Hello Preuss School Families,

Graduation is just around the corner! The phrase “around the corner” refers to the small amount of time in our academic year and references the location of our graduation this year. On June 16, 2023, our graduating ceremony will be held at the Epstein Family Amphitheater on the UC San Diego campus. We are thrilled to have our ceremony in this state-of-the-art performance venue. This year our ceremony speaker will be UC San Diego Chancellor Pradeep Khosla. We look forward to seeing the entire Preuss Learning Community for this special event.

The end of the school year is a special time for our younger scholars. On May 25, 2023, The Preuss School will hold our Spring Learning Showcase. Those families with Preuss before the pandemic remember this yearly event as capstone presentations given by scholars. We look forward to returning to this event.

I thank the Preuss School Families for having their scholars attend our school this year. We recognize the sacrifices that families make to have their scholars attend. We understand the importance of education in shaping the future of your scholars. Our effort this year was to move your scholars closer to our vision of being the first in their families to go to a four-year university or college.

I hope everyone has a terrific summer break.

Dr. Matthew Steitz
Principal, The Preuss School UC San Diego
Dear Parents:

With summer around the corner and students excited for the time off, it is important for your child to attend their classes and complete assignments until the last day of school. With your support and encouragement for your child to attend school every day, we can keep our students on track. Parents can monitor their student’s attendance and academic progress through Aeries.

Students must attend class until the last day of school on June 16, 2023, which is a minimum day (8:55am – 12:00pm). We will have all the usual ARC Program buses for 6th grade students running in the morning to drop off at 7:30am. Buses will arrive at 12:00pm to pick up students after dismissal.

The Preuss School will be offering in-person summer school. Summer School is an opportunity for students to be on track with their course credits for graduation. Teachers and school administration will refer students for participation, so students who are recommended to attend Summer School will receive a notice from counselors with registration details. Summer school session is June 21—July 14 from 9:00am-3:30pm. The same attendance expectations and procedures for absences apply during summer school. Parents must notify the attendance office at (858) 822-0311 if the student cannot attend school.

Have a wonderful, safe, and restful summer. We will see you in August!

School resumes on Monday, August 8, 2023.

A Note From The Attendance Office

By: Patricia Villanueva, Attendance Coordinator

Each year, the Preuss School recognizes students with Perfect, Excellent, and Good Attendance. For this academic year, our students who did not miss a full day of school will be recognized for their outstanding accomplishment. We are so proud of their commitment to learning and efforts to attend school every day.

Please join us in celebrating our students at the award ceremony for High School, Seniors, and Middle School.

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THE PREUSS SCHOOL SUMMER PROGRAM

GRADE 9 –11 AND 12 IF NECESSARY

June 21 — July 14
9:00 AM — 3:30 PM

SPRING SEMESTER FINAL EXAMS WEEK

Students will be taking their final exams during the last week of school from June 9th -June 15th. If your child is absent from school and will not be able to take the final exam, please call the Attendance Office at (858) 822-0311 to excuse your child’s absence.
All library books are due by Friday, June 9th

All textbooks are due by Friday, June 16th. Textbooks may be turned in early, if no longer needed for class

All 6th and 8th graders must keep their Wordly Wise workbook for the next school year.

All chrome books, laptops, chargers and hotspots will be collected Thursday, June 15th and Friday, June 16th

Whispers from the Copley Media Center

Summer Reading is in the Air!!

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 Monday, May 22nd through Friday, May 26th. It is a BUY ONE GET ONE FREE EXTRA-VAGANZA. A great time to get some fantastic summer reads.

It is time for students to return all materials. All computers, chargers and hotspots will also be collected. Each student is responsible for returning all items checked out under their name.

At the beginning of the school year, we announced to all students if there was any damage in their textbooks to bring it to our attention to make a note so the student is not held responsible for the damage. We will be charging students at least $5.00 if the damage is beyond the normal wear and tear. Students must go through and remove any papers/post-its, erase any pencil markings or pictures and white out any ink markings that should not be there. It is important that every student treat all their textbooks with care and respect so that future classes will have access to good quality books.

