



THE CONTACT



TERRA LINDA HIGH SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

April – June 2008

ABOUT THE CONTACT Welcome to the April 2008 issue of The Contact, TL's parent newsletter. The Contact is published four times a year and includes a variety of information on events of interest to Terra Linda High School parents and families. *If you have an item or event you'd like to see in the next issue of The Contact, email it to Alfia Wallace at alfiawallace@yahoo.com*

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COFFEE (AND MILK) WITH THE PRINCIPAL



In an effort to keep parents and community members informed of current issues and happenings at Terra Linda High School, Principal Lars Christensen has scheduled a monthly Principal's gathering for interested members of our school community. The meetings will be held the second Thursday of every month, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in our Counseling Center Conference room. Coffee (and milk for the non coffee drinking Principal) will be served. Please join us for what we hope will be informative and spirited conversation.

Upcoming Principal's Coffee & Milk dates:

- April 17, 2008
- May 15, 2008

- June 12, 2008

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

See *The Contact* for time and locations details. Events with dates TBD are not listed here.

APRIL

Early April: Sophomore Exit Exam Scores become available. There will be an announcement in the daily bulletin and on the ONETL email list.

4/2: Options after High School Fair (during school)

4/7 – 4/11: Spring Break (no school)

4/16: Marin Science Seminar, 7:30 pm, "It's TOXIC! The Science of Toxicology and Health Risk Assessment" with Rob Scofield, room 207

4/17: Coffee & Milk with the Principal

4/22: Academic Excellence- Meet the Applied Arts Dept.

4/24: College of Marin English & Math placement tests in TL library 8 – 11 am

4/26: Pride Day (Volunteering) 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

4/30: Marin Science Seminar, 7:30 pm, "Homeless Nemo: What Does the Future Hold for Coral Reef Communities?" with Vania Coelho, Performance Theater

MAY

5/5: Safe & Sober Graduation Night Party tickets go on sale

5/7: Terra Linda Home & School Club meeting, 6:30 pm, TL Library

5/14: Marin Science Seminar, 7:30 pm, "There's a Robot in my Heart!: Developing the Field of Robotic Cardiac Surgery" with T. Sloane Guy, M.D. MBA, Performance Theater

5/15: Coffee & Milk with the Principal

5/15 – 5/17: Drama Production- William Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice*

5/26: Memorial Day (no school)

5/28: Marin Science Seminar, 7:30 pm, "Stem Cell Research: New Hope from the Laboratory to the Bedside" with Mohammed El Majdoubi, Performance Theater

5/30: Summer Internship applications due

JUNE

6/12: Coffee & Milk with the Principal; Last day of school; Graduation

6/12: Safe and Sober Graduation Party, Osher Marin JCC, 10 pm – 3:30 am

6/16: Summer Internship begins

COLLEGE AND CAREER CENTER NEWS

The Options After High School Fair is coming!! On April 2nd (Wed) during 3rd and 5th periods in the gym we will have between 20 and 25 representatives of technical schools, community colleges, area apprenticeship programs, area businesses that hire high school graduates, representatiaves of the trades and more. This is an exciting way to let your student explore MANY OPPORTUNITIES at once, regardless of what plans they have made for next year. Please encourage their active participation.

College of Marin Placement Tests: On Thursday April 24 from 8AM - 11AM COM placement tests will be held in the TL computer lab. Both English and Math tests will be administered.

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS AND PARENTS!!! We have heard lots of good news from students over the past few weeks about college acceptances. Keep the great news coming. We told you the hard work would pay off!

There is **still time to apply for scholarships**. Remember the scholarship website: <http://scholarships.ath.cx> The scholarship drawer in the CCC and the walls of the counseling office is another place that often has information. College news continues to be in emails and in-boxes. Keep us posted if you'd like.

Seniors: Accepted to a college? If your student has been admitted to several schools that he or she will DEFINITELY NOT be attending in the fall and you already have decided that, then let the schools know by phone or email ASAP. If you do so NOW, that might free up a space for a student on a waiting list or who is mounting an appeal. And remember, the deadline for all colleges to save you a space is May 1st. HOWEVER....if you have been admitted to your first choice school, put your deposit down, register for housing and put a housing deposit down NOW. This can insure that you land in your first choice dorm space.

