

# December 17, 2008:

## HOOVER HAPPENINGS

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### SCHOOL CONTACTS

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### TO BETTER SERVE YOU

We want to better serve you by being able to direct your calls more efficiently. Parents or caretakers are to use the most direct school telephone numbers to relay their questions and concerns.

\*Call 248-1306 to report student absences. For any student related concerns, call 759-2787 or 2793 to reach the Counseling Department.

### PTA CONTACTS

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### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- \* Linda Renteria, Volunteer Chair:  
[Saliente@aol.com](mailto:Saliente@aol.com)

### CALENDAR

Dec. 17 Tamale Holiday Potluck and Presentation for Parents 63 pm  
DEC 18 Fall Band Concert: 730pm: Auditorium  
DEC 22-JAN 2 Winter Break – NO SCHOOL  
JAN 7 PTA Board Meeting (All parents welcome): 6-7pm: Main Office  
JAN 15 BSC & SSC Community Meeting (All parents welcome)  
JAN 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL  
JAN 20 Professional Development – NO SCHOOL

**JOIN US for the TAMALE HOLIDAY POTLUCK AND PRESENTATION** for parents on the Alternatives to Drugs program. WED DEC 17 @630pm.

### **NEW ATTENDANCE ABSENCE PROCEDURE:**

We can no longer release kids from school without written consent (note, email or faxed {759-2881} note). We also no longer accept phone calls to excuse absences. We need written notes to excuse any absences, when they return to school. Otherwise, they will be marked as unexcused absence. Thank you, Counseling & Attendance

### **HOOVER'S ANNUAL FUND END-OF-YEAR DONATION:**

\*Parents who would like to get their tax-deductible donation in for this year, 2008, can write your check to the Hoover PTA. You can also pay by credit card through the Hoover School website (<http://sfpta.org/Hoover>) and donate under "Click & Pledge."

\*The Annual Fund raises money for the needs and wants of the teachers and programs at Hoover that would not be covered otherwise. The Annual Fund letter is due to be mailed late January. Please contact Diego Montoya at [dilinc@hotmail.com](mailto:dilinc@hotmail.com) to get Hoover's non-profit tax ID number for your tax-deductible donation. All levels of donations appreciated - \$25, \$50, \$250, \$500. Thank you!!

**LUNCHTIME HOMEROOM INTRAMURAL SPORTS** during 4th and 5th period.

**HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION:** Updated on-line site:

[http://calfeeschoolguide.org/calendar/pdf/High\\_School\\_Open\\_House\\_Calendar.pdf](http://calfeeschoolguide.org/calendar/pdf/High_School_Open_House_Calendar.pdf)

**CLASS OF 2009 INFO:** Key dates for applications. [www.sfpta.org/Hoover](http://www.sfpta.org/Hoover)

**8th GRADERS:** Kids shadowing need to bring back proof of their attendance at the high school upon return to Hoover for an excused absence.

**8th GRADE APPLICATIONS:** Enrollment applications must be dropped off by PARENTS at Hoover Main Office or at SFUSD, 555 Franklin.

### **8th GRADE COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

8<sup>th</sup> graders: If you have not turned in your service time sheet, be sure to do so now. For those who have not done the service, get started. With the winter holidays approaching, it is a good time to have a plan to get our service. J. Dong.

### **ITALIAN CLASS SCHEDULE:**

Classes will resume on WED 01/21/09. Ms. LaRocca sends her wish for all of you for a wonderful holiday break.

The **PIE meetings** for immersion are changing a bit. No meeting in January and March.

## SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL MEETINGS

The SSC will meet every month on a TUES, alternating morning and afternoon meeting times each month. All are welcomed to attend.

## STUDENT CLUBS:

[http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student\\_body\\_clubs.htm](http://sfpta.org/Hoover/HHMS2005/html/student_body_clubs.htm)

\*Stay tuned to this column for the upcoming news on Clubs 08-09 and the club sign up event during lunch periods.

\*Clubs have different days and times of the year they start. Please read the Happenings for further information.

**\*Have your kids check in with a favorite teacher to see what club they are sponsoring or if your child wants to start a club with one of them.**

## HOOVER HAPPENINGS:

Article Due	Distribution Date
JAN 9	JAN 14
JAN 23	JAN 28
FEB 6	FEB 11
FEB 20	FEB 25

\*\*Thanksgiving Week

## GOT NEWS?

\*Please e-mail website items to [svlca@yahoo.com](mailto:svlca@yahoo.com)

\*Please drop Hoover Happenings items in the PTA Happenings mailbox or send items via email to Kate Ikeda: [bkbkikeda@aol.com](mailto:bkbkikeda@aol.com).

