



THE CONTACT



TERRA LINDA HIGH SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER

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ABOUT THE CONTACT

Welcome to the first 2007 – 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, beginning with Thursday, October 11, 2007, 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:

- ◆ October 11, 2007
- ◆ November 8, 2007
- ◆ December 13, 2007

OneTL!

(meets the second Tuesday of each month in the library at 7:30pm)

OneTL coordinates fundraising and communication for all of our Booster Groups. All funds collected go directly to our booster groups: *Athletic Boosters, Academic Excellence, Home and School Club, Music Boosters, Grad Night and Scholarship Foundation*. Our Annual Fund campaign has begun. Thanks to those of you who have already contributed. For those who haven't yet, please download a contribution form from the TL website (click on For Parents, then OneTL). These booster groups support each and every student at TL in one way or another. Please send your contribution in today. (Tax ID is OneTL 51-0154250) Thank you!

OneTL is looking for a secretary for the 07/08 school year. Come join us as a board member and get to know the Booster Group reps! Upcoming meetings: 10/9, 11/13 in the library at 7:30pm. ☺

ONETL BOOSTER GROUP REPORTS



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Meet the Department! – Upcoming dates: Tuesdays 7 pm in the TLHS Library
 10/23: Counseling and Guidance
 11/27: Science and Math Department
 1/22: Performing 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.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

Contact Sue Furderer to get involved. sue.furderer@watsonwyatt.com

HOME AND SCHOOL CLUB

(meets 1st Wed. of the month @ 6:30 pm, TLHS Library)

Welcome to a new school year at Terra Linda High. Your Home and School Club started the school year off right by providing a wonderful Pancake Breakfast for our teachers the Monday before school began. It was a lovely morning on the soccer field and the teachers were all very appreciative. Thank you to Vivian Richardson and Kris Geller for organizing and working the breakfast.

Mom's Night Out will be held this fall. This is a fundraiser for our beautiful library. Our librarian, John Gilluly, has been hard at work replacing the aging books with new collections. We will keep you posted on the date.

The **Student Directory** will be out soon. Not only does it have the student phone numbers, but also contact numbers for the school, administration, and TLHS faculty. Thanks to Annie Bonacci, Margaret Bauthier and Terry Lockman for putting the directory together for us again this year.

Home and School Needs YOU! We have volunteer positions open for Vice President and OneTL rep. The meetings are only once a month and the jobs are small. Come join us and meet new people or work with old friends. We have a great time with the many different projects Home and School supports. Our meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month in the library at 6:30pm. **Join us!** 😊



MUSIC BOOSTERS

Contact Diane DeCicio to get involved. ddecicio@comcast.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 need to keep them safe and together at one big party. Please join us for our next meeting: **Wednesday, Oct 10th** at 7:30 pm in the TLHS Faculty lounge. We are looking for people to help out with Decorations, Fundraising, Food, Volunteers, Invitations, Memory Collages... Please pass the word. Please contact Therese Bruton at tbruton@sbcglobal.net for more info.

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION

Each year, TLSF awards scholarships (currently, in the amount of \$600 per award) to about 40 high school seniors to help with their higher education expenses. TLSF funds its scholarships through a combination of organizational and personal (such as yourself) donations and our annual Wine and Cheese fund-raising event. The Terra Linda Scholarship Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, tax-exempt organization. TLSF's address is P.O. Box 6304, San Rafael, CA 94903. If you have any questions, contact Peter Russell at 415-902-3123.

One TL is proud to announce our 5th annual Fundraising Gala

DENIM AND DIAMONDS

GO FOR THE GOLD !


March 1, 2008
Osher Marin JCC
6:00 pm - midnight



Mark your calendars. This is the **BIG ONE**. The mother of all fundraisers. If you choose one way to support TLHS - this could be the most fun way possible. Why? You get to come to a party and eat, drink and be merry while buying items that have donated **100% to TLHS**. Therefore whatever you bid on an item is a direct donation to TLHS.

