

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE - Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year!

As we prepare for the opening of school on August 30, returning families may notice that there have been a few changes in our registration process. Please check the school website during the first week of August for complete information about registration. Packets will not be mailed home this year; instead, all forms, handbooks, and instructions will be posted on the school website.

The coming school year brings many exciting opportunities as well as a few challenges. During the 2009-2010 school year, Culver City High School completed the extensive Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) six-year accreditation self-study. We are pleased to have received a six-year accreditation with a mid-term progress visit. Through the accreditation process, our school community identified the following areas of focus: 1) Improve the overall student proficiency level in math and English, 2) Improve the proficiency level of EL students and students with disabilities in order to meet their AYP/API targets, and 3) Increase the percentage of students meeting A-G requirements. Our school-wide professional development will address the continued use of data to assess student progress and to develop instruction and engaging all students in meaningful lessons. (*CCHS WASC Self-Study and Visiting Committee Report are posted on the CCHS webpage.*)

The pride, tradition, and dedication to our school community are stronger than ever. Recent state budget concerns have brought together many members of our community who have a strong interest in CCHS continuing the exemplary educational and co-curricular programs for which we are known. In addition to the ongoing support of the Culver City Education Foundation, Booster Club, PTSA, and Academy of Visual and Performing Arts Foundation, the Culver City community has rallied to support our school. I invite you to join any of these organizations in their continuing fundraising efforts or to make direct donations. Some highlights of the summer donations include the following generous contributions:

- See's Candy continued their long-term support of Culver City High School by beginning renovation of the patio stage and providing funding for our after school tutoring programs during the 2010-2011 school year.
- The CCHS Class of 1960 celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion with a tour of the CCHS facilities. The group generously donated more than \$800 to refurbish trophy cases in the gym and Robert Frost Auditorium.
- Hewlett Packard sponsored a Graduation Event for the Class of 2010. Hewlett Packard and Beats Audio donated \$10,000 to CCHS in addition to giving away 25 laptop computers and 25 Beats headphones to CCHS graduates.

As the final days of summer come to an end, please remind your students about their summer reading and math review assignments which are posted on the school website. Getting off to a good start makes a dramatic difference in students' academic success throughout the school year. I hope to see you during registration and at Back to School Night on October 6.

Sincerely,

Pam Magee, Principal - Ed.D.