Also seniors, make sure that your have ordered a final transcript to be sent to the college or university you will be attending. That is required at EVERY school. See Ms. Maxim for more information.

Sophomores, juniors and seniors - don't forget we have many internships available for summer. Come to the CCC on Wed. or Thurs. any week and speak to Millie Makarewicz about internship opportunities. If you don't see one that is perfect for you, she'll help you find one!

SUMMER JOBS! As we get closer to the end of school, we are getting more inquiries from camps, people in the neighborhood and retail locations. Check the JOBS board in the CCC. Remember, if you are under 18 YOU ARE REQUIRED TO GET A WORK PERMIT!! If you want to work, you must maintain a 2.0 GPA.

JUNIORS - Spring break can be a great time to look at colleges. You don't need to go far away. Just within 100 miles of Marin there is every kind of college you should be looking at: big, small, public, private, rural, urban, suburban, and more. If you go - make an appointment for a tour and TAKE THE TOUR. Don't just drive through on a Sunday and think you know enough about the school to decide whether it should go on your list.

JUNIORS and SOPHOMORES Testing Alert - don't forget to sign up for and take the SAT Reasoning Test, the SAT subject tests (2 for the UC's) and/or the ACT with writing. Be aware of dates so you don't get stuck paying late fees.

If you are taking or have taken the Revolution Prep class being held at TL, we would love your feedback. In fact we would love your feedback on any classes that you have taken so we can be educated when your classmates want information.

2008 SPRING SEMESTER EVENTS

Buck Institute Job Shadow Day for High School Students: This event provides high school students a valuable opportunity to see inside this unique research facility. Summer internships are available at the Institute. **To be determined**

Summer Internship Program: The Summer Internship program provides an 8-week intensive career exploration opportunity requiring students to spend 9 hours per week on the worksite with a mentor. Elective academic credit is available.

May 30, 2008

Applications Due

June 16, 2008

Summer Internship Program Begins

July 25, 2008

Summer Internship Program Ends

Ellen White, CCC, 492-3123

TERRA LINDA COUNSELING NEWS

Choices Explorer Available Online for Your Kids TL has renewed its subscription to Choices Explorer through Bridges.com. This is provided as a service to all TL students and parents to help students connect their interests and aptitudes with possible college majors and career options. <http://www.bridges.com>

SITE ID: 0010091, PASSWORD: Trojans

Please encourage your student to take advantage of this resource!

~TL Counselors: Matt Moore (A-F) mmoore@srcs.org, Eric Thompson (G-O) ethompson@srcs.org, Sue Gatlin (P-Z) sgatlin@srcs.org

FREE TUTORING PROGRAMS

To enable our students do their best, Academic Excellence Booster Group sponsors three free programs at TLHS for students who'd like some individualized instruction.

TEACHER TUTORING

Students simply need to show up at the designated classroom on the scheduled day to receive help from a Terra Linda teacher. Here's the schedule:

DAY	TIME	SUBJECT	ROOM	TEACHER
MON	3:15-4:15	ENGLISH	Rm. 303	Ms. Behling
MON	3:15-4:15	SOCIAL STUDIES	Rm. 404	Ms. Pope-Garcia
			Rm. 410	Mr. Baker
TUE	3:35-4:35	MATH	Rm. 108	Ms. Halonen
WED	3:35-4:35	SCIENCE	Rm. 204	Mr. Collier
THU	3:15-4:15	SPANISH	Rm. 403	Ms. Mendoza

PEER TUTORING

Our California Scholarship Federation students (honor society) offer tutoring, by appointment, to all students at Terra Linda. Students are strongly encouraged to seek out this service if they feel more comfortable working with their peers. This tutoring is a weekly commitment until the service is not needed. In order to sign up, interested students need to pick up a 'Tutee Application' form from their Counselor or from Ms. Halonen in Rm. 108, fill it out, and return it to Ms. Halonen. She also has a list of peer tutors available to work outside of school for elementary, middle and high school students. These tutors may charge a fee or do it for community service hours, as this is their free time.

AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING IN THE LIBRARY

It is taught by volunteer adult tutors who are experts in their fields: former HS teachers, college professors, PhDs, even MIT graduates. They can tutor every class of science, math, history, English or government and each one has passed the school district's strict screening for adult volunteers. They come to the library as needed. To set up an appointment, students check in with Mr. John Gilluly, the librarian. He contacts the tutor and sets up the appointment.

- Please note that there have been a significant number of students that have not shown up for their scheduled appointments with peer and adult tutors. In order for us to be able to continue these valuable programs, we urge parents to stress to their students the importance of keeping the appointments or be responsible for notifying the tutors of cancellation.

Getting help early can often make the difference between an enjoyable high school learning experience and an unpleasant one. Stay in touch with your student and find out if they're having trouble in a class. If so, please urge them to take advantage of these free programs. We want all students to succeed and we're working to make success happen. Urge your student to take advantage of this free help.

VOLUNTEERING & COMMUNITY SERVICE

If your student has done community service this year, they need to get their community service hours in to the CCC on one of our official forms as soon as possible. Once we get close to the end of the year, it is difficult for us to find the time to enter them in our database. So please complete your forms now and have your student turn them in.

Several events are coming up that students can do with friends. These are great events because they come around each year at the same time and you can sign up to help any time. Some suggestions:

- Bowl For Kids Sake
- Marin Human Race
- Relay For Life (American Cancer Society)

Come to the CCC for more community service suggestions!
Ellen White, College and Career Center, 492-3123 ewhite@srcs.org.

SPRING TLHS PRIDE DAY

The **spring pride day will be April 26th, 2008 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.**



We want to thank all of the students who volunteered for the fall and winter Pride Days! Also, thank you to the parents who volunteered. Special thanks to Nina Rush, our student representative, and to Nancy Escobar, the Activities Director. A thank you is extended to Ms. Schmitt, who organized students in groups for gardening and the removal of vegetation debris. We appreciate the support that Lars Christensen gives for the TLHS Pride Days. More parents and other volunteer adults are invited. We respectfully ask for adults.

MARIN SCIENCE SEMINAR

The Marin Science Seminar is a one-hour presentation with a question and answer period targeted at motivated high school students in the San Rafael High School district. Seminar sessions are held on a Wednesday evening during the school year, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at Terra Linda High School. See www.marinscienceseminar.com for the calendar and speakers.



Seminar speakers are scientists, mathematicians, physicians, engineers and computer programmers with a relevant graduate degree and public speaking experience. The topics presented are in a specific area of the speaker's expertise, geared to interested high school students. For more info. contact Art or Alfia Wallace at marinscienceseminar@gmail.com.

SENIORS SECTION

TERRA LINDA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2008!



Caps and gowns will be delivered in May.

Seniors! It's Almost Time To Celebrate! Watch your mailboxes for your invitation to the

2008 SAFE AND SOBER GRADUATION PARTY

Thursday, June 12th, 2008, 10 p.m. – 3:30 a.m.

Osher Marin Jewish Community Center

200 North San Pedro Rd., San Rafael

Tickets \$65 per student

All Night Entertainment

Tickets must be purchased and signed permission slips must be returned no later than May 30th in order to attend. Invitations will be mailed home the first week of May. Tickets may also be purchased and permission slips available in the Student Store from May 5 to May 30th.

This is your last event to celebrate with your class. Our goal is to have 100% participation.

Thank you,

Deb Armstrong, 472-1041, debeh@comcast.net

GRAD NIGHT GIFTS NEEDED



We are now collecting gifts for our TL Seniors to be given out as prizes on Grad Night. Our committee have sent out about 500 letters to businesses asking for donationshowever, our goal is that each and every student leaves with something....Therefore , if any parent or someone you know would like to donate, please review the list below of suggested donations. Gift certificates or \$\$\$ donations can be mailed to the school (attention: Grad Night) or if you have something you wish to be picked up, please contact Melanie Limacher at melanie333@comcast.net Thanks in advance for any and all help.

