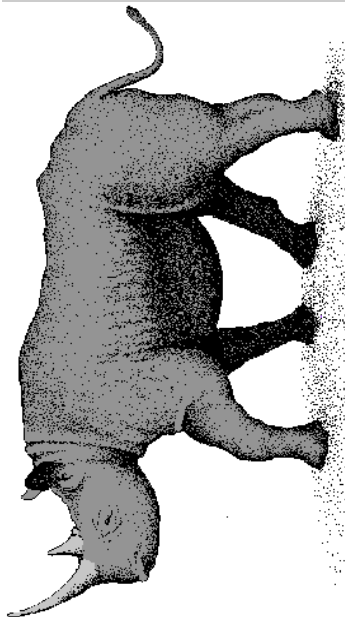


THE SENIOR ISSUE



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 4th quarter and our special senior edition. Every year at this time, you can feel a heightened sense of excitement as our seniors anticipate receiving their high school diploma. Goose bumps, nervous smiles and more than a few exclamations of “what am I going to do now” are heard around campus as we begin this 9 week countdown....

We will officially honor our graduates in the ceremony on Thursday, May 26th, at 10:00 a.m. We are expecting a packed house, so it is best to get here early as seating is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis.

As usual, our graduation will be a heartfelt event. Teachers will share sacred moments, scholarships will be awarded

and community members will present annual awards and recognition.

The Laguna staff and I would like to commend all seniors and their families. To achieve this goal is the culmination of 13 years of constant effort. It means that both the graduates and their families have persevered through the good times and the bad, but did what they had to do in order to earn that special title of *HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE*.

Congratulations to you all! We are proud of you and wish you every happiness and success in the years to come. Never forget that you can meet any goal you choose, and that first, foremost and forever – you are a RHINO!

Sincerely, Brenda Hoff, Principal

SENIORS LOOK INTO THE FUTURE



Back Row L-R: Samantha Mitchell, Jason Magnelli, Herman Weaver, Darryl Cooper, Jeremaya Bartell, Miguel Olivera, Alex Constantino, Douglas Stump; Front Row L-R: Allison Klater, Brittney Hance, Jessica Beaty, Jessica Boughner, Gabrielle Eastham, Phill DeLora, Vanessa Adcock, Brendan Harris, Mike Chavez, Gustavo Rodriguez, Cristian Vivar, Omar Rojas, and George O'Brien.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

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- Mario Vidrio
- Danielle Peterson
- Jessica Beaty
- Jason Magnelli
- Britney Gonzalez
- Jonah McCarthy

TWO BASKETBALL TOURNEYS BIG SUCCESS!

On February 8th, and on March 3rd, Laguna High School hosted separate basketball tournaments in Rohnert Park at the Callinan Sports Center. Teams in attendance included Ridgway High School, Santa Rosa, CA; Liberty High School, Benicia, CA; San Antonio High School, Petaluma, CA; Olympic High School, Concord, CA; and Valley High School, Dublin, CA.

The big winners for the tournaments were Ridgway with two impressive victories over Laguna and Liberty in February and Valley over Olympic in the March tourney. Play was hard and clean and the refs exceptional. It was great fun all around!



NBAAA Tourney February 8, 2011 Rohnert Pk.

Counseling Department by Ms. Kim Finch

Graduation is around the corner. I'll meet with seniors soon to give them an updated grad status report. I'll also send out letters to parents to give them an update. Students who are still behind in credit should be working at home to graduate on time.

This can be a very stressful time for your student(s). They'll need your support! Please remind them they must be within **3 credits** of the **230** required to graduate by **May 6, 2011** in order to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Here are a few extra bits of information you need to know:

- All seniors planning on going to SRJC next year should sign up for **Introduction to College - COUN 270** coming up in June. This will help them get priority registration for next year; since there are fewer classes to choose from, this course is really important.
- **All students need their TDaP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis shots before attending Laguna in the Fall. No admittance to Laguna without it!**

Call 824-6484 if you any questions or concerns.

Did You Know?

