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## Prospect PTSA December Newsletter - 2017

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### PTSA November

#### Calendar

#### Teacher & Staff Gifts

In full swing - [join us](#) to thank our dedicated staff! Deadline: Dec. 15th, 9pm.

#### PTSA Teacher/Staff Gift Wrapping

Dec. 18th 8am-11:30am  
Main Office Conf. Room  
Email  
[president@ProspectPTSA.org](mailto:president@ProspectPTSA.org) if you can join us

Dear Prospect Families,

In this newsletter:

1. Teacher/Staff Holiday Gift Program Update
2. Next PTSA Meeting - We need your input!
3. College & Career Center Update
4. Parent Ed Night - Demystifying College
5. Recap: Open House & Teen Alcohol and Substance Abuse Talk
6. Grad Night Scrip Gift Cards.

#### Teacher and Staff Holiday Gifts Update

Educating our kids is so important and I am sure at times can feel thankless so we want to make our teachers feel recognized and need your help to thank each one. To participate:

1. Choose the teachers & staff to thank
2. Donate \$2 or more (you choose amount)
3. PTSA does the rest!

for all or part of it.

### **PTSA Meeting**

**Jan 16th**

Staff Lounge

**6:30-8:00pm**

PTSA General Business

***Focus: Parent Input***

### **Parent Ed Night**

Demystifying College

w/ Sue Laraminie

[Learn More Here!](#)

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[ProspectPTSA.org](http://ProspectPTSA.org)

We are pooling the donations and giving each teacher:

- a gift card they can use
- needed classroom supplies
- a thank you note with each family that participated

So far we have 45 families participating and hope to get many more! We invite you to join us and [participate here!](#) Deadline is end of day December 15th. All teachers and staff will be thanked.

### **PTSA Elves Needed!**

Become a PTSA Elf and help wrap our gifts for the Teachers and Staff. Join us Monday, Dec. 18th, 8-11:30am in the Main Office conference room Email: [president@ProspectPTSA.org](mailto:president@ProspectPTSA.org) if you can come to all or part of our session.

### **Next PTSA Meeting - January, 16th 6:30-8pm**

We are looking for input for the rest of this year and what we should plan for next year. Come and hear about what we are doing, what movies we are considering showing, parent nights we are looking at offering and join the discussion of how to better our PTSA and school. Agenda to come out shortly.

### **College and Career Center Update**

Thank you, all, for your UC/CSU college enthusiasm at the end of November! Our seniors worked diligently to make the Thursday deadline.

The CCC study hall saw over 40 seniors that week alone for application help which made the December 1st celebration all the sweeter! All UC and most CSU applications are complete. Thank you for the support of our first annual High Fives & Hot Chocolates. We served over 160 hot chocolates to seniors and hundreds more high

fives!

Currently, we have 165 seniors with over 1700 active applications listed on Naviance to approximately 250 schools. We have 38 known acceptances to 24 schools - Humboldt State University, Western Oregon University, Evergreen State College, Portland State University, Arizona State University, Pacific University, University of Minnesota Twin City, Cal Poly SLO, Columbia College, Concordia University, CSU Stanislaus, Oregon Inst of Tech, Oregon State University, SJSU, University of Montana, University of Nevada Reno, University of Oregon, University of the Pacific, Dominican University, U of CO Colorado Springs, Univ of Portland, St Mary's College of CA, Whittier College and Washington State Univ.

Seniors are starting to report scholarship offers!!  
The Class of 2018's scholarship offer total is at \$436,000 so far.

Westmont hosted a District-wide College Fair November 30th for out of state colleges. There were over 300 students and parents in attendance with 25 schools representative available to meet with families and answer questions. The energy at the event was extremely positive and everyone is looking forward to Prospect's College Fair in February.

Our Career Exploration Seminar on Tuesday, December 5th, was a huge success.

Representatives from Mission and De Anza Colleges were here to discuss options for students considering a more direct pathway to the workforce. 90 seniors were invited to attend and 28 came to the seminar. Although the presentation ended at the beginning of lunch,

almost every attendee lingered to ask questions.  
Every student left with a great sense of purpose.

Our December 14th College & Career Workshop will review proper etiquette for interviews and other social situations. Then, our Career Spotlights on December 13th will feature an architecture. All events will be held in the library during study hall on their respective days.

Scholarships and Job Postings now have a place in the library. Please share any additional opportunities you hear about with the College & career Center. Job postings are also list on our webpage and scholarships on Naviance. Thank you to all who helped with Open House! It was a big success and next year we will need even more volunteers. We had over 140 families wanting to learn more about Prospect and our ASB Students, Principals, Staff and parents worked tirelessly giving tours and answering questions. Great job Prospect!

### **Parent Ed Night - Demystifying the Road to College**

by Sue Larminie, Independent College Advisor  
Monday, January 29, 2018 - 7-8:30pm  
Prospect High School - Room 30

Admission is free with advance signup!

[Sign up here!](#)

Learn to:

- Untangle the web of planning for college
- How to make a college list
- How do colleges select
- SAT/ACT test score reality check
- Ballparking college costs
- BREATHE there is a right fit affordable college

for all!

### **Recap: Open House and Teen Alcohol and Substance Abuse**

Our Open House, Saturday, Nov. 4th, from 1-4pm was a big success. We had over 140 families attend and our ASB, Teacher, Staff and Parent Volunteers worked non-stopped hosting our prospective families on tours of Prospect. We are getting so popular we will need even more volunteers to help show our community what Prospect has to offer. Thank you to everyone who helped!

### **Our Parent Topic - Teen Alcohol and Substance**

was well done by our school partner Uplift and Principal, Joell Hanson. Prospect contracts with Uplift to serve our student population that need support with depression and alcohol and substance abuse. Our Uplift counselor gave us a snap shot of what students are facing today and why it is so important to stay involved with your student and address any depression or substance abuse right away. These are calls for help and can be addressed much more easily when caught early. We are fortunate to have these services available to our students and please don't hesitate to contact our student services office if you have questions and need help.

### **Do you like what were doing?**

Lastly, if you haven't joined PTSA yet, what are you waiting for? Your support helps us bring all of these great parenting and school resources to Prospect. We have many levels of support to choose from and you can [Join here!](#) We are using our budget to its fullest (in fact we are using up our reserve our current donations aren't supporting our budget) to support our teacher

requests, parent nights, student programs and teacher appreciation and want to bring even more great resources to our school. Every dollar helps and memberships start at \$25 and are tax deductible.

### **Support Grad Night - Use Scrip Gift Cards for the Holidays**

Gift giving season is upon us! You can help Prospect Grad Night by using Scrip to purchase your gifts or to do your normal shopping at no extra cost to you. You can purchase the scrip cards using the form found in the School Office or learn about how you can [buy online eScrip](#).

Happy Holidays!!!  
Prospect PTSA

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