List of Suggested Donations:

- Movie Passes - Phone Cards - Gas Cards - Car Washes
- Certificates to: Restaurants, Movies, Theater, Smoothie & coffee places, Fast Foods
- Certificates to: Bookstores, Movie rentals, Electronics stores, Target, Costco, Clothing stores, Beauty product stores, Sports and Outdoors stores, etc.

- Certificates to: Movies, Bowling, miniature golf, hair and nail salons, spas, sport events, amusement parks, book stores
- Gift baskets of any type
- Mall Gift Certificates
- Radio/Alarm clocks
- Small appliances for dorm rooms

Food Contributions: Please contact Jennifer Sherrill directly (sherrillfam@earthlink.net)

- Bottled water
- Fruit and/or veggies
- Baked goods
- Paper plates, cups, napkins
- Plastic forks
- Safeway certificates



DRAMA DEPARTMENT NEWS

Upcoming

The Merchant of Venice by William Shakespeare

May 15, 16, 17

8 pm Studio Theatre

When a merchant must default on a large loan from an abused moneylender for a friend with romantic ambitions, the bitterly vengeful creditor demands a gruesome payment instead.

Terra Linda HS Home & School Club!

(meets the first Wednesday of each month in the library at 6:30pm)

The next Home and School Club meeting is May 7th, Wednesday, at 6:30pm in the Library

Attention All TL Parents

The TL Home and School Club is **looking for volunteers to fill officer and board member positions for the 08/09 year**. Our bylaws state that each officer may serve for two years. With that in mind, we will be filling the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, OneTL Treasurer, and Secretary. We are also looking for coordinators for the Escript program and for the alumni program.

Home and School administers the OneTL annual fund campaign, the OneTL annual auction, the yearly Teacher Wish List through the escript program, supports the teachers and staff with appreciation luncheons, publishes the school directory and the parent newsletter The Contact, supports the Link Crew and Campus Beautification. It is also the umbrella organization for the booster groups.

This is a great way to participate in your child's school and to support TL with your volunteer time. Many programs at TL would not occur if not for the Home and School Club and the booster groups. **Please consider joining us!** ☺

Please contact Valerie Green, valeriegreen1@comcast.net for more information.

ESCRIP COORDINATOR NEEDED

Interested in a volunteer position that coordinates the funding for the teacher wish list? This important, but not too time consuming job, is available for next school year. We need someone who can sign up parents to Escript, update information for parents so Terra Linda can receive the benefits from Escript, manage monthly reports for Home and School Club. If interested, please contact Valerie Green at valeriegreen1@comcast.net

NEW TERRA LINDA WEBSITE COMING SOON!

Keep your eye open for our new website to be unveiled shortly!! We will be able to use the new TL site for direct info/emails from the school and your booster groups. There will also be a new calendar where you can sign up to receive activities reminders in your email box. The site is much easier to navigate and find all the information you need on Terra Linda High!

ONETL ANNUAL FUND

Please Donate Today!

Have you sent in your check to OneTL annual fund? Your donations pay for:

- **Athletic Boosters:** track and field equipment for our new "state of the art" track, helmets for football players, funds for each athletic team at Terra Linda High
- **Academic Excellence:** Mock Trial, Model U.N., Tutors in the Library after school
- **Scholarship Foundation:** scholarships for graduating seniors
- **Home and School Club:** hospitality for our dedicated teachers, resources for our library, campus beautification
- **Music Boosters:** gowns for music presentations, lots and lots of sheet music
- **Safe and Sober Grad night:** a safe place for our graduating seniors to celebrate their very special evening

These are just a few examples of where the funds are distributed. Everything raised is directed to our booster groups for our students. Thank you to Kate Martin for volunteering her time to send out thank you notes. ***Please send in your contribution today!*** Please return to TL Office Attn: OneTL or mail to: Terra Linda HS, 320 Nova Albion Way, San Rafael, CA 94903 Attn.: OneTL

One TL Annual Fund Donation Form

GREAT THINGS HAPPEN WHEN YOU GET INVOLVED!

