

# The Preuss School UCSD Insight Newsletter

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## A Message from our School Principal-Director Scott Barton

*Welcome Back  
to a Successful  
School Year!*

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2012-2013 School Year. We have enrolled 830 students at The Preuss School. The Preuss School has just completed its thirteenth year. The 2011-12 school year was certainly a year to remember. In June, The Preuss School was named as the as the Top Transformative School in the Nation by *Newsweek* for the second year in a row. For the fifth consecutive year we have been ranked as one of the top schools in the country. In addition, the Center on Educational Governance at the University of Southern California named Preuss as the #1 charter school in California. And in April 2011 the state recognized Preuss as a California Distinguished School.

I would like to introduce you to new members of our faculty and staff.

Roxanne Hinchman – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Literacy

Allegra Mascovich – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade World History and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade AP European History

Carla Valdez – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science

Sandra Gutierrez – Volunteer/ Parent Coordinator

Kandy Mahaffey – Principal’s Assistant

Hazel Claros - Admissions

Dr. Jerome Lederman retired in August and we currently in the process of hiring a math teacher.

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**GENERAL PARENT MEETING**  
**Saturday, October 20, 2012**  
**9:30 to 11:00 AM**  
**SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

## Notes from the School Vice Principal– Pete Selleck

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Dear Parents,

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.

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## News From Scott Barton Cont'd

During the school year, many students participated in Enrichment Programs and this summer more than 50 students participate in fifteen Enrichment and Internship 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 Medical Research Institute and many other local organizations. We are always looking for more opportunities for our students to gain experience in the workplace. Please contact me if you would like to learn how you can become more involved with our School.

### Join the PTA- Become involved in the school

I encourage all of our parents to become involved in the school. Join the PTA. Support classroom and school-wide activities. The Saturday PTA General Meetings are a great way to learn about what is happening at Preuss, and it is a great time to get to know other parents. Each meeting includes a Principal's Report, and a featured speaker will share information regarding school programs. Translation in Spanish is provided. You will also fulfill your Service Hours by attending the PTA General Meetings. The next General Meeting will take place on Saturday, October 20, 2012, and I look forward to seeing you there.

### Back to School Night



Back to School Night was held on September 13, and it was attended by 435 parents. The parents had the opportunity to attend their child's classes and meet their teachers. The faculty and staff were introduced in a brief meeting before the classroom visits. It was a night of learning for parents.

### New Parent Academy

I would like to thank all parents new to The Preuss School for attending the New Parent Academy. New parents had the opportunity to meet Advisory, Administrative and Student Support Services staff. They also learned about The Preuss School curriculum and available resources. The counselors explained ways to help your student succeed at Preuss, school services and procedures. They also heard from a panel of current parents and students about how to be involved and feel a part of the Preuss community. Parents who attended received service hours for each session and recognition for attending all three sessions.

### Transportation

I would like to thank the parents who have contributed to the cost of transportation. As I stated last year, it cost us about \$1,000 per year to bus each students. More than one-third of our parents have contributed to our transportation fund.

We continue to use the San Diego Unified School District (SDUSD) to transport our students. There were 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 858-658-7416.

## More News from Mr. Barton, School Principal

### School Attendance

Students need to be at Preuss every day and should only be absent if they are sick and/or contagious. Christine Richter is our school nurse and 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, and 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.

<u>Middle School</u>	-	98.37%	<u>High School</u>	-	97.72%
6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	-99.02%		9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	- 98.07%	
7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	-98.16%		10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	-98.21%	
8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	-98.58%		11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	- 97.84%	
			12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	- 96.49%	

*Encourage your kids to attend school every single day. Missing a day at Preuss is like missing a week at many schools.*

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school. Please contact your child's teacher if your questions are about the classes or curriculum. Your child's University Prep 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, Schoolnotes.com or the Preuss website (preuss.ucsd.edu) to get e-mail addresses of our teachers. Schoolnotes.com is a valuable resource as you can check to see the assignments for each class. I look forward to another successful school year.

Scott Barton

## Notes from our School Vice Principal Continued-

### Homework



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

### Attendance

Our students do not benefit from the outstanding lessons of our teachers if they are not here. It has been said that missing a day at Preuss is like missing a week at many 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, and get the students here as soon as possible in the morning. If your child is absent, call the Attendance Office at (858)658-7412. California law requires that the parent notify of 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.

