



# SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL

## Tiger Dispatch

**FRIDAY**

**20 DECEMBER 2013**

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### \*\* NEW \*\* GENERAL INFORMATION

#### Activities @ Home

**Friday Dec 20th**

Winter Assembly

Girls Varsity Soccer

6:30 vs. SPSHS Alumni

**Saturday Dec 21st**

**Monday Dec 23rd**

Winter Holiday

**Tuesday Dec 24th**

Christmas Eve

**Wednesday Dec 25th**

Christmas Day

**Thursday Dec 26th**

Winter Holiday

**Friday Dec 27th**

Winter Holiday

**Saturday Dec 28th**

**Monday Dec 30th**

Winter Holiday

**Tuesday Dec 31st**

New Years Eve

**Wednesday Jan 1st**

Happy New Year

**Thursday Jan 2nd**

Winter Holiday

**Friday Jan 3rd**

Winter Holiday

**Saturday Jan 4th**

**Monday Jan 6th**

Welcome Back

- **The Winter Formal "By Invitation Only"** will be held Saturday, February 1st. Tickets go on sale Monday, January 6th and Ooter applications are available in Student Services. Buy your tickets early to take advantage of the lowest prices.
- The holidays are coming and DECA (Investment) Club is hosting a fundraiser for the Philippines during lunch everyday this week! Come to the Tiger Patio to create your very own gingerbread house! All materials, including decorations, are only \$1 to \$2 and all proceeds will go directly towards the typhoon drive
- Utilize your creativity and ask that cutie that you've got your eye on to Winter Formal! Catch it on film and submit it in the Winter Formal video contest in order to get free tickets to the dance! Details are on the ASB website or in the SAC Room!
- Loose or not, small changes make a difference! **DONATE** your change to the typhoon drive boxes, located in your 4th period classroom to benefit the Philippines. Make sure your teachers return the boxes to the SAC room, so your money will be counted! Check out sphsasb.org for an updated list of classes and donation amounts. The top class will receive a special surprise, and if we collectively reach our schoolwide goal of \$5,000 we'll be rewarded an extended lunch! All donations go towards World Food Program USA, in which nearly 100% of funds are directly used for relief efforts."
- The district's School Wellness Committee is looking for student members. The School Wellness Committee will meet quarterly to review and update the School Wellness Policy. This policy deals with Nutrition Education, Physical Education and Foods served at school. If you are interested in participating please contact our school food service director, Michelle Curry. Her email is mcurry@fc.spusd.net. Our first meeting will be Jan 14th.
- Here's a great opportunity for young filmmakers! President Obama is inviting U.S. students, grades K-12, to submit a 1 - 3 minute video highlighting the power of technology in schools. Finalists could have their videos screened at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. and posted on the White House website, YouTube channel and social media pages. The topic for this inaugural festival is "Highlighting the importance of technology in the classroom -- and imagining how technology will change the educational experience for kids in the future." Students' parent/guardian or teacher sponsor must submit entries, and all submissions must be uploaded to YouTube or Vimeo by Jan. 29th. For official rules and submission information visit <http://www.whitehouse.gov/filmfestival>
- Softball tryouts will begin Mon, Jan. 6th through Thurs, Jan. 9th and then continuing the week after finals: Tues, Jan. 21st through Fri, Jan 24th. (No tryouts during Finals Week).

### **SENIORS!!! SENIORS NEWS**

- Create a design for the senior class shirt that will be worn during the farewell assembly. Be sure to include space for a list of every seniors name and be creative. Submit your designs to the box in the SAC Room. Winners will receive a reward for their hard work. Deadline is Jan. 10th. Good luck!

**Weekly Developmental Assets Tickler:** "One of life's greatest risks is never daring to risk." American producer and philanthropist, Oprah Winfrey (1954 - )

## Club/Class News

- Juniors: Please come by CC1 to pick up your PSAT scores and test booklets. Please see your counselor.
- SkillsUSA club members, there will be a holiday mixer/ meeting in Mrs. Matson-Fennell's room (room 613) TODAY, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Pizza, drinks, and other food will be provided. Students enrolled in CTE/ ROP classes may attend the meeting if they wish to join. We will be discussing goals, plans, and upcoming events for the year. We strongly recommend you come and join us for the first meeting of the year and don't forget to bring your dues!
- The Leo Club meets during lunch EVERY Tuesday in room 124.
- The GSA meets during lunch every EVEN Wednesday in room 122.

## Community Service

### Tiger Cheers!!!

- Congratulations to the Virtual Business teams for their success in Bakersfield at the state competition! SPSHS brought home a total of five 1st place trophies; four 2nd place trophies; and four 3rd place trophies! This was more than any other school in the state. The Varsity team won the State Championship title for the 2nd consecutive year with their business plan team presentation. The following team members will be traveling to New York in April, representing SPSHS for the National competition: Michael Ruan; Chelsea Hong; Jason Wang; Timothy Wong; Abby Schulman; and Rachel Newhall.
- Congratulations to Hee Jin Yim, Jennifer Wu and Lina Maeng; runner up and finalists in the Art of California Agriculture art contest. Hee Jin will receive \$100 and all three will have their posters displayed in the State Capitol from Jan. 15th-29th.
- A great big congratulations to Mike Hogan and the Tiger Editing Staff for the 2013 Gold Medalist Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

### Scholarships:

- **The Edison Scholars Program** rewards public and private high school seniors who show potential for a successful college career and have financial need. The program supports the study of math, physics, chemistry, engineering, materials science, computer science or information systems with renewable scholarships at four-year colleges. The scholarship is part of Edison's longstanding tradition of investing in the future by making the dream of a college education a reality for deserving students. Deadline is Jan 10th. For more information Email: [edisonscholars@scholarshipamerica.org](mailto:edisonscholars@scholarshipamerica.org)

### Job Opportunities

- Students Work Permits are available only before school and during brunch. Please see Ms. Strain in her new office is located in Room 415.

### \*\* Continued\*\* General Information \*\* Continued\*\*

- **All Students and Staff: Please use blue masking tape to hang up your signs and/or posters around campus. The use of any other type of tape is prohibited and your sign will be removed.**
- Tardy sweeps will be conducted randomly throughout the year. If a student is caught in a tardy sweep, he/she will be issued a "Tardy Admit" marked unexcused as re-admittance to his/her classroom and assigned an After School Detention. Failure to serve the after school detention will result in Saturday School Detention.
- Saturday school detention may be assigned as a consequence for tardies, truancies, disruption, defiance, inappropriate conduct and/or violation of school policy. *(Please refer to Saturday School Detention Rules on the SPSHS website under Student Services)*. 1<sup>st</sup> Semester Saturday School Detention Date: Jan.—11th.
- The South Pasadena Unified School District has determined that a daily commitment to the Pledge of Allegiance in all of our schools is an important unifying activity. At the very beginning of 1st and 2nd periods, you will hear an announcement to please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance. At that time, please place your right hand over your heart and recite the Pledge while facing the flag. If you choose not to recite the Pledge, you are still to stand quietly at attention. Many thanks for your respectful adherence to this.