Dear Parents:

By numerous measures, we have had yet another successful school year. We have again seen many accomplishments in our thirteenth year. For the second consecutive year, Newsweek has named Preuss the Top Transformative High School in the nation. U.S. News & World Report, The Washington Post and other publications have also ranked the Preuss School as one of the top high schools in the nation. We are a 2012 MetLife/NASSP (National Association of Secondary School Principals) Breakthrough School. There are only ten NASSP Breakthrough Schools named in 2012, and we are the only school on the list from California. Our API (Academic Performance Index) is 899, third highest high school in San Diego County. We are extremely proud of our School.

Preuss students continue to excel and the following are to be congratulated on their achievements. Following are some of those accomplishments:

Scholarships: Congratulations to seniors who have earned the following: For the sixth year in a row Preuss seniors have been named Gates Millennium Scholars: Diego Ceron, Elayne Tram Nguyen, Reyna Pacheco; Questbridge College Match: Erika Chavez; La Jolla Rotary Foundation Scholarship: Mustafa Malik, Ricardo Rivas, Amara Tang, Amaris Tang, Saron Vongvanith; Rotary 4-Way Speech Finalist: Amara Tang; Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest, 2nd Place: Amaris Tang; Florence Riford Scholarship: Kathy Ha, Linda Lam, Nina Vo Diep, Minh Trang Vy; CalRTA Scholarship: Sharon Vongvanith; Change a Life Scholarship: Phuong Luong, Sharon Vongvanith; San Diego Citizen's Scholarship: Amara Tang, Rahwa Weldeaselase; San Diego Salute to Education: Angela Fang, Ho Lun Fung, Tam Hong, Mohamed Hussein, Dean Lam, Linda Lam, Phuong Luong, Angela Tang, Vanessa Quach, Amaris Tang; Service Above Self Scholarship: Diana Cadena-Hernandez, Karla Carmarillo, Kevin Herrera; Marshall College Scholarship: Angela Fang, Maile Nilsson, Jasmine Varela; Jacob Hanna Scholarship: Ho Lun Gung, Azeb Guesh, Phuong Luong;

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Teacher Juliana Biersbach, was named Teacher of the Year by the La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club. Jessica Resendez, Academic Advisor, was named Educator of the Year by the Rotary Club of La Jolla.

**College Information:** 94% were accepted to a four-year college or university (85 out of 90 seniors). 73% accepted to at least one UC campus (66 seniors), 27 seniors enrolling at a UC campus, 7 seniors enrolling at UC San Diego; 30 seniors enrolling at a CSU campus, 20 seniors enrolling at SDSU, 17 seniors enrolling at a community college (2-year college) with plans to transfer to a four-year university, 16 seniors enrolling in an out-of-state 4-year college or university.

Following is where our seniors will be in the fall: Amherst College, Austin Community College, Cal Poly Pomona, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Claremont McKenna College, Columbia University, California State University-East Bay, California State University-Long Beach, California State University-Los Angeles, California State University-San Marcos, Cuyamaca College Dartmouth College, Grossmont Community College, Harvey Mudd College, Humboldt State University, Northwestern University, Pitzer College, San Diego Christian College, San Diego City College, San Diego Mesa Community College, San Diego Mira Mar Community College, San Diego State University, San Francisco State University, Santa Barbara City College, Steven’s Institute of Technology, UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Los Angeles, UC Merced, UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UC Santa Cruz, University of Pennsylvania, University of San Francisco, Villanova University, Virginia State University, Westmont College and Yale University.

Every year the Parent Council organizes a successful Dinner Dance and this year was no exception. More than $3,500 was raised for our transportation needs. I would like to thank Diane Villalvazo for her outstanding coordination for the event, Javier Morales for providing DJ services and Eduardo and Maria Puente for donating and cooking the entire meal! Thanks to all of the parents who helped organize the event, those who set up and cleaned up and to all of you who support the event by donating money and attending the event.

I would also like to recognize and thank all of you, our parents, for the volunteer service you provide to our students and our School. More than 98% of you have volunteered in various capacities and your service has contributed to our success.

**Transportation:** I know that charging for transportation is not a popular decision. However, over the last few years, and in this plan, we have increased class size, frozen salaries, reduced expenditures, cut non-teaching salaries and shortened the school year. These cuts and changes to our program are not enough to balance our budget. As a result, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year, Preuss will be charging families for school bus transportation. Our transportation costs are about $800,000 a year, which equates to about $1,000 per student per year. We are asking each student who rides the bus to contribute 20%, or $200 per year, towards the cost transportation. You will receive more information in the Fall.
The month of May was very important for The Preuss School. Our high school students took Advanced Placement (AP) Exams from May 7 through May 18. All students, except seniors, took Standard Tests from May 28 through June 1. These tests are extremely important for our school and I thank you for speaking with your son/daughter about the importance of these tests.

