



April 2010

# The Senior Scoop

## **Information for Graduating 2010 Excelsior Students & Their Parents:**

This newsletter includes important information to assist you in planning for commencement and the activities leading up to commencement. The Senior Scoop is here to help navigate through all of the “stuff” that can stress parents & students out at the last minute. There is an enormous amount of information in each edition of the Senior Scoop, **and we encourage both parents and students to carefully read this publication in its entirety.** We have many activities and events coming up. After reading the materials enclosed, please call me with any questions (760)245-4262 ext. 243 or Karen Wright, the 12th Grade Academy Secretary at ext. 239 or email me at [deannac@excelsior.com](mailto:deannac@excelsior.com). The key to success for smooth activities is careful planning. We will do our best to make sure that there are very few changes to the dates and information about the activities; however, we do advise you to check the graduation page on the Excelsior website: <http://www.excelsior.com> .

## **Life Stream Blood Drive**

On April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Life Stream Blood Mobile will be on campus from 9am-2pm. This event is open to the public. Students 17 years of age are eligible to donate blood. Call DeAnna @ ext. 243 to make an appointment or just show up on the day...you could be the first person to give someone a second chance at life.

## **Announcement Delivery**

Seniors who ordered announcements and other items from Herff Jones can pick up their items on April 30<sup>th</sup> between 9:00am-11:00am. All items *except*, gowns (and accessories), panoramic picture and DVD's; will be delivered on this day.

## **Seniors versus Staff Softball Game**

The Staff has once again challenged the graduating Seniors to a softball game. The date is still to be determined, however, if you would like to participate, please contact DeAnna @ ext.243 as soon as possible.

# Junior/Senior PROM 2010



If you have not received your invitation in the mail, be on the lookout. All Excelsior Juniors & Seniors are invited. The Prom will be held on **Saturday May 8, 2010** at The San Morritz Lodge in Lake Gregory. The theme is: *A Mid Summer Night's Dream*. **Charter Bus** transportation will be provided. **All attendees are required to ride the bus.** No one will be admitted to the dance that did not ride on the bus.

## Tickets

Pre-sale tickets will be available at \$75.00 per person. After April 23rd the ticket prices will be \$80.00 per person w/ ASB or MESH and \$85.00 per person without ASB or MESH. **All ticket sales end when they are sold out.** Tickets are available with DeAnna in the front lobby. **No tickets will be sold at the door.** The Senior Class would like to see all Seniors attend the Prom. It is not necessary for students to have a guest.

## Guests

**Only Excelsior Juniors & Seniors and their guests** are permitted to attend the Prom. **All non – Excelsior guests must be pre-approved.** A form has been included in this issue of the Scoop – all portions must be filled out & the student and their guest must meet with Jess Descalsota or William Flynn. Call ext. 243 to make an appointment, please allow at least 48 hours for approval.

## Dress Code

The administration and faculty want you to make good choices, not inhibit your style. **Prom** should be a fun and memorable evening for everyone. However, we want everyone to be comfortable and safe.

**Gentlemen's Formal Dress:** Formal prom attire may be classified as a tuxedo or dress suit, including a tie, bow tie, a turtle neck, a shirt, which may include a vest or cummerbund. Shirts are to be worn at all times. Dress shoes must be worn while in any public building. Old tennis and athletic shoes are unacceptable.

**Ladies Formal Dress:** Dresses may be strapless or include spaghetti straps. However, necklines of female students must not be lower than five inches from the base of the neck. Bare or open backs are acceptable, but must not be cut below the bust line (The bust line continues around your side directly under the armpit.) Bare abdomens or bare midriffs are not permitted. Undergarments should not be visible. See-through apparel and dresses with slits that are above the mid-thigh are not permitted. Questions about your attire? Contact DeAnna @ ext. 243.

## Food

A fabulous Italian dinner and dessert will be served.

## Pictures

Formal portraits will be taken during the Prom. The price of these portrait packages will be posted in the Prom 2010 Handbook and available in room 102. **Students will need to pay for the portraits at the Prom.**

**Don't forget about the Promenade at 4:00 pm!** Before you board the bus you will walk down a red carpet on the ramp to the lower campus. Students may invite parents and friends to attend. Music will be played, your name announced and photos will be taken. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras also!

**The buses will leave promptly at 5:15 pm.**

**All Excelsior events are Drug & Alcohol free!**



## **Grad-Nite 2010 - Disneyland**

### **Thursday May 20**

For six hours, it's your park after dark! Speed down the slopes of the Matterhorn Bobsleds. Conquer bigger, bolder thrills on the Indiana Jones Adventure. Take a watery, five-story plunge down Splash Mountain, and discover even more thrills around every corner! Or CLUB-HOP NON-STOP! Kick it all night to the sounds that move you. Disney brings down the house with live concerts and your favorite Latin, Hip-Hop, Top 40 and Dance music stations pumpin' throughout the park.

**Ticket price: \$75.00.** There are a limited amount of tickets and it **first come first serve**.

**Event Day / Date / Time:** Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm – Friday May 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00am.