### School Uniforms

School uniforms have been identified as a key factor in promoting safety, and an academic focus in schools. Uniform clothes should only be purchased from our supplier, True Grits to ensure consistency <http://www.truegrits.com>. Hooded sweatshirts can be purchased from The Preuss School PTA, and all proceeds go back to our school to fund important programs. In addition, the uniforms for Physical Education classes can be purchased from the PTA.

Pete Selleck  
— Vice-Principal

## THE PREUSS SCHOOL PTA PRESIDENT– Michael Million

Dear Preuss Parents



The New 2012-2013 PTA Executive board wants to welcome you to the upcoming school year.

We had a very successful Parent Association meeting on September 22, 2012. I want to thank all of you who came to our first parent meeting of the year. At this meeting we voted to Adopt the 2011-2012 Year End Audit, we voted to adopt the 2011-2012 Annual financial statement, we also voted to adopt the 2012-2013 Budget.

It has been proven that students' successes in education are directly related to their parent's involvement in their schools. We encourage parents to become PTA members and get involved in our monthly parent meetings. Becoming a PTA member by paying your dues gives you the right to vote when decisions are made in the PTA.

We are planning to bring you a lot of beneficial information at our upcoming parent meetings. Attending these meetings, we will give you tools to help your kids succeed in school as well as give you opportunity to fulfill your volunteer hours.

The PTA Executive Board meets on the first Tuesday of the Month and you are welcome to attend. The next PTA General Association meeting is October 20th, 2012.

On behalf of the 2012-2013 PTA Executive Board we look forward to working with you this year.

Sincerely,

Michael Million

The Preuss School UCSD PTA President



**Become a PTA member and support the Preuss School UCSD!**

### Why Join the Preuss School PTA

What is PTA? Why join PTA? The number one reason to join the **Parent Teacher Association** is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school. But there are many more PTA advantages:

**Get Connected.** There's no better way to know what's happening in your school.

**Discover Great Resources.** The PTA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students.

**Tap into a Network.** PTA functions are opportunities to meet other parents and teachers, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind. You can share ideas, concerns, and experiences.

**Watch Yourself Grow.** By volunteering with your PTA, you put your skills and hobbies to use for a noble cause—your child and all children in the community.

**Speak Up.** PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.

**Witness Improvement.** By getting involved at your child's school you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. Local PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum-based programs, and social events

**Be a Role Model.** By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating to your child the importance you place on education.

For \$10.00 a year, you can become a PTA member, joining people who share your interest in issues affecting children.

**Become a PTA member and get Volunteer Hours!** When you join the PTA, you will get 2 service hours.

# Student Services



## Dear Preuss Families,

It is a pleasure for the Student Services Team to welcome you to the 2012-2013 school year! A special welcome to our 124 new 6th grade students, 4 new 7th grade students and 5 new 8th grade 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. Students may fill out a Request Form located at the reception desk to see us. 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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## Academic Supports

There are many services at Preuss to support your child's academic progress and achievement such as: SEA, After School Tutoring, UCSD Tutors in the Classroom, Learning Specialist, Counselors, & Advisory Teachers. **Important Note:** Students who wish to stay after school for tutoring must make arrangements with teacher and parents ahead of time. Students must sign up in advance (no later than lunch on that day) to reserve their spot in a classroom for tutoring or they will not be allowed to stay afterschool.

### MATH TUTORING

#### AFTER SCHOOL

4:00pm - 5:20pm

Monday

Mrs. Harward Room A101

Ms. Neri Room D103

Tuesday

Mr. Owen Room D101

Wednesday

Dr. Weber Room D102

Ms. Bean Room A202

Thursday

Mr. Phillips Room B102

**HS Lunch Tutoring -**

**Every day in D102**

**MS Lunch –Tues. Room D202**

### SPANISH TUTORING

#### AFTER SCHOOL

4:00pm- 5:20pm

Monday

Ms. Milloy Room D203

Tuesday

Mr. Meka Room B102

Thursday

Ms. Bravo Room B202

Friday

Mr. Barajas Room D201

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM Assembly in the Walton Center for juniors only.

9<sup>th</sup> grade Service Learning Assembly Block 7 on October 27<sup>th</sup> (B day Friday).

## CalSOAP College Fair 2012

For High School Students and Parents

Over 100 Colleges Represented and 7 workshops offered

Location: Scottish Rite Center

1895 Camino del Rio South, SD, 92108

Date: Wed. Oct. 24

Time: 6:00-8:30pm

Cost: FREE!!!!

## Attention 11th grade students and parents!

### *College Kick-off Meeting*

Saturday, October 5, 2012

**The Preuss School Walton Center from 9:00am-11:00am**

This meeting will present an overview of 11th grade university prep, college options, college admission tests, financial aid basics, and parent/student panel.