**June Activities:** The month of June is extremely active with many end of year activities. It is important that we remember to stay focused on our mission of preparing students for college. This means that students must work hard up until the last day of school. There are numerous senior activities; culminating with the graduation ceremonies on June 29 at 4:00 p.m. Parents should check with their students for the dates of all the other senior activities. The monthly events calendar was sent home early in June with a complete list of activities.

It is important that your students work hard until the last day of school and your help in reminding them is appreciated. We have a longer school year because it works! Please be sure your students are prepared to work up until the last day of school.

Our students, parents, faculty and staff work extremely hard during the school year and summer is a time to have some fun! For Preuss School students and families, summer is the time to rest, go on vacation, recharge and refresh and read! Students must read the required books in preparation for their upcoming fall classes, and I recommend that students read at least three additional books for pleasure. Teachers will be giving their students the assigned reading materials for the summer. There is no substitution for reading. Students have a seven week summer break (July 2 – August 17), so please plan your vacations so that students do not miss any school. I look forward to seeing all students back at school on August 20th. Remember, all students must return on August 20th. When students miss school they miss out on valuable seat time and the school loses ADA money. Your support is appreciated of making sure your students are at school when we are in session.

Have a safe and restful summer.

Scott Barton

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**NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL VICE-PRINCIPAL**

Pete Selleck

Dear parents,

It has been another great year at The Preuss School UCSD. Seniors have accepted admissions to the nation’s finest colleges once again. Many are receiving outstanding scholarships. They have completed their Senior Exhibitions, and only have final exams as their last hurdle. It has been a really difficult journey for them, but all the hard work has paid off. Congrats to the class of 2012!

**Attendance:** The first day of school will be **Monday, August 20th**. Remember to plan vacations around our school schedule. Attendance is the key to the success of our students, and the financial stability of public schools in California.

**Uniforms:** A huge key to the success of The Preuss School is the culture that has been established. Wearing the proper uniform sends a consistent message to the entire community that we are united, no one will be left out, and that we are committed to success. **True Grits**, our uniform supplier will be on campus for Orientation on **Saturday, August 18th**. You can also purchase uniforms online or at their store in Mira Mesa.

On a personal note, I want to thank all the parents for their tremendous support. It has been a truly rewarding experience.
News from the PTA President, Maria Reid

Dear Preuss Parents:

With the end of the school year approaching, I want to thank you for all of your continued support. The key to the success of your student is parent involvement.

We had another successful Parent Dinner Dance event. Thank you to Diane Villalvazo for coordinating the event, to the Puente family for donating and preparing the food for the dinner, and to the Morales family for donating their DJ services. Thank you to the parents who purchased tickets, donated items, helped setup and cleanup, and attended.

The Teacher Staff Appreciation Breakfast on Friday, May 25th was another successful event. Thank you to Alba Gutierrez for organizing and coordinating the event. Everybody had a great time! On behalf of the PTA Executive Board Members, I would like to recognize our wonderful volunteers who help setup, cleanup, and bring food items for donation. Thank you for your support!

We are always in need of your help and support, so we can give back to our students. Turn in your Box Tops, sign up for eScrip at www.escrip.com with group id #6554660, support our merchandise sales, and buy your PTA membership. Every little bit counts and goes to our students. Please contact the Parent Volunteer Coordinator Antonio Mora for more information and if you would like to volunteer.

On behalf of our 2011-2012 PTA Executive Board, it has been a pleasure working with you this school year.

Sincerely,

Maria Reid,
Preuss PTA President

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Spring Learning Showcase

June 13th, 6:00-8:30pm.

All students, except 8th and 12th grade, will be presenting a collection of their work from this year. This is a big event and we need parents to participate. It’s a great way to get caught up on how your student did this year.

There will be no late activities buses.  
Transportation will not be provided to the event  
*Parents will receive 2 hours for attending.

Exhibición de Primavera:  
13 de junio, 6:00-8:30pm

Todos los estudiantes, con la excepción de los de 8 y 12 grado, presentaran una colección de trabajos esa noche. Será un gran evento y esperamos que todos los padres participen. Es la mejor manera de mantenerse al tanto del progreso de su hijo/a.

