State University-San Marcos and Palomar College on October 22. Students participated in workshops, toured each campus, and were treated to lunch.
- ◆ A Scholarship Workshop was held at the Career Center on November 10, to provide students with an overview of the scholarships available to foster youth and the tools on hand to research specific scholarships related to students’ interests. Child Abuse Prevention Foundation staff participated in the workshop to provide “how to” tips on completing scholarship applications.
- ◆ On November 17, students were invited to participate in an Essay Workshop on campus to help them develop and edit essays for college and scholarship applications.
- ◆ The UPS Interlink Program was on hand November 23 to help interested students complete applications for holiday employment with UPS. With a positive recommendation from a UPS supervisor, the holiday position has the potential to become permanent.
- ◆ With college applications the talk on campus, Cal State San Marcos offered a College Workshop on November 23. Cal State San Marcos staff assisted students with completing college and EOP applications and to answer specific concerns or questions.

Community Involvement...

- ◆ Eight graduates are currently residing in the Alumni Housing program on campus.
- ◆ Grandmas Jean and Jane of the SPAN program took five students to Broadway San Diego to see “Les Miserables” courtesy of the Friends of San Pasqual.

