

Peninsula Heritage Connects

Peninsula Heritage School Newsletter



August 2022



We extend a warm welcome to new families joining Peninsula Heritage School for the first time this year, as well as all of our returning families!

Mr. Pedro Jimenez, Assistant Head of School and Director of Admissions, has mailed the annual Registration Packet with items that need immediate attention. In addition, our August mailing will soon be mailed to parents with additional and pertinent PHS information.

Parents may wish to mark their calendars with the following important Peninsula Heritage School dates:

- **Tuesday, September 6**, First Day of Class with Noon Dismissal, followed by Family Picnic. Food provided.
- **Thursday, September 8**, New Parent Orientation, Main Campus, 5:00 pm. Adults only, please.
- **Thursday, September 8**, Back-to-School Night, 6:00 pm, following New Parent Orientation. Adults only, please. Parents meet their Room Parents, Class Giving Chairs, and receive detailed information from their child's teacher regarding the coming academic year.

We also invite parents to check their email regularly for important updates from our Head of School, Dr. Cindy P. Chun.

See you on September 6th!

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Our **PHS Annual Report** for the 2021-2022 fiscal year will soon be completed. Plans call for this publication to be mailed to all PHS parents, grandparents, parents of alumni, donors, and friends of the school during the first week of September.



This Annual Report highlights and thanks all PHS donors during this past year. It also kicks off our **Annual Giving Fund** for this coming year.

Once again, our goal is **100%** parent participation in Annual Giving **in 100 days**, ending on the last day of school prior to Winter Break, December 16, 2022.



PHS Head of School **Dr. Cindy P. Chun** has been selected to serve on the **California Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) Board of Directors.**

Founded in 1941, CAIS accredits non-profit independent schools, holding member schools accountable to high standards of curriculum, care for

students, and management of resources, while providing ongoing training and networking opportunities for school leaders. Dr. Chun will be working with the Board in determining which schools meet the criteria for membership, setting the standards to which schools are held, and ensuring that the Association continues to proceed effectively.

Upon notification of her selection, Dr. Chun shared, "I am so honored to be elected to the CAIS Board of Directors. I look forward to being a part of the leadership team of our accrediting organization and to giving small schools a voice on the bigger stage."

Currently, CAIS is composed of approximately 200 elementary, middle, and secondary schools in California.

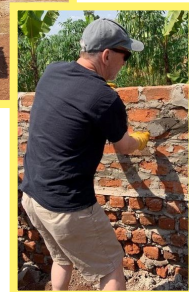
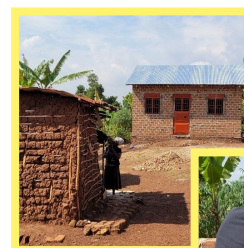
CAIS Executive Director Deborah Dowling observed that Dr. Chun was chosen from a highly competitive pool of heads of CAIS schools from across California, to begin a four-year term on the Board of Directors.

Ms. Dowling continues, "Dr. Chun was selected based on her strong background in school leadership, her financial experience, and her expertise regarding diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in school settings. As a Board member, Dr. Chun will help to set the future direction of the organization and will approve the ongoing certification of California's strongest non-profit independent schools."



PHS music teacher **Mr. Charley Miller** just returned from a 22-day **trip to Uganda** with Loving One by One Ministries. This is Mr. Miller's sixth trip since 2011, working in outreach projects in and around the city of Kampala to break the cycle of poverty through healthcare and education.

In addition to sharing his passion for music at the organization's school, Mr. Miller participated in repairing and even building a new brick home for a family! Thank you, Mr. Miller for exemplifying our PHS Character Quality of CARING!



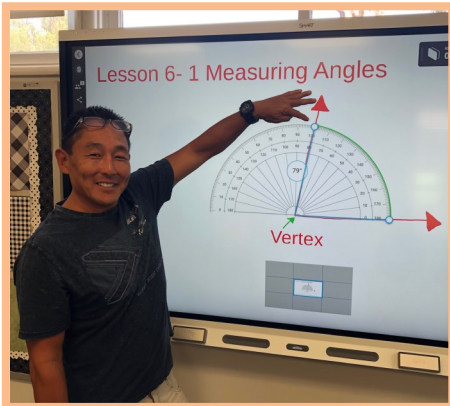
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Small Classes. Big Education.

Thanks to the **generous donors** to both PHS Annual Giving and to PHS's Spring Fling 2022, students will be experiencing several new enhancements to our classrooms and our campuses.

New SMART boards have been installed in each PHS classroom. These state-of-the-art boards are receptive to



the touch (as demonstrated above by Mr. Ahn), contain an enormous library of tools, and are fully accessible to teaching videos and the internet.

Our beautiful, new playground equipment and play surface is scheduled to be installed within the coming months, depending upon supply chain and labor constraints.

In addition to the new lawn turf installed around the PHS Amphitheater, additional landscaping enhancements improve both PHS campuses!



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This coming year's **Parent Association Co-Presidents, Jennifer Gregorio-Clinton and Audra Hoynacki**, send a warm PHS welcome to all Peninsula Heritage parents as they continue planning activities for this academic year!

By way of background, Jen's daughter, Courtney, will be in 8th Grade at PHS and her son, Cooper, will be in 5th Grade. Audra's son, Nick, will also be in



5th Grade, and Audra's daughter attends PV High School. Jen and Audra met some years ago while their children were in preschool, and they have been enthusiastically volunteering and supporting their children's schools ever since!

As Jen shares, "Besides holding my teaching credentials and using them to collect dust, there is nothing more I'd love to do than spend my days working with kids as a volunteer on campus!"

In order to be inclusive of PHS parents' schedules, Jen and Audra have thoughtfully designed alternating Parent Association meetings between in-person gatherings on campus and evening Zoom meetings. The first PA kick-off meeting will be September 14th at 8:30 am on our PHS campus. The **PA meeting schedule** for the 2022-2023 school year will be as follows:

- 9/14/22: 8:30am, On Campus
- 10/12/22: 7:30pm, Zoom
- 11/9/22: 8:30am, on campus
- 12/14/22: 7:30pm, Zoom
- 1/11/23: 8:30am, on campus
- 2/8/23: 7:30pm, Zoom
- 3/8/23: 8:30am, on campus
- 4/12/23: 7:30pm, Zoom
- 5/10/23: 8:30am, on campus (Last meeting)

There will be many exciting and innovative Parent Association activities for both students and parents at PHS this year, and some Peninsula Heritage School favorites that were long enjoyed prior to Covid will be reintroduced.

"We can't wait," as these Co-Presidents invitingly relate, "to collaboratively plan some really great PHS events and meet all of you along the way!"

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Peninsula Heritage School's

Six Character Qualities:

**CARING, ATTITUDE, RESPECT,
GRATITUDE, PERSEVERANCE, SELF-CONTROL**



As **Peninsula Heritage School** enters its 61st year of educating students in the South Bay, we again affirm our commitment to providing a loving and caring environment in which character education is emphasized with each child. Our strong academic program and child-centered approach prepare students for the most rigorous secondary schools and beyond.

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