**Electronic submissions preferred.**

## SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS '08-'09:

-PJ Day: FRI 12/19/08

-Twin Day: FRI 02/13/09

## CLIP AND BRING IN YOUR BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

### LABELS:

You can make a difference for Hoover every time you shop for groceries! You can clip 10¢ Box Tops labels from hundreds of your favorite products and bring them to the office or your child's homeroom teacher. Hoover can earn cash for needed school supplies and equipment.

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/AboutBoxTops/Products.aspx>.

Contact Frances Lee, if you have any questions or would like to help: [mbe24th@dslexreme.com](mailto:mbe24th@dslexreme.com)

**RAINY DAY ARRIVAL:** AM - kids can go to gym at 830am.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: from President Debi Skaggs:

\*Hoover PTA is now looking for parents to be next school year's board. We need parents to attend the Board meetings from January till the end of the year so that there is a smooth transition into next year. These are very important times for Hoover, and for SFUSD in general, and I would like everyone to please take the time to start helping the teachers and staff at Hoover continue on with a valuable link for them.

\*The position that needs a parent, first and foremost, is for our Treasurer position. Diego Montoya can be reached at [dilinc@hotmail.com](mailto:dilinc@hotmail.com). He will be gone next year, and has spent three years getting the books in perfect order. Someone can easily slip in and learn a lot from him now before his position ends.

\*Next is our President and Vice President positions. We need parents whose children are in 6th or 7th grade to please attend the Board meetings to shadow along with us for the rest of this very busy hump to the end of the year. Our meetings are regularly scheduled every second Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the main office.

\*Other positions that will be opening up for next school year is the secretary, PTA Membership chair, Hoover Happenings Editor, PTA Reflections chair, another VP position, Volunteer Coordinator, Communications chair, and Sweatshirt/T-Shirt chair. Almost all of the chair and board positions are occupied by 8th grade parents graduating out. There will be a huge number of vacancies and a huge undertaking to get everyone on board for next year. Please volunteer now to help us out!

## BAND CONCERT DATES:

Band students must arrive 30 minutes before evening concerts in concert attire with their music and instrument.

-WED DEC 17: Hoover School Assembly: Concert, Symphonic, & Jazz Bands

\*Concert Attire is required at every concert. Concert attire for 6th grade and Concert Band is white top, black pants or skirt, and black shoes. Symphonic band students also wear white tops, black pants or skirt, and black shoes in addition to their red vests. Jazz band students wear all black.

\*Parents - Please bring individually wrapped, home baked goods to be sold at each concert. You can drop them off at the auditorium entrance when you drop off your students.

\*Thank you to all of the generous Band families who have donated so far. However, we have only received donations from a little over 10% of the Band families. Please take a moment to send in a donation. Please make the checks payable to Hoover Middle School Band. You can mail donations to: Hoover Middle School, Attn: Mr. Yonemura, 2290 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, SF, CA 94116.

**WISH LISTS:** Please check w/ teachers for specific items & the PTA website for all wish lists.

\***MARILYN GARCIA:** Room C36: 15 to 30 Crayola brand watercolor paint sets with brush included; Blank CDs and CD envelopes; Sets of colored pencils; Boxes of Kleenex

\***INDEPENDENT LIVING:** "Can Openers?"...need 2-3 well-working can openers. If you'd like to donate any can openers, please send them to B18 or leave in Ms Cheng's mailbox. Paper towels; paper napkins; good condition pots and pans, regular kitchen size.

\***NEWSPAPERS:** Please donate your recycled newspapers. Send them in bags or tied together. Hoover no longer receives free newspapers.

## THE PHYSICS SHOW IS COMING TO Foothill College!

\*SAT, 01/10/09: 2pm

\*SUN, 01/11/09: 11am and 2pm

\*The show is moving up to January due to construction on campus and room availability. The room we have always used is being renovated and we will be using the large theater this year. That means we should not have to turn anyone away. We are now taking reservations for this free show (parking costs \$2). We have a new, automated reservation system: <http://www.foothill.edu/physics/>