Parent or Guardian Name(s) _____

Address _____

eMail _____ Phone # _____

Student #1 _____ Grade _____

Student #2 _____ Grade _____

Trojan Fans: Suggested donation of \$25.00 to \$249.00

One TL Club: Suggested donation of \$250.00 to \$599.00 Receives a Family Sport Pass that allows free admission to all home games at TLHS (excluding tournament games)

BLUE AND GOLD: Suggested donation \$600.00 or more

Includes two free tickets to our 4th Annual Dinner Dance "Celebrate One TL" March 1, 2008 and a Family Sport Pass that allows you free admission to all home games at TLHS (excluding tournament games)

Your donation of \$250 per student is requested, but any and all donations are appreciated and are tax deductible. (Tax ID is OneTL 51-0154250) Thank you!

Five Ways to Give!

___ Gift: I am enclosing a check for \$ _____ made payable to One TL

___ Postdated checks enclosed (until March 1 only)

___ SuperSize your contribution! Ask your employer about Matching Funds

___ Please bill my Visa/MC (please circle) for \$ _____

___ Please bill my Visa/ MC in _____ installments of \$ _____ on these dates _____ (until March 1)

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

BOOSTER GROUP REPORTS



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Meet the Department! – Upcoming dates: Tuesdays 7 pm in the TLHS Library
4/22: Applied Arts Department

The Academic Excellence group meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in the TLHS library. We sponsor the tutoring program, provide funding to after school programs such as Mock Trial, History Day and Renaissance Program, and fulfill special funding requests to enhance the academic experience within the classroom setting.

New This Year! This year we are connecting parents to teachers through monthly roundtable discussions and expanding the tutoring program to include an after school homework club. We are also reviewing existing school programs and exploring the introduction of new programs to provide TL students with the best possible education. *Join us!* For more info. contact Robin Weiss at 507-0120 or responseca@aol.com.



MUSIC BOOSTERS

TL's Music Boosters are family members, teachers, students, and music enthusiasts who support musical activities at Terra Linda High School. Please join Music Boosters or One TL and pledge your support in any of the following ways: help host a concert reception; assist with transportation and/or instruments for events away from school; represent Music Boosters at one or more One TL meetings; or visit the new music room and listen to the musicians as they practice.

Contact: Diane Decicio 472.6025 ddecicio@comcast.net

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

The Terra Linda High School Scholarship Foundation was established in January 1975 as a non-profit corporation for the purpose of granting awards to Terra Linda High School graduates who are continuing their education. Awards are made on the basis of goals, accomplishments and school involvement without regard to race, creed or sex. Any student who has a "C" average or higher and who plans to continue his or her education or training may apply. Funding for scholarships comes from One TL, donations, endowed scholarships, investments, and the Annual Wine and Cheese event. Please join us in this very rewarding effort. Contact: Therese Bruton tbruton@sbcglobal.net

SAFE AND SOBER GRAD NIGHT

Senior Parents!!! Join us to make this very important senior party night as safe and fun as possible. We are looking for people to help out with Decorations, Fundraising, Food, Volunteers, Invitations, Memory Collages... Please pass the word.

Terra Linda High School Safe & Sober Grad Night 2008

Dear Senior Parents,

We are the proud parents of graduates from Terra Linda High School Class of 2008!

Eighteen years ago the parents of graduates started a tradition to sponsor a "Safe & Sober Grad Night". The purpose of this event is to provide a safe, sober and fun environment for our children to celebrate one of the most memorable days of their lives. They can be with their fellow classmates without have to risk being on the road. Since we started holding Grad Nights, Terra Linda High School graduates have not had a single grad night highway tragedy!

TL's 2008 Safe & Sober Grad night will be held on Thurs., June 12 at the Osher Marin Jewish Community Center (JCC). This is an all-night, fun-filled extravaganza; details and an orientation will be forthcoming. This event is sponsored and funded with the efforts of the parents and their employers, students, friends, neighbors and relatives of the TLHS Graduating Class of 2008! We are asking parents of seniors to contribute \$100 toward the party. Donations of \$100 are tax deductible and earn your senior his or her ticket (1) to Grad Night 2008—a value of \$65. Additional money goes toward scholarships to assure that all 2008 graduates can attend.

