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## President's Update

By Donna Gein-Logsdon

Leigh High School's Home and School Club is in full swing and we are working hard to tackle a large agenda for this school year. Our first project of the year was the membership drive which funds most of our activities for the year. We were overwhelmed by your generosity and exceeded our fundraising goal by \$3000. With diminishing state budgets, this money allows us to continue to enrich each student's education at Leigh by providing equipment and services not budgeted.

Our first meeting of the year was terrific. Our meetings are a great way for you to get information from the district, school administration, teachers and students, not to mention all of the work that our committees are doing. Here are some highlights from the 9/16 meeting:

- It was reported that the school district will most likely not be running a summer school program this coming summer; parents and students should plan accordingly

## Newsletters, Facebook and Twitter, Oh My

By Diane Rose

The Leigh Home & School Club is committed to keeping parents and staff informed of club activities, events and news. This inaugural newsletter is one step toward providing updates from our committee chairs to keep you apprised of how we are raising funds and, as important, how they are being used.

With an expansion to new media, we have formed a group on Facebook (Leigh High School HSC)

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- Four new teachers joined the LHS staff and HSC provided welcome gift baskets/gift cards to help with classroom organization
- Due to construction of the new Performing Arts Building, parking at Leigh is being re-evaluated and in addition to student parking permits they will be issuing volunteer parking passes. More information to come
- Two grants were approved, for a total of \$2500, enabling the Social Studies Department to purchase new document readers that provide interactive, multimedia teaching tools, as well as a reading comprehension program

We hope to see you at our next meeting, Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

which currently has more than 50 members. We have also created a Twitter account (@leighhsc). At the October 21 meeting, we will be holding a Twitter tutorial from 6:00-7:00 in the Leigh Library and then our actual HSC meeting at 7:00. We encourage anyone interested in learning how to use Twitter to attend. Or, if you just want to find out why Oprah, Ashton Kutcher and Hilary Clinton all "tweet," please join us. And, follow us at [www.twitter.com/leighhsc](http://www.twitter.com/leighhsc).

## eScrip Continues to Pay

By Todd Mendenhall

eScrip is an important fundraising opportunity for Leigh High Home and School Club. In this age of shrinking budgets, community participation and outside sources of funding are a necessity for all schools. Leigh High Home and School Club would like to recognize Safeway for their commitment to education. Due to our community's participation and commitment to the eScrip program, Safeway has contributed over \$14,000.00 to Leigh High Home and School Club over the last two years. Safeway's dedication to the eScrip funding program allows our students to continue to learn and thrive in a rich curriculum. Without their participation, our funding would be drastically



reduced. To help bring awareness to the eScrip program and to encourage new supporter sign-ups, we held a \$100.00 raffle for all supporters that were signed-up by October 1, 2001. Congratulations to Afsaneh Bahrami, the raffle winner. It's never too late join eScrip. Sign up at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and add Leigh High Home and School Club Supporter ID: 157506588 to your list of supporters.

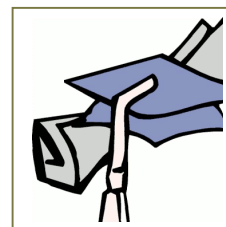
## Senior Grad Night Efforts Underway

By Sharon Lincoln

Once again Leigh High School's Senior Grad Night has had a crew of volunteers working the Skyport Booth at the Shoreline Amphitheater in Mt. View. Although this is my first year as Chairperson, this very profitable fundraiser has been in place for many years.

The majority of the proceeds from this fundraiser go toward funding the Senior Grad Night, with a smaller portion being handed over to the Junior Prom committee. This year it looks like we will exceed our goal of \$12,000!

What do we do? We sell beer, soda, water, pretzels at events. Our take home amount includes a flat rate per volunteer (usually 6-8 people), an incentive amount for booth sales, and ALL of our tips. At the end of this season, we will have worked 15 shows at Shoreline!



Anyone interested in joining our group and helping to earn profits toward the 2010/11 Senior Grad Night & Junior Prom, may contact me (Sharon Lincoln) at [shoreline4leigh@myway.com](mailto:shoreline4leigh@myway.com). This year we had a pool of approximately 50 volunteers and still came up short staffed for shows at times. Summer can be a busy time for all of us and senior parents tend to move on, so we welcome all new volunteers!! *(Note: new volunteers will be required to attend TEAM {Techniques for Effective Alcohol Management} certification training @ Shoreline which will make them eligible to work for 3 years).*

The concert season runs from May through October, and you can choose which shows you want to work! It is a lot of fun and all for a good cause!