Guiltless shopping!

We do need **help** to make it all happen. Our biggest needs currently are:

- **Donation solicitation** - both on a committee and individual solicitations. Individual solicitations are our MOST valued donations as they come from our favorite manicurists/hair stylists, the restaurant we love, the masseuse who got the last kink out of our back, the winery that we buy cases and cases from each year, our boss and ourselves (tutoring, photography, artwork, merchandise from our business, services our business provides, etc).
- **Auction Decor** - As this is our third annual Denim and Diamonds we do have some decorations that can be reused but we need someone with an eye for beauty and design to help us turn the JCC into a welcoming and beautiful place. 
- **Online auction** - We need someone who has at least minimal computer skills to oversee this portion of our fundraiser.
- **Mailings/publicity** - we need folks to stuff envelopes, deliver invitations and catalogs

There is a donor form online [here](#). The more donations the more guiltless shopping there is to be had. So please mark your calendars and come to the **biggest party** that TLHS has ever seen. And as always 100% of the funds raised go to the school and our booster groups. A great way to support a well-rounded school as it supports everything from music to scholarship to academic excellence to safe and sober grad night to athletic boosters to administration. **See you there!**

VOLUNTEERING

Students who are interested in volunteering can find out about many opportunities at the College & Career Center. For more info contact Ellen White at ewhite@srcs.org.

HELP US BEAUTIFY OUR CAMPUS AT **FALL CAMPUS PRIDE DAYS!**

When: Saturdays: 9/29 & 10/27, 9 am – 1 pm (come to one or both, for one hour or all four – your choice!)

What: Join us in campus beautification! More than 200 students and parents have worked to create a garden outside the school library. This fall, another part of the area will be landscaped. Students can earn community service and extra credit. Parents get to meet and help. Volunteers meet in front of the library.

Bring: Work gloves, lunch, and if you can, a snack to share. It is a good opportunity for new parents to meet other parents. Volunteers, please bring snacks.

More info.? Call Maria Gregoriev at 492-1397 or email mgregoriev@hotmail.com



SCHOOL TO CAREER EVENTS

Students who are interested in any of the following forums should see their School-To-Career Liaison in the Career Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Youth Health Forums: Students interested in the healthcare professions learn about possible career paths and opportunities from doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals.



October 11 - Marin General Hospital
October 22 - Kaiser Permanente

Architecture, Engineering and Construction Job Shadows: The School to Career Partnership, in conjunction with the Marin Builders Association and the Regional Occupational Program, presents comprehensive job shadow opportunities to high school students interested in architectural engineering and construction-related fields. This event takes place on November 29th.

Spring Internship Program: The Spring Internship program provides an 8-week intensive career exploration opportunity requiring students to spend 6 hours per week on the worksite with a mentor. Hospital-based internships are also available during this period. These internships are recommended for sophomores, juniors and seniors. Elective academic credit is available. Student applications are due in February 2008.

More info. At <http://stc.marinschools.org/>

FOR SENIORS

CAPS AND GOWNS



It is **now** time to order all your students graduation products. This includes class rings, the custom graduation announcements and the CAP & GOWN (required to participate in graduation). This may seem early in the school year to order graduation supplies, however, **you must order before the deadline of Friday October 12th!** After October 12th the custom (school designed) graduation announcements will no longer be available and late fees will be added to the cap & gown price.

Cap & Gown Order forms were distributed through the students' Government & Economics classes. Please check with your seniors to review those packages. Caps & Gowns are required for participation in the Graduation Ceremony. On September 24th, your senior received a packet from Jostens that includes all of the ordering information. Jostens was on campus taking orders on Friday, September 28th. If you missed the on campus order day, you can either mail your order directly to Jostens or order online at <http://www.sfgrad.com>. **ORDERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE SCHOOL.** Mail your completed order form to: Jostens, PO Box 1059, San Jose, CA 95108

If you have any questions regarding graduation supplies, please contact Jostens directly at 650-350-1132 or mike.eldred@jostens.com.

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