It is important to generate money now to secure the entertainment and services that have proven popular in the past. All donations received will be recognized at the event, on the TL parent e-mail list and our TL website.

Tax Deductible donations can be made payable to:
Terra Linda High School Grad Night 2008
320 Nova Albion Way
San Rafael, CA 94903
IRS Tax ID #: 51-0154250

On behalf of our children, we sincerely thank you for your generosity in helping us provide a safe environment for all of the Terra Linda High School Graduating Class of 2008 at this year's Safe & Sober Grad Night!

Sincerely,

Melanie Limacher
Melanie333@comcast.net
499-9126

Patty Good
gbo777@aol.com
479-6726

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

TLHS Athletic Boosters is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that is dedicated to supporting all of the sports programs at Terra Linda High School. Through their efforts, Athletic Boosters have been able to provide equipment and help fund facility improvements. All monies collected, less expenses, directly benefit our student athletes by making all the sports programs the absolute best they can be with the resources we have. Helping the TLHS Athletic Boosters is a way of investing in the future of our children and our community. Major sources of income include membership, alumni support, One TL, snack bar, and other activities. Your participation in any of these activities is greatly appreciated. From all the TLHS Athletic Boosters, thank you and enjoy a great year of superb athletics!

Contact: Sue Furderer 707.763.2513 sue.furderer@watsonwyatt.com , Beth Willens beth@willens.net

VARSIITY PIX NEEDS PHOTOGRAPHERS !

We're looking for a few volunteer photographers. For spring sports, Terra Linda is using VarsityPix, a service that lets your school display its game photos online in large format slideshows. But we need pictures. And to get the pictures, we need team photographers. We'd like to capture the action for as many of your games as possible this year. Want to help out by becoming a team photographer?

- All you need is a passion for your favorite team, a good digital camera, and a bit of practice if you've never shot sports before.
- You don't have to shoot every game. You decide what works best for you. Your pictures will be appreciated by your players, parents, and fans regardless of the number of games you photograph.
- Photographers share in the profits from picture sales and you can elect to give a part or all of your share to Terra Linda.

If you're interested, contact support@VarsityPix.com , or phone 415-816-3806 as soon as possible to sign up. Check out the photos at www.VarsityPix.com

Thanks for your support!

Nancy Fraser nancyfraser@fairisaac.com
Varsity Pix Terra Linda High Representative

YOUTH WRESTLING WITH THE TERRA LINDA WRESTLING CLUB

Parents: if you have a son or daughter age 10-14 who is interested in the sport of wrestling they could have no better instruction than our own TLHS coaches. (there is a reason TL wins MCAL year after year!) "Youth Wrestling with the Terra Linda Wrestling Club" starts March 20th through May 29th at TL (Tuesdays and Thursdays 4:00 - 5:30) contact Coach Ian Bronstein at: terralindawrestling@gmail.com or 415-306-4225 for more info.

One TL's 5th annual Fundraising Gala



The 2008 TLHS Auction Committee is very proud to announce that **our Denim and Diamonds event has NETTED \$44,000 for Terra Linda High School Booster Groups and Programs.**

We would like to thank the generous parents who attended and bid on the many incredible items we offered. 84% of parents who attended went home with an item they bid on or donated to Fund A Need. There truly was a wonderful feeling of support and pride at the event.

Lars Christensen rose from his sick bed to be with us and he was the most amazing auctioneer we have ever had! Wow! Our Live Auction alone raised over \$8000! Amazing!

\$7300 was raised for Fund-A-Need and will be discretionary funds for our Principal to use as needs arise that will benefit TLHS students but have no funds with which to cover. Teachers should NOT have to pay out-of-pocket for materials needed in their classroom for example.

I believe that everyone who attended would agree that it was a very fun social event but also far more. I think we all left with a higher level of pride in our school and the staff. We left knowing that many of us dug deep and raised funds that will keep TLHS the great school we know it can be.

Here are some pictures for those of you who were unable to attend to see what the event was like. We hope many more of you are able to attend our Denim and Diamonds event taking place in March 2009 (date to be announced very soon).

THANK YOU!

- Judy Herval