*This event is **mandatory** for 11th grade students and parents.*

# Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities

By Sandra Gutierrez, Volunteer Coordinator

Hello! As you know I am the new Volunteer Coordinator for The Preuss School UCSD. I look forward to getting to know all of you as we work together to make this a great school year. I've listed some volunteer opportunities for you in this newsletter.

*¡Hola! Como saben soy la nueva coordinadora de voluntarios de la escuela Preuss. Espero conocerlos a todos mientras trabajamos juntos para hacer este año nuevo espectacular. He listado algunas oportunidades de voluntarios en este boletín.*

## During School Hours (8:00am-4:30pm)

We can always use your help at school. If you know when you are available you can call me ahead of time or you can just show up. You can help in the classrooms, in the library, in the office, or with the custodians.



## Like to help on Saturdays?

Any parents that want to do their hours on Saturday can come help with clean up. To sign up, please call a couple of days before attending.

## ASB School Dance

Friday, October 26, 2012 from 7:00pm-10:00pm at The Preuss School Amphitheater.

**Needed:** 5 parent chaperones

## Parent Council Meeting

Saturday, October 20, 2012 from 9:00am-11:00am at the Walton Center

Topic: Advisory Program Overview

**Needed:** 5 parents needed to help with Sign-in, 2 parents needed to help with the translation device table, and 3 parents needed to help with the PTA sales.

## Parent Council Meeting

Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 9:00am-11:00am at the Walton Center

Topic: Sex Education

**Needed:** 5 parents needed to help with Sign-in, 2 parents needed to help with the translation device table, and 3 parents needed to help with the PTA sales.



## Book Fair

November 5-9, 2012 from 8:00am-4:30pm at The Preuss School Library

**Needed:** Parents to sign up and help at various times and days

## Durante Horas de Escuela (8:00am-4:30pm)

*Siempre hay maneras de ayudar en la escuela. Si sabe cuándo puede venir, me puede avisar o puede venir sin avisar. Puede ayudar en los salones, en la biblioteca, en la oficina, o con los conserjes.*

## ¿Le Gusta Ayudar los Sábados?



*Tenemos conserje que traba los sábados así que los padres que quieran ayudar los sábados nos pueden ayudar con limpieza. Para apuntarse llame unos días previos.*

## Baile de ASB Estudiantil

Viernes, 26 de octubre 2012 de 7:00pm-10:00pm en el anfiteatro de la escuela Preuss.

**Se necesita:** 5 padres chaperones

## Junta de Padres

Sábado, 20 de Octubre 2012 de 9:00am-11:00am en el Walton Center

Tópico: Información del Programa de Preparatoria a la Universidad

**Se necesita:** 5 padres que puedan ayudar en la mesa de registración, 2 padres que ayuden con la mesa de aparatos de traducción, y 3 padres que ayuden con las mesas de vender con el PTA.

## Junta de Padres

Sábado, 3 de noviembre 2012 de 9:00am-11:00am en el Walton Center

Tópico: Educación Sexual

**Se necesita:** 5 padres que puedan ayudar en la mesa de registración, 2 padres que ayuden con la mesa de aparatos de traducción, y 3 padres que ayuden con las mesas de vender con el PTA.

## Feria de Libros

5-9 de noviembre 2012 de 8:00am-4:30pm en la Biblioteca de la escuela Preuss.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of these opportunities please contact, Sandra Gutierrez, Volunteer Coordinator at (858) 658-7473 or email [preussvolunteer@ucsd.edu](mailto:preussvolunteer@ucsd.edu)

Si a usted le interesa hacer sus horas de voluntario en alguna de estas actividades favor de llamar a Sandra Gutiérrez, Coordinadora de Voluntarios al (858) 658-7473 o por correo electrónico [preussvolunteer@ucsd.edu](mailto:preussvolunteer@ucsd.edu)



## The Preuss School Health Service Program by Christine Richter RN

Welcome back students and parents. Thank you for your hard work and support of your student. My name is Christine Richter RN and I am the school nurse at Preuss. I am here each day to support your student's health. Maintaining good health is very important to your child's educational progress and success. Please keep the nurse informed of any health concerns your child has along with current contact numbers for emergencies. If your child has asthma, please be sure an asthma action plan is in place. (see the nurse for required physician forms). If your child needs medication at school, a doctor's order is required each school year and the medication needs to be kept safe and administered in the nurses office. The following are some ideas to keep your student healthy:

