



The Preuss School UC San Diego Insight Newsletter

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GENERAL PARENT MEETINGS

Saturday
September 15
October 27
9:30 to 11:00 AM

A Message from our School Principal-Director Scott Barton

Dear Parents,

This year The Preuss School UC San Diego is celebrating its twentieth year. The school opened its doors in 1999 in portable buildings on UC San Diego's Thurgood Marshall Campus with 150 students in grades 6-8. The Preuss campus as we know it today was completed in the year 2000 and classes began in the fall of 2000. In the past twenty years, Preuss graduates have consistently been accepted to four-year colleges and universities with a rate of more than 90 percent. Nearly 100 percent of our graduates go to some form of higher education. Preuss has had 39 Gates Millennium Scholarship recipients and millions of dollars in scholarships have been awarded to Preuss students. Throughout Preuss' history it has been awarded "America's Most Challenging High School" by the Washington Post, named one of "America's Most Challenging High Schools" by The Daily Beast. Newsweek had named Preuss the top transformative high school in the Nation three years in a row. University of Southern California has ranked Preuss a "top five charter school in the California". We are a "National Blue Ribbon" school, a "California Gold Ribbon School" and a "California Distinguished School" honored for "outstanding innovative programs". Preuss has yet again earned a Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Six-Year Accreditation through June 30, 2023. The Preuss School UC San Diego began as the dream of UC San Diego faculty members Cecil Lytle, and then Chancellor Robert Dynes.

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Welcome Back to a Journey to College
Every Day at Preuss is a Day of
Learning
ATTEND SCHOOL TODAY,
YOU WILL ACHIEVE TOMORROW



News From Scott Barton Cont'd

Their dream was given life by the generous \$5million dollar donation from Peter and Peggy Preuss who the school is named after with honor. The Preuss School's goal was, and is today, to help low-income, under-represented students to be the first in their families to attend a four-year college or university. The twenty-year success of The Preuss School UC San Diego has been possible because of the faculty, staff, Board members, students, parents, volunteers, mentors, tutors, donors and community members' passion and untiring efforts. The success of The Preuss School UC San Diego has truly been a team effort with a single goal in mind, to prepare Preuss students for college, and to be successful in a four year university. Happy 20th Anniversary to Preuss!

The 2018-2019 school year started on August 13, and we welcomed back 837 students! August was a busy month beginning with the orientation to welcome our new students, including 124 sixth graders. We are looking forward to an exciting academic year.

Congratulations to the Class of 2018. 100 percent of the 95 seniors were accepted to a four-year college or university. 37 percent were accepted to at least one University of California campus. 43 (45%) students are attending a UC campus. 32 students will be attending the UC San Diego campus with 31 on the Chancellor's Associates Scholarship. The program creates "full ride" funding support for qualifying Preuss graduates. 6 (6%) seniors planned to attend a Private or Out of State University, with 11 (12%) seniors planning on attending Community College with plans to transfer to a four-year university.

During the school year, many students participate in Enrichment Programs and Internships that continue into summer programs with UC San Diego and our community partners. These students worked with engineers, doctors, scientists, professors and teachers from UC San Diego, UC San Diego Cancer Center, The Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute, Pfizer and many other local organizations. We are always looking for more opportunities for our students to gain experience in the workplace. If you would like to learn more about these programs, please have your child contact their Advisory teacher.

This year we welcome new faculty and staff members.

New faculty and staff

English Intern – Jorge Arana

Nurse – Cynthia Crisologo to begin September 24

Registrar – Patricia Macedo to begin October 1

Positions to be filled

Admissions

High School Counselor

Parent/Volunteer Coordinator

Admissions: Deadline– November 16th

Our Admissions process began early this year and the new two-page application is now available for pickup at the Preuss front office. The application may also be printed from the Preuss website or completed online. Just visit the Preuss website and click the Admissions tab, the web address for online information is <http://preuss.ucsd.edu/admissions/index.html>.



News From Scott Barton Cont'd

Transportation-

I would like to thank the parents who have contributed to the cost of transportation during last school year and the beginning of this school year. For the 2018-2019 school year, Preuss families are being asked to donate \$20 a month, or \$200 per year, to help defray the cost of school bus transportation. Please contact the main office if you have any questions. For your child's safety, we advise that you DO NOT send cash to school with students for transportation payment.

We continue to contract with the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) to transport our students. There have been changes in the pick-up and drop-off schedule and some students were moved to different buses. We have tried to accommodate students with the most suitable bus stop. Mrs. Villanueva, our Transportation Coordinator, has worked closely with SDUSD transportation to make the appropriate adjustments to the bus stops. Implementing bus changes can take up to one month. Please understand that we are doing our best to accommodate all families. If you have questions, please phone Mrs. Villanueva at 858-822-1738.