All 12th grade students must turn in all devices, library and textbook materials and pay all fines before receiving their cap and gown for the graduation ceremony. All 8th grade students must turn in all devices, library and textbook materials before participating in the “Celebration of Learning” ceremony. A letter was sent home in April with all 8th and 12th grade students to be signed, informing parents/guardians of the requirements for their student to receive their cap and gown or to participate in the ‘Celebration of Learning’. Any student not able to pay may volunteer hours in the library to clear their account. If you have any questions about lost textbooks/library books or devices please call us (858-822-2150). We can let you know how to take care of this matter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,
Karen Nance and Maria Gonzalez

Opportunities:
We have eBooks available for all students through Sora
Just download the Sora app on your phone or go to soraapp.com and use your school ID to login

Free access to eBooks through Open eBooks

Audiobook SYNC presents 2 free audiobooks a week until August 2nd

Directions

Find Your Voice: San Diego Public Library Summer Reading Program Begins June 1st

Summer Reading is in the Air!!
Announcements

GET YOUR YEARBOOK!

YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTIONS
What: Get your yearbook!
Who: Everyone who wants an amazing yearbook!
When: 6/13-6/16, 8:30am
Where: In Front of the school

YEARBOOK PRICE
If purchasing the yearbook, the price is now $45, and we accept no bills greater than $20.

PAYING OFF THE YEARBOOK
Before getting your yearbook, you must pay the remainder of your balance. Be sure to bring your receipt.

If your student is NOT returning next school year, please email our Registrar, Ms. Macedo at PreussRegistrar@ucsd.edu to set up an appointment to obtain copies of your student's exit paperwork and grades.

If you move over the summer, please email Ms. Macedo at PreussRegistrar@ucsd.edu so you don't miss out on important information!
Hello Preuss Family!

As we quickly approach the end of the school year, I want to sincerely thank all of our volunteers, especially our parents, for donating their time to support the school. This year, we had over 3,200 hours of parent involvement and 159 PTA memberships sold!

Whether it be through tutoring students, helping to set up and run events, donating items for trips, or serving as a chaperone, we appreciate everyone’s time and dedication!

We will be having our last PTA General Meeting of the 2022-2023 academic year on May 20th via Zoom. This will be the LAST time we have the meeting virtually, as we will begin to host these meetings back ON CAMPUS starting the 2023-2024 academic year.

If you are interested in being a parent volunteer, please don’t hesitate to contact me so we can work on your clearance process! The summer is a great time to complete the onboarding requirements so you are ready to start volunteering as soon as possible for the following academic year.

Wishing you all a great summer break!

Warm regards,
Vanessa Muños Campos
preussvolunteer@ucsd.edu 858-822-0020
# Ready For Graduation?

## Class of 2023 Commencement

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| Time       | Ceremony Start 3:00 PM  
             Doors Open 2:00 PM |
| Location   | Epstein Family Amphitheater ([map](#)) |
| Parking    | Gilman Parking Structure ([map](#)) |
| Contact    | boris@ucsd.edu | (858) 822-2282 |

**How do I get to graduation?**
Guests may park in Gilman Parking Structure ([map](#)) for free (4 min walk to amphitheater). Alternatively, guests may take the trolley to UC San Diego Central Campus Station on Blue Line (1 min walk).

**Who can I bring to graduation?**
You can bring as many guests as you want.

**What can I bring to graduation?**
You may bring in empty refillable water bottles, small personal bags. Bring your cheer, dress for summer, and celebrate the graduates!

**What can't I bring to graduation?**
Prohibited items include: strollers, large backpacks, large blankets, flags, tobacco products, alcohol, cans, bottles, ice chests, picnic baskets, lawn furniture, weapons of any kind, umbrellas, balloons, pets, hula hoops, musical instruments, laser pointers, bicycles, and skateboards. If you have questions, please contact amphitheater@ucsd.edu.

**What is the health and safety protocol?**
The Epstein Family Amphitheater does not require masks, proof of vaccination, or a negative Covid test to enter.
Dear Preuss Families,

The Counseling team has had a busy college season and is excited for the upcoming Graduation! Read more about all of the great things seniors have been doing! As summer approaches we hope you all have a great end of the 2022-2023 School year and a wonderful Summer break!

**Summer School**

Summer School will be June 21, 2023 - July 14, 2023 from 9 am - 3:30 pm on campus in person. Summer school is for credit recovery only, if a student received a D or an F in a social studies, English class, PE, or elective course. If a student needs to attend summer school, their counselor will reach out to them directly, and parents/guardians will need to complete a digital or paper permission slip.

The end of the year is swiftly approaching and so is Summer School. Please use the QR codes or links below to schedule an appointment with your student's School Counselor if your student received D/F grades.

**Valedictorian and Salutatorian**

We are so excited to announce this year’s Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Our class of 2023 Valedictorian is: Odomsathshia (Alex) Tep. Our class of 2023, Salutatorian is: Angelina Solis. They were announced at this year's Senior Assembly.