### Staying Up to Date on Immunizations:

*All 7-12 grade students are required to get a tdap booster to prevent tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough), Our current 6<sup>th</sup> graders will need to get the booster prior to entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact your school nurse if you would like your student to get this shot at school. For more information on required and recommended vaccines see: [www.shotsforschool.org](http://www.shotsforschool.org) Keep in mind flu shots need boosters on a yearly basis. Sick days*

### Getting a Yearly Physical:

*Health needs along with preventive measures can be addressed by the doctor along with updating of needed immunizations and connection to health resources such as dental care, nutritional counseling, vision resources to name a few. If your child does not have health insurance, the CHDP program can provide a physical free of charge along with assistance with obtaining health insurance for your child, please call 1-800-675-2229 for this important resource.*

### Healthy Eating:

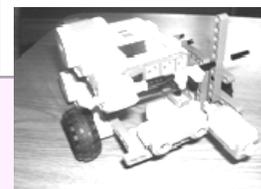
*Assure your child gets 3 healthy meals and 2 nutritious snacks each day, breakfast is especially important to maintain focus in school. Offer your child a variety of fruits and vegetables, offer non-fat or low fat dairy products, aim for 4 cups/day. If your child is lactose intolerant, see the nurse for a "request of milk substitute form". Limit juices to 4-6 ounces/day. Cut down on soda, chips, fast foods and sweets. Water is an excellent form of hydration!*

### Healthy Habits:

*Encourage our child to be active, set a goal of 60 minutes/day, family walks are a great time to discuss the day and keep communication lines open. Limit screen time which includes TV, video games, computers to a maximum of 1-2hrs/day. Be sure to have your child brush and floss their teeth twice a day and to see the dentist twice a year. (tooth aches and dental disease can affect school performance and health).*

*Vision health is important as well, be sure your child wears their glasses at school and gets yearly vision exams. If you need assistance in getting glasses for your student please see the nurse. If your student has lost their glasses, please check the school lost and found.. Good Vision = Better Performance.*

## LEGO LEAGUE BEGAN THIS MONTH



### The Midnight Mechanics

Parents, "Lego League" season is beginning, where your middle school student can learn about building/programming robots and teamwork! Students from the high school robotics team are the coaches and mentors. The season finishes with a big tournament held at Preuss on Saturday, November 10th from 8 am to 4 pm.

We could use some parent volunteers to help run the event (setup, general supervision, snack sales, etc). If you are interested, please contact coach Dan Rupert, [drupert@ucsd.edu](mailto:drupert@ucsd.edu) or leave a message at school.

Donated goods for snack bar also appreciated! (non-perishables like soda, water, juice) Also looking for parents willing to transport students to Lego Land December 1st for the regional event (if we qualify a team). They can contact [preussfll@gmail.com](mailto:preussfll@gmail.com) or have their student let me know.

Thanks,  
Dan Rupert

## Attention Parents!

### APPLICATION SEASON FOR FALL 2012-2013

The application season for Fall 2012 is approaching and the new applications will be available both online and as hard-copies during the first week of October. They are available in the front desk in case parents drop by requesting them. The deadline for submission will be December 21st by 4pm, no exceptions. We will also be hosting Open House on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> between 11:30am-1:30pm. This will be a great opportunity for interested students and parents to meet Preuss teachers, take a school tour and receive an application.

The Preuss School UCSD  
Admissions Department  
Tel: 858-658-7215

### October/November School Events

10/6, 10/20: Saturday Enrichment Academy  
9:00-11:00 a.m.

10/11: Begins yearbook sales, Prices are \$47.00 (grades 6-11) and \$45.00 (seniors), and will increase after Oct. 11th. Cash only is accepted, and no bills larger than \$20.00.

10/11: The Senior Class will hear presentations regarding Graduation from Mr. Barton, Mr. Selleck, Josten's, Ms. Oglesby, and Ms. Resendez.

10/20: Parent General Meeting—Walton Center—  
9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

10/26: ASB School Dance— 7:00p.m-10:00p.m

10/27: 9th Grade Service Learning Assembly- Block 7-  
Walton Center

11/3: Parent General Meeting—Walton Center—9:30-11:00 a.m.

11/5—11/9: Book Fair- School Library -8:00a.m.—4:30 p.m.

11/10: Robotics Tournament- Preuss School  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00pm

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### PRIMARY LINKS TO CONTACT ATTENDANCE AND TRANSPORTATION

(858) 658-7412- Reporting a student absence or  
picking -up your child early

(858) 658-7416- For any information regarding  
transportation

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