**Check-in at Excelsior is 7:30p.m.** – Check-in begins at 7:30pm. The buses leave at 8:30pm. If you are attending Grad-Nite and are late in arriving to check-in, you will be left behind and we cannot refund your ticket.

**Guests:** You may bring a guest; however, no one 21 years of age or older will be allowed to attend. If you are bringing a student from another school they must have a permission form signed by an administrator from their school and brought back to DeAnna at Excelsior to be accepted at least 48 hours prior to May 20<sup>h</sup>. These forms can be picked up from DeAnna in the front lobby or downloaded from the internet @ [www.excelsior.com](http://www.excelsior.com).

**Dress Code:** Disneyland does have a dress code – you will receive the specific dress code guidelines when you purchase your ticket. Lastly, **no one gets on the bus, Excelsior students or guests, without proper I.D.** (this includes a current school ID or California ID) – no exceptions.

## **Honor Cords**

Students who have earned a cumulative academic GPA of 3.0-3.79 can wear an Honors Cord during the graduation ceremony to signify this achievement. Students who earn a cumulative academic GPA of 3.8 or higher can wear an Honors Sash during the graduation ceremony to signify this achievement. Honor Cords & Sashes will be given out at the Senior Awards evening on May 28<sup>th</sup>. Students who qualify will receive an invitation to attend, contact DeAnna Crocker at ext. 243 for more information.

## **Senior Awards Night – A Night Among the Stars**

Senior Awards Night will be held on Friday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at the Grumpy Golfer in Victorville. This is an evening to honor the top students of the class and/or students who have been awarded scholarships, earned Academic, Athletic or Activity Honor Cords. Dinner and light dessert will be served. The student and 2 guests are free and each additional guest is \$25.00. Students to be recognized will receive an invitation from his/her facilitator. **If your student has been awarded a scholarship outside of Excelsior, please contact us so that we can recognize this achievement at this event.** Contact DeAnna for more information. **RSVP is required.** To RSVP – call DeAnna Crocker @ 245-4262 ext. 243.

## **Senior Posters**

**What is a Senior Poster?** A Senior Poster is a collection of copied photos and/or memorabilia of your student's life or high school years that will be displayed alphabetically at the Senior Awards Night and the Senior Breakfast. **What are the specifications?** White 22 x 28 foam board, which will be vertically displayed. Foam board is available from Michaels or JoAnn Craft stores. Posters must be laminated. The following businesses do laminating: Office Max, Oliver's & Staples. **What should I put on my poster?** Student's name, copies of memorable events, friends, family, activities, and/or travel. Be creative, use scrapbooking supplies to Jazz It Up (Scrapbook Blvd, Michaels, Walmart, JoAnn Crafts – all have scrapbook supplies). Posters should be stapled in each corner for display purposes. Condition of the poster is not guaranteed; so do not use original pictures, please use copies. Do not use heavier foam board or have your poster framed before the Memory Night --those posters would be too heavy to hang and may fall and be damaged. *Write the student's first and last name and home phone number with a black permanent marker on the **back** of the poster before laminating.* **When is the deadline?** Posters must be dropped off to DeAnna by Wednesday May 19, 2010. Posters will be available for return immediately after the Senior Awards Night.

## **Slide Show**

During the Senior Breakfast, a "Senior Slide Show" will be presented. Please look through your pictures including senior pictures, baby pictures, and pictures from elementary through high school and choose some pictures that you would like to share on screen. Put your name, facilitator, and the year that the picture was taken on the back of the picture and give them to DeAnna Crocker in the front lobby. Please hurry and get the pictures in by Monday May 3rd, 2010!

## **Senior Breakfast**

The Senior Breakfast will be held on **TUESDAY May 25<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00am at the *Excelsior Interim campus*. The Senior Breakfast is a time to reflect on the past and look forward to the future. The Senior slide show and posters will be displayed, and students can take time to thank parents and/or teachers. **RSVP is required.** To RSVP – call DeAnna Crocker at 245-4262 ext. 243. Submitted pictures can be picked up on or after the senior breakfast day.

**Graduation Tickets will be available for** pick-up at the Senior Breakfast. If the student does not attend the breakfast, the tickets will be available for pick-up in the Activities Office.

**Yearbooks will be available for pick-up** and a yearbook signing party will be held for underclassman immediately after the Senior Breakfast.

## **Graduation Practice**

Date: Friday May 28, 2010  
Time: 11:30am – 1:30pm  
Place: High Desert Church

Caps & Gowns will be distributed immediately after the practice. If you did not order your Cap & Gown ahead of time – please have \$75.00 cash or money order ready at the practice. Remember due to the lateness of the order, your exact size cannot be guaranteed.

Students are required to attend, parents **ONLY** may attend - **no guests allowed.**

**YOU MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION PRACTICE IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.**

## **Coming in the May/June Edition**

Senior Vs. Staff Softball

Senior Day-Trip

***The Graduation Ceremony***

Diploma information

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