Race to Submit is a statewide campaign that aims to increase the number of financial aid applications for California high school seniors who complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). In 2020, SDCOE kicked off the first San Diego County "Race to Submit" challenge to encourage districts and high schools to set a goal to increase their completion rates.

**SIR (Statement of Intent to Register) Day:**

On April 28th, the Preuss counselors and Senior advisory teachers celebrated the annual College Signing Day originated by Michelle Obama. Seniors presented their college pennants representing their paths!
May is Mental Health Awareness Month

How Preuss Counselors support student mental Health

- Validate their feelings and listen to their concerns/fears
- Promote self-care (mindfulness, activities that bring joy, meditation, etc.)
- Provide a safe space for students, host social emotional groups, and repair harm done through restorative meetings
- Teach prevention strategies (understanding source of feelings or triggers and address)
- Provide mental health referrals as needed
- Support students however needed and communicate needs to parents, teachers and staff.

The counselors at The Preuss School join NAMI and support the More than enough campaign!! Coming together and recognizing our value and importance in this world and our lives - no matter a diagnosis, appearance, socioeconomic status, background or ability. It is important for every person to know that if all you did was wake up today, and show up for school, that is more than enough. Giving your best effort is more than enough. You are worthy of love, healing, acceptance, and stability. Showing up, just as you are, for yourself, is more than enough.

If you are struggling with or concerned about your mental health please see your school counselor so that we can help you get the support you need.
Summer Fun with ARC

We’ve made it to the end of our 2022-2023 school year! Congratulations to all our Preuss graduates, students, teachers, staffing, and friends. We wish you the best of luck as you transition into a new season with new opportunities.

With summer approaching, ARC is excited to share a sneak peak of what our next school year will look like for some new incoming students. Our team will be designing a special 6th grade summer program this July. We have 8 sunny days together at Preuss from July 05 – July 14, having an awesome time from 7:30-5:00pm.

For those who aren’t too familiar with our services, we are a nationally recognized organization that has been running after school and experiential-education programs for the past 20 years through communities in San Diego & Los Angeles. Our daily ARC agreements that our team and youth follow to ensure a safe, creative and mindful place are: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Have Fun! ARC’s mission is to continue creating transformational learning opportunities that empower youth to realize their full potential.

Our team can’t wait to welcome our new scholars to the campus and have some fun! Students will be exposed to both individual and group ventures by rotating through a variety of skill building activities. A few students-favorite clubs we hope to continue this upcoming summer are physical fitness, expressive art, and leadership. However, we look forward to hearing the clubs and activities students request to participate in for the 2023-2024 academic school year. ARC is especially stoked to be enjoying some fun in the sun by offering 2 off-campus field trips!

To our former 6th grade group, we thank you for the time and laughter spent together. As you take the next step into 7th grade, please remember all the talent and life you have to offer. ARC will still be rooting for you! To our new 6th grade students, we will embark on new journey together. Stay energetic, stay focused, and be open to the new experiences that Preuss and ARC have to offer!

If there are any interests, suggestions or questions in regard to our programs/services, we encourage you to stop by and share with the ARC site coordinator Karina Cerda. Thank you all!

ARC Site Coordinator:
Karina Cerda [she/her] (760)235-0849
karina.cerda@arc-experience.com

Rock climbing 04/28/2023 ‘Race ya to the top!’
ASB stands for Associated Student Body and it represents the interests and goals of the entire Preuss School Student Body. Currently there are two ASB classes - one for middle school to develop leadership skills and a high school class that is part elected and part appointed. Students who enroll in ASB do so because they recognize that there is more to being successful in school than simply doing homework. Having a positive atmosphere during the school day where students feel wanted and accepted is critical to their success.

Students in ASB plan, organize, and participate in such activities as formal and informal dances, Homecoming, Spirit Week, grade-level competitions, community awareness projects, cultural events, and Staff Recognition throughout the year.

Our ASB students are leaders. They possess the qualities of a good leader which include honesty, trustworthiness, responsibility, reliability, willingness to work hard, respect for both adults and fellow students, and school pride.

Below are some images of ASB activities.
Music Events

The Preuss Promise

Congratulations to the Preuss Trio for an excellent performance of Adoration by Florence B. Price arranged by Liam Rodriguez at the Preuss Promise on Friday, April 28, 2023. The Preuss Trio consists of Liam Rodriguez, cello, Mia Rodriguez, viola, and Mauricio Salas, piano.