## Hospitality Helps Kick Off the School Year

By Donna Santilli and Eileen Karkas

Leigh's HSC Hospitality Committee works throughout the year to support events for Leigh students, staff, and parents. We provide a wonderful way to express appreciation for our entire Longhorn community on an ongoing basis and to contribute to some of the important events that make Leigh a great school. We plan and host 2-3 staff appreciation luncheons each year as well as provide refreshments and snacks at annual events such as Back-to-School Night, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night and Senior Awards Night. Additionally, we occasionally become involved when special dignitaries visit our school.

Hospitality is also a committee that pulls parents together...many of whom have a love for food, entertaining, and/or just doing fun things for others. No special talents or skills are required to participate on Hospitality, only an interest in honoring and celebrating our students, staff, and parents.

Since mid-August, Hospitality has provided a



*Teachers were greeted with treats following the September 10 Back to School Night.*

Welcome Coffee to the freshman parents, a Welcome Back to our staff, desserts and (lots of) drinks at Back-to-School Night, and an array of morning treats to our staff the day following Back-to-School Night. We have just decided on the dates for this year's events and are beginning to plan a small event in October. Our first large event, our annual Thanksgiving staff appreciation luncheon, will follow next!

If you are interested in learning more about how to participate on this committee, please contact Eileen Karkas (655.0027); or Donna Santilli (348.2854).

## College & Career Center Available to Parents and Students

By Joan Dutrow

The Leigh High School College & Career Center (CCC) is open every day over the lunch hour. The CCC is a resource center for all Leigh students and their families to explore opportunities for each student's success after graduation.

Staffed by parent volunteers, we partner with the guidance counselors to support Leigh's college and career plans and programs. At the CCC, you can find information on community college, CSU's and UC's, private colleges, out of state colleges, vocational/technical schools, the Armed Forces, financial aid and scholarships, and SAT and ACT testing.

Fall is an important time for Seniors and Juniors. Seniors should be thinking about putting together their applications for college, obtaining reference letters and checking the schools in which they're interested for application deadline dates. Juniors should be taking the PSAT and thinking about which colleges to visit in the spring. And the Leigh High School College and Career Center can help. So encourage your student to stop by, or come by yourself and check out what we have to offer.

Volunteer opportunities are also available for interested parents.

## PAPA Keeps the Arts Alive

*By Misti Navarro Boomsliter*

The performing arts are alive and well at Leigh. Instrumental music classes, choir and Madrigals, and Drama classes are off to a great start this year, with the Performing Arts Parent's Association (PAPA) working together to support all of our performers.

PAPA held its annual Rummage Sale Saturday September 26th. It was a great day for treasure hunting for the whole community and successful fundraiser for PAPA. The following week on Saturday October 3rd, PAPA held its second annual E-Waste collection and fundraiser benefiting one of our amazing winter programs, Winterguard.

The Drama department is gearing up for the Fall play, "Arsenic and Old Lace" under the direction of Mr. Bryan Ringsted. Don't miss these performances November 13, 14, 19, and 21.



The Leigh Marching Band kicked off their competition season with a performance October 3rd at the Del Mar Band show. Come out and cheer on the Longhorns as they compete this season on the following dates:

October 10th – Cupertino  
 October 24th – Live Oak/Diablo Valley College  
 October 31st – Gilroy  
 November 14 – Logan (location TBD)

For more information about Leigh High School Marching Band competitions, drama performances, band and choir happenings, check out our website at [www.leighpapa.org](http://www.leighpapa.org).

## Sports Boosters Fund Uniforms, New Scoreboard

*By Cindy Murdick*

The All Sports Booster Club has kicked off 2009 with some necessary purchases. We agreed to purchase 30 new bags for Boys Volleyball, for a total price of \$746.93. We also purchased new Boys Varsity Basketball uniforms, for a total price of \$4451.20.

The Booster's Club has also contributed \$10,200 toward the new scoreboard for the gym, which was purchased over the summer and will be installed in the next couple of weeks. We have experienced great success with our membership drive.

### Leigh HSC Quick Facts

**Leigh HSC was founded in 1980**

**Leigh HSC has 596 members for 2009-2010**

**Leigh HSC has a \$37,625.00 annual budget that benefits student programs and supports faculty and staff**