

BITNEY COLLEGE PREP NEWS

A Public College Preparatory High School where students are known, respected, and educated

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The Bitney College Prep News is an electronic publication distributed to parents, students and the community. If you have information for an upcoming issue, please E-mail janfishler@comcast.net or leave a phone message at 530-277.9173. The publication is also available at the school office and on the school website (www.BitneyPrep.net).

A MESSAGE FROM MARSHALL GOLDBERG, PRINCIPAL

I hope you had a nice Fall break! The first quarter ended on Friday; you should be receiving a First Quarter Progress Report in the mail. I encourage you to review the report with your student. Remember, this isn't a report card, rather, it is a snapshot of how your student is doing at this time. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact individual teachers, me, or Mr. Herring via email or by phone (477-1235). Email addresses are all on the school website (www.bitneyprep.net).

Several parents and students have expressed concerns regarding the use of disrespectful and or vulgar language they hear students using at times on campus. We (faculty and staff) expect and encourage students to be more respectful of others on campus but we need your cooperation as well. If you hear students swearing or using other inappropriate language at school (or at home), here are some suggestions for dealing with the behavior:

1. Encourage/teach students to express feelings without using foul language. For example, you might say, "You sound angry—can you tell me what's upsetting you?"
2. Consider (and watch) the words you use. You can't expect your student to stop swearing if you regularly use the same language;
3. In correcting a student, try to use "I" statements. For example, "I don't feel comfortable with Can you please use a different word."
4. Be patient and consistent. Swearing is a habit that takes time to eliminate.



If you hear some inappropriate language on campus please let the student know right away. Alternately, let me or another staff member know so we can address it immediately.

A MESSAGE FROM BRUCE HERRING, DEAN OF STUDENTS

Twelve juniors and three sophomores took the PSAT on Saturday, Oct 20. Bravo to all for taking a very big step towards college! On Tuesday, Oct 23, Ms. Soltero's Chemistry students joined with Forest Charter, the Woolman Semester, and SYRCL for a day long raft trip to study and see first hand the fall run of Chinook Salmon on the Lower Yuba River. Students from each school presented findings from their research to the whole group. What a great day it was!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED – PLEASE HELP!

We have two foreign students lined up for second semester, both girls: Belgium and Colombia. We have a German boy who really wants to come to Bitney, but no host. We could use a good host for him ASAP. Contact Bruce.



SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

The school lunch program is closed until Thursday, 1 November. At that time a full lunch menu will be offered. However, the lunch program needs 2-3 more adult volunteers to be in the lunchroom in order for it to be open every day of the week. This is an easy and fun way to make a big difference in your student's school day. Please contact Kris Gardner at 432-9819 or 906-9173 for details.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 26 – Alter Show
- November 5 – Parent Council Meets at 6:15 P.M.
- November 12 – NO SCHOOL – Veteran’s Day
- November 13 – Charter Council Meets at 6:00 P.M.
- November 16 – Mr. Wood’s first class trip to Sac. Opera
- November 21,22,23: NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Holiday



BRAIN BUSTER CHAMPIONS – SPONSORS NEEDED

On February 9, Bitney College Prep is hosting the second annual Brain Buster Champions – an exciting 1-day event where 7th and 8th grade students come to our school to compete in various categories (math, English, science/technology, history, the arts, music, pop culture and problem-solving), experience first hand what we have to offer, win prizes and more. To cover the cost of the event, we are currently seeking event sponsors—individuals and businesses who can donate \$250. All sponsors will be listed on T-shirts and on event advertising. If you can be a sponsor, please call Jan Fishler 277-9173.

WISH LIST

Currently, the school is in need of: two small tuff sheds for the storage of art and P.E. supplies. newer computers, someone to install/build (or help) coverings over the lockers, portable self-contained sinks, counter/island for the lunch room, book shelves, storage shelves, 7-12 passenger van. If you can help, please call the office.

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

- Attend Parent Council meetings: usually held at **6:15 pm** at the school on the **first Monday of every month**. Contact Lisa Hooper for more information: Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com
- Participate in Painless Fundraising
- Pledge
- Recruit new students
- Be sure your student comes to class

WEB SITE: www.bitneyprep.net HOMEWORK ONLINE

Grades and homework are online. Access instructions have been mailed to all families. If you do not receive information on accessing these or need help accessing your student’s grades (once you receive the instructions) please contact Mary in the office (477-1235).



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