The San Diego Youth Symphony Audition

The San Diego Youth Symphony offers 100% music scholarship to the Preuss scholars who have an excellent citizenship in the orchestra classes and pass the audition.

Good Luck to the following Preuss music scholars who will audition for the San Diego Youth Symphony in June:

- Daniela Garcia Guillen, violin (8th grade)
- Nasren Jama, viola (8th grade)
- Aymar Marin, viola (8th grade)
- Sweet Moo, cello (8th grade)
- Suvan Shrestha, violin (8th grade)
- Haydee Dominguez, viola (9th grade)
- Brianna Sandoval Hernandez, violin (9th grade)
- Mia Rodriguez, viola/bass (10th grade)
- Katherine-rose Acosta-Alvarado, violin (10th grade)
- Brian Sanchez Bailon, violin (11th grade)
- Sandra Tran, viola (11th grade)

The Upcoming Music Events

Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 1:30 PM
The Spring Concert on in the Walton Center

Thruway, June 1 at 7 PM
The zoom Tri-M Music Honor Society Induction

Friday, June 16, 2023
Choir performance of the National Anthem: the Star Spangled Banner and the America, the Beautiful at the Preuss graduation commencement.
The Preuss School UCSD Spring Concert Program
Thursday, May 18, 2023

Created By: Frida Acevedo Federico

Many thanks to Ryan Pham for recording the concert.

If I Ain’t Got You by Alicia Keys
Christian Sanchez, vocal & guitar

The Preuss School UCSD Spring Concert Program
Thursday, May 18, 2023

Program

The Star Spangled Banner by John Stafford Smith
Arranged by Roger Emerson
Novia Solan, solo
American the Beautiful
Anderlyne Milard, solo

The Preuss Choir and Honors Choir

Gongs by Doris Gaza
Shivaree by Carl Strommen
Pomp and Circumstance by Edward Elgar and arranged by John Higgins
HS Orchestra-Instrumental Ensemble-Honors Orchestra
Mercy Hwong, director
Mauricio Salas, piano accompanist

Adoration by Florence B. Price arranged by Liam Rodriguez
The Preuss Trio
Liam Rodriguez, cello; Mia Rodriguez, viola; and Mauricio Salas

If I Ain’t Got You by Alicia Keys
Christian Sanchez, vocal & guitar

The Preuss Honors Orchestra-Instrumental Ensemble-HS Orchestra Group B

Liam Rodriguez, cello+
Brian Sanchez, viola
Anneli Silveira, viola
Katherine-Rose Acosta-Alvarado, violin
Haydee Dominguez, violin+
Brinia Sandoval Hernandez, violin
Ruth Khrebat, violin+
Brinia Sandoval Hernandez, violin
Harrison Vo, violin

Mauricio Salas, piano
Natalie Luna, violin
Mia Rodriguez, string bass+
Khang Tai, violin
Brandon De La Cruz Guzman, viola
Sofia Guerra, cello
Yuval Montano, violin
Sandria Tran, viola
Member of the San Diego Youth Symphony 2022-2023+

The Preuss Choir-Honors Choir

Liam Rodriguez, baritone
Mia Fuller, soprano
Daniel Leon, baritone
Novia Solan, soprano
Yurit Belomes, alto
Aisata Kebley, alto
James Nguyen, bass
Heather Trush, soprano

Frida Acevedo Federico, soprano
Avery Gomez Hernandez, alto
Raissa Serrano, alto
Angie Solis, alto
Richard Doan, tenor
Anderlyne Milard, soprano
Alejandra Ruiz Raminiez, soprano
Bryan Valencia Reynoso, bass

Congratulations to the graduating senior musicians

Liam Rodriguez, honors orchestra & AP music theory
Frida Acevedo Federico, honors choir
Mia Fuller, honors choir
Daniel Leon, honors choir
Raissa Serrano, honors choir
Angie Solis, honors choir
Sebastian Almanzar, introduction to guitar
Jose Raul Bustaiza, introduction to guitar
Karina Gallardo, introduction to guitar & introduction to piano
Aiden Garcia, introduction to guitar
Sy Nguyen, introduction to guitar
Christian Sanchez, introduction to guitar
Fernando Villaseñor, introduction to guitar
Lizeth Santiago, introduction to piano