School Attendance-

Students need to be at Preuss every day and should only be absent if they are sick and/or contagious. The contact number for our school nurse is 858-822-2291. She can provide the information you need on whether your child is well enough to attend school. When students miss school, they miss out on valuable lessons that cannot be recreated with homework; in addition, the school loses money when students are absent. Please do not plan vacation days when Preuss is in session. Thank you for ensuring your child attends school every day; being in school every day equals student success.

ParentSquare-

ParentSquare has proven to be a useful tool in communicating with parents. ParentSquare is a two-way private communication program that provides a safe way for the Preuss School and parents to communicate. If you have any questions regarding ParentSquare please contact your student's Advisory teacher.

Parent Portal-

Parent Portal is your doorway to your student's educational success in each of their classes. Parents are able to view their student's information from the school database using Aeries Parent Portal. You will be able to view your student's demographic data, grades, unofficial transcripts, attendance records, class schedule, progress toward completion of graduation requirements and emergency contact information. Each parent should have received the necessary information through their students' Advisory class to create an account and log into the Aeries Parent Portal. If you did not receive this information, please contact the front office at 858-822-3000.



News From Scott Barton Cont'd

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) –

Parents received CAASPP tests scores in a Student Score Report. Students received an overall score for each subject, ranging from 2,000-3,000. This score shows if students exceeded, met, nearly met or did not meet expectations for their grade. The second page of the report includes a further breakdown of that score, providing individualized information on your child's academic strengths and potential challenges. School results show we are in the mid-range for county schools for 6th, 7th and 8th grades, and above SDUSD. We are in the TOP 5 in San Diego for our 11th graders (English and Math). This again reflects the importance of our program – the longer students stay at Preuss the better they do and the better their scores get.

Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns. Please contact your child's teacher if your questions are about classes or curriculum. Your child's University Prep/Advisory teacher is also a valuable asset and can answer questions or assist you in getting the appropriate information. You can contact the school by phone or through the Preuss website (preuss.ucsd.edu) to get email addresses of our teachers. Edmodo is also valuable resource as you can check to see the assignments for each class.

I look for our 20th year to be just as successful as our previous 19 years. Let's work together to achieve student success.

Scott Barton
Director/Principal

News from our PTA President Diana Villalvazo

Hello Parents. My name is Diane Villalvazo, your PTA President for the 2018-2019 school year. This is my 10th year here at Preuss. I had a son graduate in 2016 and I have a daughter in 8th grade this year.

I invite you all to join the PTA. It is \$15 for the year. The money the PTA earns all goes right back to YOUR kids. Our goal is to sell 500 memberships this year. If just one family member in each family buys a membership, we will meet our goal. Teachers, staff, and board members also buy memberships. We have many positions on the PTA board that need to be filled. Are you able to help? It takes all of use to help the students here at Preuss. Please join us at our next board meeting October 2nd and November 6th. These meetings are held in the main office at 5:30pm. The PTA is looking for donations for silent auction baskets. Do you work for a company that could donate a gift card? All items are tax deductible. The PTA has a Tax ID number. If you have any questions or would like to join the PTA board please email me at dianevillalvazo@yahoo.com.

Notes from Vice Principal Mr. Pete Selleck

We are off to a great start of another outstanding school year. The success of The Preuss School has always been a result of students, parents, and staff working together toward a common goal.

The Student Handbook

Be sure to review school policies with your child. In addition, check “The Planner” frequently to be sure that your student is using it to stay organized and keep track of homework assignments.

Homework

Students need a quiet place free of distractions to study each night. They also need a designated place to store school materials. Every evening, help your son or daughter to pack up their backpack after homework is complete. This will help them to stay organized, and reduce the stress of trying to hurry out the door on time in the morning.

Cell Phones

Put the charging station in a place where parents can monitor the phone, and students do not have access during homework time, or at bedtime. Cell phones are causing students too many interruptions during study time, and having a negative effect on health. Too many students are not getting enough sleep at night because they have access to their phones all night.

Attendance

Our students do not benefit from the outstanding lessons of our teachers if they are not here. It said that missing a day at Preuss is like missing a week at many other schools. Be aware of the unique school calendar at Preuss. Do not plan any family trips, or other activities, during the school year. Try to schedule appointments on Friday mornings when school starts at 10:15 am. If your child is absent, call the Attendance Office at (858)822-0311. If you get voicemail, leave a message and follow up with a written note. California law requires that the parent notify the school in a timely fashion.