Los autobuses escolares de la tarde no estarán disponibles  
No se proporcionará servicio de transporte al evento.  
*Se les darán 2 horas a los padres por asistir.
Healthy Ideas from your school nurse:

House cleaning at the school health office:

Please note the end of the school year will be upon us before we know it. If your child has medication at school, the medication needs to be picked up prior to the end of school, please pick up a new doctors school order form for next year if you anticipate the medication to be continued to be needed next school year (a new doctors order form is required for each school year). This applies to inhalers, prescribed medications, over the counter medications (health exchange form will be sent out with the new school year packet). By being prepared your child’s health, safety, attendance and success at school can be promoted and optimized.

Health promotion: “Healthy children perform better at school”

Parents can promote good health habits and practices by setting up their teen yearly physical and or sports physicals for the summer as appointments fill up fast. The preventive exam is great as a screening tool for any medical concerns as well as screening for any vision/hearing deficits and dental needs. The doctor can promote health by referring to the appropriate services your child may require as well as managing any significant health conditions to keep your child healthy. Certain communicable disease can be prevented by following immunization requirements and recommended vaccines, these can be administered at the yearly check up or through the local health department. Please see the nurse if you would like additional resources or information. Call 1-800 675-2229 to find a “CHDP physical” participating physician in your area for a free check up if you do not have health coverage or if you have MediCal. Please note the toll free line 211 has resources r/e health (includes information on nutrition, diabetes, healthy weight and physical activity) and many other services for your child and family.

The following are vaccine recommendations for 11 and 12 year olds (AICP federal advisory):

* Meningococcal Vaccine: protects against meningitis & other related infection
* TETANUS BOOSTER (Tdap): protects against tetanus, diphtheria & whooping cough (state requirement for 7th grade entry)
* HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS Vaccine (HPV) 3 dose series that helps protect girls against the types of HPV that most commonly cause cervical cancer.
* SECOND DOSE OF CHICKEN POX VACCINE (if your child hasn’t had the chicken pox disease)
* REGULAR SEASONAL FLU AND H1N1 VACCINE to protect from influenza and its complications.

Please note that the meningococcal vaccine is recommended for ages 11 to 18 years, college freshman who will be living in dormitories and for those with certain medical conditions.

Being overweight is a problem especially for children.

What families can do is to encourage health related activities and health habits to prevent obesity and related health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease. Encourage and provide opportunities for activities such as daily exercise; join your child in regular walks or hiking activities, try a “trial” membership at a local health club, sign up for summer camps & activity programs. Plan for family outings which include physical activity and healthy meal options. Limit TV watching and video games to 1-2 hours a day. Getting a minimum of 60 minutes of exercise daily is a good goal for everyone. Please keep in mind “sun safety” such as: prevention of sunburns and promoting eye health by wearing sunglasses and hats while spending time outdoors and wearing helmets along with other protective gear when bicycling and skating… Enjoy a fun yet safe summer!

Your school nurse,
Christine Richter RN
We are nearing the end of a very busy and successful school year. Thank you to all the parents and substitutes who have volunteered and helped to keep the library in working order.

We had our annual Origami Contest and would like to congratulate 1st place winner Michelle Ros, 2nd place winner Diego Hernandez and 3rd place winner Natalie Ruybal. Congratulations to all who participated. We had many entries for the students to vote on.

May 18th through May 25th we held our annual book fair with Barnes and Nobles/Bookstar at the Costa Verde Shopping Center. The money made will be used to buy books for our seniors receiving awards and student requests for the library.

All seniors and 8th graders must turn in all library and textbook materials and pay all fines before they will be allowed to walk for graduation or participate in celebration of learning ceremonies. If you choose to replace a lost textbook, please check with the library first to get the ISBN so that the correct textbook is ordered. We must have replaced textbooks in hand by June 29th to be cleared. All library materials are due by the 29th of June. No check outs will be allowed after this date. Thank you for your cooperation.

We have one last event for the school year. We will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair here in the library. It will run from June 11th through June 15th. It will be open all week as well as the night of Spring Learning Showcase. It is a BUY ONE GET ONE FREE EXTRAVAGANZA. A great time to get some good summer reads. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Karen Nance or Maria Gonzalez in the library.

Sincerely,

Karen Nance and Mara Gonzalez

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**SUMMER SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays**

**July: 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, Aug 2**

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SUMMER SCHOOL 2012

The Preuss School will be offering summer school through an online credit recovery system called APEX and it will be held 2 days a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) from July 10 – August 2. Students will have the opportunity to “make up” courses which they have earned a D or F in one or more semesters. The following courses will be offered this summer: Western Civilization, European History, US History, and Advanced English 9, 10, 11.