By Nelson Rasmuson, RSP & ISP Teacher

The California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) will be offered Tuesday, May 10th (English) and Wednesday, May 11th (Math). This will be for any juniors or seniors who haven't passed one or both sections of the test.

STAR Testing will take place the weeks of April 4th through the 8th and April 11th through the 15th. The STAR tests are used to measure how well Laguna High teachers teach the state standards. Consequently, it is important that all students take the test seriously and do their best. The test is for all sophomores and juniors.

The end of the school year comes earlier this year (Thursday May 26th), so it is critical, especially for seniors, to start making up credits for graduation.

ART ON THE LOOSE by Dale Wiley, Art Teacher

This past quarter, the art students have worked on two very different challenges with outstanding results. The first was an acrylic painting. Many students were inspired by a film we saw about the treasures discovered in King Tut's tomb. Painted on black board, these Egyptian objects are rich with gold. The finished work is stunning, and can currently be seen in the glass case (outside of Room 2) and in the Laguna office.

The second project is turning out to be a lot of fun. Our Laguna artists were invited by the Rotary Club and The Sebastopol Senior Center to make table decorations for their upcoming fundraiser, "Aged to Perfection." The students have been building wonderfully imaginative paper mache sculptures of people, animals and monsters. They will have the opportunity to sell this work; in addition, these pieces will be judged and awarded prizes by local artists Nancy Winn and Diane Luiz. The Sebastopol Sunrise Rotary will also reward the Laguna Art Department with a \$100 gift certificate for participating in the event.

Very soon, our art classroom will once again transform into a clay studio. My friend Mark Farmer will be coming in to demonstrate throwing on our kick wheel. As one of their ceramics assignments, students will be required to try the potters' wheel one time. Last spring, many were "bit by the throwing bug", and they produced some very nice bowls and vases. Others found they preferred hand building; they also created some great pottery.

For over a year, I have been collecting broken tiles and dinnerware with which to make mosaic stepping stones that we will sell. In preparation, I have become a student again myself; I'll be taking my second workshop in mosaics this spring at the Institute of Mosaic Art in Oakland---which is a very fun place!

Seniors: "Where Do I See Myself In 5 Years?"

Herman Weaver.....Have a decent job...Go with the flow.
 Maria Cortez.....In Mexico with a family of my own.
 Cristian VivarChilling.
 Jennifer Lara.....Done or finishing school...Starting a family.
 Phillip DeLoraWith my own rock band that wears fancy top hats.
 Mirella Hernandez.....Finishing up at the JC.
 Brendan Harris.....Studying art and music writing production.
 Gabby EasthamOut of California putting my college education to use.
 George O'Brien.....Living on the moon.
 Amanda Evans.....Married with children.
 Omar Rojas.....Attending school.
 Ian O'Connor.....Involved in running a business.
 Brittney Hance.....Married with children and a degree in something.
 Alex Torres.....Working. Making my way.
 Fernando AvilaContinuing work at Andy's.
 Devon Lambert.....Successful with a good paying job.
 Darryl Cooper.....At the JC taking computer gamer courses.
 Katrina Schmidtman.....In my own apartment with a good paying job.
 Jessica Boughner.....Living on my own and having a good job.
 Allison Klater..... Living by the beach with my dog.
 Miguel Olivera.....Working and going to college.
 Jessica Beaty.....Going to school...studying.
 Jeremaya Bartel.....Establish a record label, clothing company, and purchase a house.
 Gustavo Rodriguez.....Having a job as a chef and working towards getting my own restaurant.
 Austin MeyerWorking as a diesel mechanic.

GREAT AMERICA: Fun-In-The-Sun" Field Trip

Graduating seniors will be going to Great America in Santa Clara, Thursday, April 28th. Cost of admission is **\$30.00**. **Checks** can be made out to "Laguna High School". Payment should be made by April 1. We'll leave Laguna at 8:00 a.m. and return approx. 8:00 p.m. **Students** should bring money for food, etc. **Transportation** will be provided by staff/volunteers. **Students aren't allowed to drive. Students must complete permission slips with parent signature in order to go. Students need to arrange for a ride home once they return to Laguna.** You may write a check to Laguna High School for \$60.00 to cover both cap and gown and Great America.