Transportation

Be sure to have your students at their assigned bus stop 10 minutes before the scheduled arrival time. Students may only ride their assigned bus, and may only utilize their assigned stop.

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

Demand that your student reports any inappropriate behavior to school officials. This is a critical factor in providing a safe environment for all students.



Whispers from the Library

Welcome Back! All textbooks have been checked out to the students and we have just started our 6th grade orientation. The inside of every student planner should be filled out with all their textbook information. Prices may be obtained from their advisory teacher or the librarian. Our first library notices will go out at this month. Remember if your student/s has textbooks from last year or fines totaling more than \$5.00, he/she will not be able to participate in athletics, clubs or school sponsored events. Turning in late textbooks or paying part of their fine will allow them to participate for the month and paying all will put their account in good standing. Students may volunteer to work off their fines.

It is very important that your student checks each and every one of their textbooks for any damage. Damage can include writing, drawings, water/food stains, torn pages and or torn covers. We cleaned and checked all textbooks that came in last year, but things get missed. If the student does not bring any damage to our attention by the end of September then they will be held responsible at the end of the year. It is a \$5.00 minimum charge. **TO PREVENT DAMAGE AND EXTEND THE LIFE OF OUR TEXTBOOKS IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO COVER ALL HARD-BOUND TEXTBOOKS WITH BOOK COVERS WE HAVE HERE IN THE LIBRARY.**

We are celebrating Banned Books Week from September 23rd through September 29th. Stop by the library to check out books banned or challenged and read about why the book was banned or challenged. We will be having a contest to celebrate, more details to follow in the daily bulletin.

Online library information is on the Preuss School website. Check us out under Current Students. We have links to our databases, the school catalog, the DCP and Overdrive (our ebook collection site). Students are able to access our ebooks using their student ID number.

We have many new additions for the students to check out. As the books are added to the catalog they are placed on the NEW BOOK bookshelf in the front of the library as you walk in the door.

We are always in need of parent volunteers! We hope to see you in the library.

Keep Reading,

Ms. Nance and Ms. Gonzalez



Student Support Services

Dear Preuss Families,

It is a pleasure for the Student Services Team to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year! A special welcome to our new students.

Our mission in Student Services is to offer guidance and support to students in the Academic, Personal/Social, College/Career Planning areas. We are available to assist and meet with students about a variety of topics such as: peer mediation, loneliness, grief, academics concerns, and other teenage issues. If you have any concerns regarding your student please contact us or your child's University Prep Teacher.

It is truly an honor to work with the students at The Preuss School UCSD. We look forward to a wonderful year!

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CalSOAP College Fair 2018

For High School Students and Parents

Over 100 colleges representing in-state, out-of-state, private, and community colleges/universities. Plus engaging workshops about financial aid, scholarships, and NCAA rules. Free & open to the public. Students and parents do NOT need to register.

Location :

Scottish Rite Center
1825 Camino del Rio South San Diego, CA 92108

Date October 24, 2018

Time 6pm - 8pm

PSAT Testing in October

8th-11th grade students will be taking Practice SAT Tests on **Wednesday October 10th** from 8:55am-12:35pm.

Dare to Dream College

THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN EXPERIENCE

For 4th-12th Graders, Parents, and Community Leaders

Workshops Offered:

- Fund your Future - Getting the Money You Need
- Parent 911 - Understanding the Parent Role in Education
- How to Improve Your SAT/ACT Scores
- The UC Application Process
- and many, many more!

Continental Breakfast & Snacks will be provided

Busing is available, but seating is limited. Bus riders must fill out the two forms below and bring to the pick-up location.

Location UC San Diego

Date November 3, 2018

Time 7:30 AM-1:00 PM

Register online:

<http://sandiegocalsoap.com/star/Events/register/589>

Suicide Prevention Month

Parents and families, September is National Suicide Prevention Month. Every day in California friends, family, and co-workers struggle with emotional pain. And, for some, it's too difficult to talk about the pain, thoughts of suicide, and the need for help. Youth who are suicidal are more likely to talk with their peers rather than with adults about their concerns. Therefore it is important for you to know the signs, find the words, and reach out to those young people.

Check out www.suicideispreventable.org for more information about how you can help someone who may be suffering.

Preuss has a high school club on campus called National Alliance on Mental Illness, or **NAMI on Campus**. NAMI on Campus has put some hard work and thought into creating a positive and hopeful message for this year's suicide prevention month, therefore they will be posting semi-colons around campus. The meaning behind the semi-colon is that everyone is the author of their own story, and each story is not a period and not over yet. Please join us in raising awareness and providing hope and support for this very important issue.