There is a Summer School Parent Orientation by invitation only on Monday, June 11 from 4:30 to 5:30 in the Walton Center at The Preuss School UCSD. Mr. Barton, Ms. Nieto and the Summer School teachers (Ms. Gabay and Ms. Kovacic/ Ms. Boquiren) will go over their policies and curriculum. The meeting has been scheduled late in the day to facilitate your attendance. Students will be expected to attend the meeting with the parent, as paperwork will be completed and a summer school contract will be signed.

Here are some important facts about the Summer School program:

- Summer School is July: 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26, 31, Aug 2
- A majority of the online work must be completed at home
- Students must provide their own transportation or pay a total of $20 for bus transportation.
- Students will be in school for 6 1/2 hours (9 a.m.-3:30 p.m).
- Breakfast and lunch will be provided each day.
- Failure to complete summer school will make the student ineligible to complete the A-G requirements for admission to UC or CSU universities and/or possibly graduating from The Preuss School UCSD.
- English and social studies courses can no longer be repeated within the school year.
- Students and parents must attend a Summer School meeting and sign an attendance contract to be eligible for participation.

Student Award Ceremonies in June

Preuss students have worked arduously this year and we would like to celebrate their accomplishments with an Award Ceremony. Students will be recognized for Honor Roll, Academic Department Awards, scholarships and other special awards received throughout the school year. Please note that most awards are self reported. If your student has received a special award, please notify his/her counselor. Award Ceremony attendance is by invitation only. Please remember that you must park across the street and pay for parking.

Middle School Awards Program: Monday June 11th from 2:30pm-4:00pm

High School Awards Program: Monday June 11th from 7:00pm-8:30pm

Senior Awards Program: Monday June 18th from 6:30pm-8:30pm

All award programs take place in the Walton Center

The Preuss School UCSD & The Class of 2016

Cordially Invites
Families of 8th Grade Students to Attend
The Eighth Grade Exhibitions and Celebration of Learning

On June 29th, 2012

Viewing of Exhibitions will be from 9:15-10:15 AM:

- Ms. Harward: Courtyard Area Outside C101 Window
- Ms. Kovacic: Room B103
- Ms. Majors: Room B101
- Mr. Moses: Room B102
- Ms. Nance: Courtyard Area Outside C102 Window

Celebration of Learning Ceremony will be in the Amphitheater from 10:30-12:00 PM

* Parking is available in Lot 702 across the street from the school for $1.00 per hour.
Upcoming School Events

**Saturday, June 9th:** Saturday Enrichment Academy – 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.

**Monday, June 11th:** Middle School Awards Ceremony - by invitation
2:25pm-4:00pm Walton Center *Pay parking available across the street from the school*

**Monday, June 11th:** High School Awards Ceremony - by invitation
7:00 p.m.–8:30p.m *Pay parking available across the street from the school*

**Monday, June 11th:** Summer School Parent Meeting - by invitation
4:30pm – 5:30pm Walton Center

**Wednesday, June 13th:** Spring Learning Showcase 6:00pm-8:30pm Buses will not be provided to the event *Pay parking available across the street from the school*

**Monday, June 18th:** Senior Awards Ceremony - by invitation
7:00pm-8:30pm Walton Center

**Friday, June, June 29th:** 8th Grade Exhibitions 10:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. *Free Parking in lot across the street from school.

**Monday, June 21st:** High School Awards Ceremony – by invitation
7:00 p.m.- 8:30p.m *Pay parking available across the street from the school*

**Friday, June 29th:** MINIMUM DAY FOR GRADES 6-11– DISMISSAL AT 12:15 pm

**Friday, June 29th:** Senior Graduation– Manchester Field– 4:00 p.m. *Free Parking in lot across the street from school.

**Friday, July 6th:** Reports Cards Mailed Home

**Summer Break Begins July 2, 2012**

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL– MON. AUGUST 20TH**

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**SUMMER BREAK BEGINS**
July 2, 2012

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**Last Yearbook Sale of the Year!**

Make those memories last; get your yearbook fast!

**Yearbooks Coming June 27!**

We are approaching the end of the year, and that means yearbooks are almost here! Students who have pre-purchased their yearbook can pick up their books in front of school during the last week of school, from Wednesday 6/27-Thursday 6/28. Yearbooks will also be available to seniors only on Tuesday, June 26 after school. If you have yet not purchased the 2011-2012 Yearbook, the last yearbook sale will be during the week of distribution. **Yearbooks will be priced at $60. Be sure to bring cash only and NO BILLS LARGER THAN $20.**

Get your own copy of our first ALL-COLOR yearbook, the first issue ever with the new, student-elected name: “The Tide”! Don’t miss out, get your copy as soon as possible before they sell out! (As of May 1, yearbook sales are no longer available online. Please, be ready to buy yours on Wednesday, June 28.

PHIL ENSBERG