Literary Magazine Steps Up!

Once again, Literary Magazine is working feverishly to have the Spring 2011 issue ready by May. As always, this issue promises to be full of surprises. Poetry, prose, essays, and short fiction will offer the reader a curious amount of originality. The title remains, as always, a top secret. No amount of torture or bribe will pry the title's name from anyone in the class.
 Don't try!

LAGUNA STUDENT WINS \$1,000 SPEECH CONTEST

Jessica Beatty won the "Rise & Above" Rotary Club speech contest -- "*Overcoming Obstacles*" -- and a \$1,000 college scholarship. Remarkably, five other girls, two from Anly, two from El Molino and Laguna's own Gabby Eastham also received a \$1,000 college scholarship because Rotarian Mark Sell (part owner of Sebastopol Hardware) said the young women were all spectacular and should receive the \$1,000 scholarship as well. What a story! Their speeches were all so good that people began donating money on the spot! Congratulations ladies!

Quote of the Day

"The historian is a prophet in reverse."

Fredrich von Schlegel

**YEARBOOKS
ON SALE NOW!**

\$40.00

Senior Pages \$20.00

**Two students can share a page*

PROJECT GRADUATION:

Laguna High School seniors are invited to attend Project Graduation. For more information regarding this event, please call Analy at 824-2300 or El Molino at 824-6550.

**COMMENCEMENT
EXERCISES:**

In order to participate in the graduation ceremony, seniors need to be within 3 credits of the 230 required by the district by **May 6, 2011.**

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

GRADUATION DAY:

Graduation will be at Laguna High School at 10:00 a.m. sharp on Thursday, May 26. Parents, family and friends are invited to attend. Parking is difficult so plan to arrive early.

Graduates must arrive no later than 9:00 a.m.! Students must wear appropriate clothing (semi-formal attire, i.e., dress, slacks...) This is a festive occasion that will not be forgotten.

CAP/GOWN/TASSEL

Students are required to purchase their own cap and gown for the graduation ceremony. The cost is \$30.00.

Checks may be made out to "Laguna High School."

Payments can be made starting now.

GRADUATION PRACTICE:

Students are required to attend graduation practice. The dates and times are as follows:

Monday, May 23 —→ 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 24 —→ 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25 —→ 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

DO NOT BE LATE!!!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Jessica Beaty

February 2011



Jessica is a senior, on Student Council, in yearbook and is an office T.A. Obviously, she is very involved with school and loves Laguna! She'll be graduating in May and then attending College of the Redwoods in the fall. She also spends a lot of time with her dog, Buddy, who has two different colored eyes...just like her own! Kyle, her boyfriend, supports her in everything. After graduation, she plans on moving to Eureka with Kyle this summer to prepare for college. Jessica is torn between three goals for her future -- to be a Teacher or Nurse or Radiology Tech.

"Laguna is cool, man!"

CONGRATULATIONS JESSICA!

--DIPLOMAS--

Diplomas can be picked up June 1st--June 10th. We must wait until all grades and credits have been submitted. Tardies, absences, and incomplete work may make it necessary to make up work in summer school. This will delay the awarding of the diploma until all of the requirements are met.

--DEBTS--

All debts for books and/or equipment incurred at Analy or El Molino prior to enrolling at Laguna must be paid before the diploma is awarded. **Senior advisor says,** "Please take note! I know this is a hectic time of year for all of you. Don't lose sight of the goal ahead; call us if you have any questions or concerns at 824-6484."

SCHOOL CALENDAR

4/5--4/14

4/22 & 4/25

4/28

5/10 & 5/11

5/23-5/25

5/26

8/17

STAR Testing

Spring Holiday

Senior Trip

CAHSEE Testing

Graduation Practice

Graduation and last day of school

First day of school for Fall 2011

*Remember: ALL students must have a Pertussis vaccine (**TDaP**) prior to the start of school in the fall. ANY student without the vaccine will not be allowed to attend classes (A waiver may be possible) Call 824-6484 for more information.