Attendance Office: (858) 822-0311

SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

Greetings from the Attendance and Transportation Office!

Did you know September is Attendance Awareness Month? Attendance is a critical aspect of students' success. Students who attend school on a regular basis are taking the right path toward reaching their full academic potential and learning the skills needed to succeed in life. Your involvement as a parent is important as well.

Attendance is a parent and student responsibility. Talk with your son/daughter about the importance of not skipping school. Absences add up, whether excused or unexcused. When students miss school, they miss the opportunity to learn and can fall behind by missing exams and homework assignments. As you probably already know, the classes at Preuss are demanding. Missing even a couple of days can affect your child. Students should attend school every day unless they are very sick.

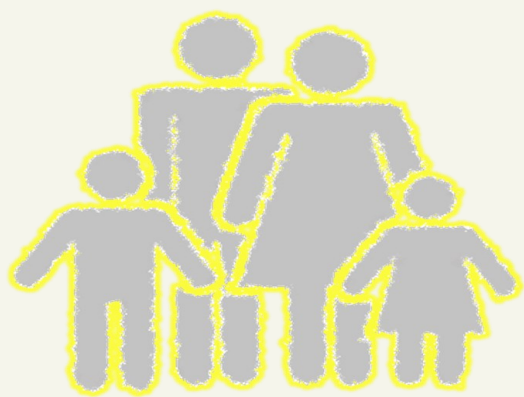
In addition, parents can help us make school attendance a top priority by establishing regular night and morning routines. Please make sure your child arrives to school on time, avoid scheduling family trips or doctors' appointments during school hours, and bring your child to school after his/her appointment. There is a video for parents from Attendance Works featuring parents talking to other parents about reducing absenteeism. Filmed in schools across the country, the video offers tips for parents about the importance of attendance. You can watch the video "Bringing Attendance Home" at <https://vimeo.com/98356365>

Remember, parents must call the school at (858) 822-0311 to report and explain the reason for an absence. This must be done for each day the student is absent. When a student is marked absent and the parent does not notify the school, the school will call the parent to find out why the student did not attend school. Thank you for helping us promote attendance and welcome to another exciting school year at Preuss.

Sincerely,

Patricia Villanueva





RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

Hello and welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year!

I am so excited to announce some new resources our school will be providing this year. The first resource was made possible through Feeding San Diego. They will be delivering food for parents to take home after the PTA meetings each month. This food distribution will be open to any and all community members that are in need of additional food at home. The food will be provided on a first- come, first-served basis. Please be sure to bring some bags for you to take home some food for the month. The second resource was made possible through Food Bank. They will be providing additional snacks for some of our students on a monthly basis. As you know, with a longer school day many of our students experience hunger towards the end of the day. This resource will allow us to provide a little nutrition break towards the end of the day.

Some new changes will be taking place with the Parenting Classes I have done in the past. I will no longer be providing the classes after the PTA meetings. Instead, I will be sharing the information during the general PTA meetings so that more parents receive the knowledge. I will be sharing about topics such as: managing stress, parenting styles, communication, problem solving, self-esteem, etc. If there is a particular topics or issue you would like me to speak about please email me at altorre@ucsd.edu. I would love to have parent input.

As a reminder, I am here to provide resources and support for anything you or your child may need. In the past I have helped with shelter, food, insurance, mental health referrals, etc. If there is ever anything I can help with, please contact me and I will do my best to connect you to resources.

I look forward to supporting you this year.

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YEARBOOK SALES!

Buy the Preuss yearbook online! Just go to yearbookforever.com and preorder the 2018- 2019 Yearbook for only \$30! Now student(s) are able to customize their yearbook with different packages and/or features such as: a Namestamp, iTag, Clear Book Protector, Year in Review, and Autograph Supplement. Also, make sure to attend our pre-sales that are held each month during middle and high school lunch to buy the yearbook. Reserve your yearbook by making a down payment of only \$10 to Dr. Ensberg in room B201. No bills greater than \$20. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dr. Ensberg at pensberg@ucsd.edu.

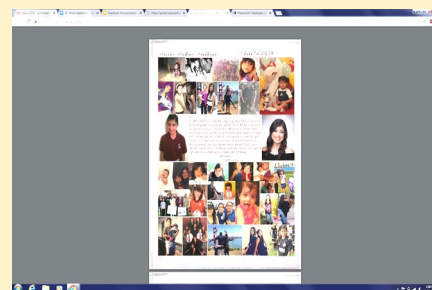
Yearbook Price:

\$30

Down Payment: \$10

How to buy the yearbook online:

- Go to www.yearbookforever.com
- Enter "Preuss School."
- Select desired package. Individual features are also sold separately. To buy only a nameplate, choose yearbook only and then add the nameplate separately.