Acknowledgements

Dr. Helen V Griffith, Executive director
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Ms. Allyson Cobb, School Counselor
Ms. Erin Patrick, School Counselor
Ms. Sara Silva, School Counselor
Mr. Daryl Rydberg, System Administrator
Mr. Boris Atanasov, Executive Assistant
Ms. Allison Lee, Administrative Assistant
Mr. Manolo Abre, Lead Custodian and his team
Studio artists are busy preparing their Jazz legend portraits for our 6th annual Jazz June celebration on June 2nd! Fresh off their run of advertising posters for Shakespeare Festival, studio artists are exploring their design and drawing skills, interpreting musicians, artists, writers, poets and dancers from the birth of jazz through the Harlem Renaissance and into contemporary times. They will collaborate using their portraits to make larger collaged works of art with creative, nontraditional musical notations for the background. Our artist in residence, Mr. Diego Rodriguez presented nontraditional musical notation workshops in May. It was fascinating to hear how nontraditional symbols such as waves, spirals, shapes and colors of varying intensity sounded played live by Mr. Rodriguez in the studio!

Artists are starting to connect the dots between the disciplines—thinking about how music can be interpreted visually and how visuals can be interpreted through music. Additionally, the artists are equating these two principles with the power of the narrative. Watching this year’s film noir-based Shakespeare Festival allowed artists to reflect on the graphic designs they incorporated into their advertising posters. Observing how the visuals tied in with the atmospheric musical elements, lighting and camera angles of the film reinforced the cross-curricular connections and supported students with analysis and synthesis of ideas.
Preuss Studio Static Continued

In alignment with our ICLEARS and cross-curricular connections, Studio I artists researched the warming and acidification of our oceans, giving them insights on the bleaching of our coral reefs. Creating mini reefs out of clay, artists learned the process and steps involved in creating ceramics.

Finally, the annual Preuss Promise Gala gave our seniors an opportunity to share their Preuss experiences with the larger community and our donors. Hermione Martinez and Brittany Tran created portraits of the guests while Jasmine Matthews shared studio experiences and her future aspirations.

We have 20 artists featured in the San Diego County Fair at the Del Mar Fairgrounds! Next year's AP Studio and Art History classes along with Studio I and II are robust! Looking forward to sharing more talented artists in the near future! Hope to see you at Jazz June and keep the creativity alive over the summer!

Jazz June Coming Up!

The world’s a stage...or a cinema screen. Or both, if you are in the Preuss Drama Department. This year's Shakespeare Festival was a huge success; the film noir spin on The Bard's tragedy Macbeth unspooled on the big screen in glorious black & white cinematography for over 330 audience members in attendance, our biggest turnout yet! A Q&A with the incredible cast and crew ensued after the credits rolled. Drama students reflected on the challenges, joys, and teamwork that it took in order for them to achieve their finished film. It is rumored that Mr. Rocca, the humble director, stated, "I think this just may be my masterpiece!"

If Shakespeare was the cinematic climax to a year of creative collaboration between Drama with Art and Music, then Jazz June promises to be our theatrical epilogue. Our talented thespians will be portraying real life historical jazz figures of the 1930s-1940s, via song, poetry, and orchestration, all as live performance onstage in the Walton Center. You are welcomed to attend. Come join us on Friday, June 2nd, block 4 at the school auditorium, and prepare to be razzle-dazzled!

Matthew Rocca
Important Dates

May 29 Memorial Day
(No School)

June 6
PTA Executive Board
Meeting
5:30pm-6:30pm

June 8
Senior Award
Ceremony
School Auditorium
6:00pm

June 15
Middle School Award
Ceremony
School Auditorium
2:25pm

May 30
High School Award
Ceremony
School Auditorium
12:45pm

June 9
8th Grade End of Year
Field Trip
9:15am-3:00pm

June 16
8th Grade Celebration
of Learning
8:55am-12:00pm

June 2
Jazz June
School Auditorium
2:30pm

June 10
8th Grade Class
Graduation 3:00pm
Epstein Family
Amphitheater

June 3
Saturday Enrichment
Academy
9:00am-11:00am

June 17
Senior Class
Graduation 3:00pm
Epstein Family
Amphitheater

June 5 – June 7
Senior Exhibitions
10:00am–4:00pm

June 9 – 14 2023
Spring Final Exams

June 9
Middle School Graduation
School Auditorium
11:00am

August 8
First Day of School
Academic Year
2023-2024

We congratulate the graduating seniors on the advancement of their journey and wish the entire Preuss community much good health and happiness!

Sincerely,
The UCSD Public Health Covid Response Team

Visit us on our Website:
http://preuss.ucsd.edu

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