Yearbook Advertisement Pages / Dedication Pages

Dedication pages are available for sale. Buy your student a page, or a part of a page, on the yearbook to express your pride in your student's accomplishments at Preuss. Dedication pages can include messages from family members and pictures of the student. Dedication pages can be designed by you or the Yearbook staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the yearbook class through pensberg@ucsd.edu. You may also order your dedication page online and even design it online if you choose!

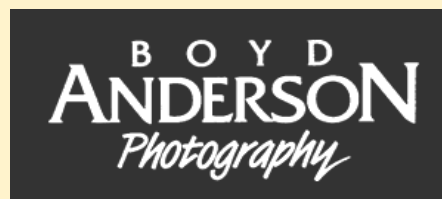
Ads and Dedications Prices:

Full Page	\$150
Half	\$75
1/4	\$40
1/8	\$20

Celebrate your student's achievements with a dedication in the 2019 yearbook! You are able to design it yourself or let the yearbook staff design it for you!

Senior Portrait Reminder

Seniors make sure to schedule an appointment to have your picture taken! This year we will be using the same photographer who takes our ID picture: Boyd Anderson. To schedule an appointment, just visit www.boydanderson.com. Once you have entered the site, choose "Schools" from the top menu, and select Preuss UCSD High School, then follow the prompts. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Dr. Ensberg in B201, email preferred pensberg@ucsd.edu; phone: 858 822-1466.)



The Preuss School UCSD – Open House!



**Saturday, October 13, 2018
from 9:00am – 11:30am**

We are inviting anyone interested in applying to The Preuss School UCSD for the 2019 – 2020 academic year to join us at Open House! We will have a welcoming introduction, language specific tours given by ASB students, and teacher/department representatives on hand to talk with. This is a great opportunity for families to meet The Preuss family and see if we are the right fit for you!

Please, join us to learn about our school and new application

**Applications are due November
16th and can be found at
preuss.ucsd.edu/admissions**

**Questions? (858) 822-0408
preussadmission@ucsd.edu**



Fall 2019 Admissions Applications

You may fill out the fall 2019 application online at <https://preuss.schoolmint.net/signin> (Recommended). You may also pick up a copy of the Fall 2019 application at The Preuss School Main Office or print a copy online at <https://preuss.ucsd.edu/admissions>.

If you're interested in applying for the next school year, please keep in mind the Preuss admission preferences:

- * Students entering the 6th, 7th, 8th, or 9th grade in the Fall of 2019 may apply.
- * Sibling Preference will be applied to 7th, 8th, and 9th grade with a sibling currently enrolled at Preuss.
- * Preference will be applied for 6 grade applicants who are low-income and first-in-family to graduate from a 4-year college or university.
- * All families should submit a copy of 2017 tax return.
- * Federal Income Guidelines are available in the application and on the Preuss website.
- * Applicants must submit a completed application by November 16, 2018.

All applicants are entered into a random public lottery.

If you have any questions about the admissions process or applications, please join us at the School Open House on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from 9:00am-11:30 pm.

For more information, please call Admissions Office at 858-822-0408 preussadmission@ucsd.edu

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS

9/15 Saturday Enrichment Academy- 9:00-11:00 a.m.
9/15: General Parent Meeting: 9:30-11:00 a.m.
9/15: 12th Grade College Kickoff Meeting for Seniors and Parents, 11:00am to 1:00pm, Walton Center
9/21: First Mid Semester Ends
9/25-9/26: FLL Lego League: 4:00 –5:00 p.m.
9/26-9/27: 1st Mid-Semester Progress Report Cards Distributed in Advisory Class.
9/26: High School ASB trip to CADA Conference at Del Mar
10/6: Saturday Enrichment Academy- 9:00-11:00 a.m.
10/13: New Applicant Open House for interested families, 11:00am-1:30pm
10/18-10/19: Progress Report to Parents for At-Risk Students
10/24 : CalSOAP College Fair 2018 at Scottish Rite Center, 6:00-8:00pm
10/27: General Parent Meeting: 9:30-11:00 a.m.
10/27: Saturday Enrichment Academy- 9:00-11:00 a.m.
11/3: Saturday Enrichment Academy- 9:00-11:00 a.m.

PRIMARY LINKS TO CONTACT

ATTENDANCE AND TRANSPORTATION

(858) 822-0311– Reporting a student absence or picking up your child early

(858) 822-1738– For any information regarding transportation

(858) 496-8460– SDUSD Transportation
Emergency number to call when a bus is late or did not pick up students

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