



# The T-Bird Times

Coronado High School PTSA

Fall 2011

[www.coronadoptsa.org](http://www.coronadoptsa.org)

## WELCOME FROM MS. MORALES, PRINCIPAL

Dear T-Bird Parents and Students,

Welcome to the beginning of another great year at Coronado High School. I know the beginning of the year can be tedious and stressful, navigating the registration process and getting our schedules in order, but that process is behind us now so let's have fun! Alfred Mercier said, "What we learn with pleasure we never forget". Take this to heart!

Students – Be involved and join the various committees and clubs offered at our campus, participate in a sport; enjoy all Coronado and this dynamic community have to offer. Make these years in high school count by working hard and being pro-active and you will see the rewards later in your university experience and life in general. We also ask that you please wear your I.D. badges at all times to ensure a secure environment for everyone.

Parents – Join our dedicated and good natured ladies and gentlemen in the PTSA. This fun-loving group of volunteers have a vested interest in our student body and continue to make our campus a better place for all. The best way for a parent to teach a child about volunteerism is by example. Please consider the PTSA or our new Watch D.O.G.S. program as a way to stay connected and participate in your child's academic career. Please make sure to sign in as a visitor whenever you visit campus to ensure a secure and safe environment for our students.

I would also like for our families to know that our faculty and staff are always available to help; please seek them out if you have any concerns or questions. Additionally, there are many valuable resources for our families and students to keep up with all the events being held here at school and throughout the district. Check out our new twitter account at [http://twitter.com/#!/coronado\\_high](http://twitter.com/#!/coronado_high) or visit our school website at <http://coronado.episd.org>. Thank you and have a wonderful year.

Ms. Morales

### PTSA Officers

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**The mission of Coronado High School is to advance the academic, artistic, emotional, physical, and social education of every student in order to develop productive citizens.**



## MIMMY HALPERIN, CHS PTSA PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! Where did the summer go? It seems like yesterday when we welcomed our class of 2015 parents and students into the CHS community last May and said good bye to our 2011 graduates in June. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer, enjoying time with your families, and are now revitalized and ready for a new school year! Over the years, I've been continually amazed at how close-knit our community is as parents, students, teachers and administrators come together to make our kids' experience here at Coronado the best that it can be. The PTSA is excited about making this another fun and memorable year for everyone.

To the parents of freshman and transfer students, I also wanted to send a very special and warm welcome to you! Please feel free to call me or any of our board members if you have any questions. We are happy to help and we know how overwhelming it is getting adjusted to a new school and campus.

Fall is a very exciting and busy time of year! Student Council, NHS and the Student EXEC members are already getting busy with their projects and fundraisers for the year.

As the football season begins, we start getting ready for our Homecoming Parade which means very busy but fun weekends for the kids making their class floats! Also, one of our primary fundraisers is underway in the "Mum Room." This is one project that we really count on your support. Please check our schedule in this newsletter along with the website at [chsptsa@episid.org](mailto:chsptsa@episid.org) for details.

Our goal is to work for our students, support our teachers and become informed on issues regarding our youth. Membership dues help us to fund valuable programs that PTSA sponsors which affect every student and our faculty. Take a moment as the school year begins and join the PTSA. You can find a membership form in this newsletter. Your membership will help us accomplish our goals. Also, by joining you will receive our regular E-Bulletin, The Timely T-Bird. These emails will keep you informed throughout the year!

You may also visit our PTSA website at [www.coronadoptsa.org](http://www.coronadoptsa.org) for school information, updates, resources and daily announcements. PTSA is the link between home, student and school. Please be informed, be connected and be involved! Let's work together and make this a great year at Coronado High School.

Thanks to all involved for making PTSA so successful! We have had a wonderful start to the 2011-2012 school year!

Mimmy Halperin

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## YARDSTAKES

Thunderbird yardstakes are available for \$30 cash or check. Checks should be made payable to CHS PTSA. Please include your student's name. For more information contact Adriana Fennell at [adrianafen@elp.rr.com](mailto:adrianafen@elp.rr.com).



## PARENT “COFFEES” WITH THE PRINCIPAL

These forums provide parents with an opportunity to get better acquainted with CHS administration and staff and to get their questions and concerns addressed. Keep an eye out for future Parent “Coffees”. Ms. Morales hosts a coffee the second Tuesday of each month to address concerns and questions that parents may have about the school and to keep parents informed about upcoming events. This meeting is open to all parents. Kirsten Applebaum, the PTSA parent liaison, will ask for your questions in advance via email, and then Ms. Morales addresses the questions at the meeting. The questions and answers are sent via email to all PTSA members and are also included in the newsletter. If you need to contact Kirsten, please send emails to [bkapplebaum@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bkapplebaum@sbcglobal.net).

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## T-BIRD SHOP

Open Fridays, A and B Lunch, during Football season -- Located in Breezeway, outside of the large gym. The following items are available for sale:

Window Decals  
 Metallic T-Bird Car Emblems  
 T-Shirts and Shorts  
 Bags

For more information or to place an order please contact us at [Tbirdstore@gmail.com](mailto:Tbirdstore@gmail.com).

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## CHS PTSA MEETING SCHEDULE 2011-2012

General Board Meeting Schedule - Tentative

Monday	August 29	Board Meeting
Monday	September 26	Board Meeting
Monday	October 24	Board Meeting
Monday	December 5	Board Meeting
Monday	January 23	Board Meeting
Monday	February 27	Board Meeting
Monday	March 26	Board Meeting
Monday	April 23	Board Meeting
Monday	May 21	Installation

All PTSA Members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Meetings of the Board will be at 11:30 a.m. in the AV Room in the Library (\*\*please be aware that location may change\*\*).



## COLLEGE READINESS

### The Go Center

“Your Journey Begins Here”

What are your plans after graduating from Coronado?

Where do you plan to attend a college, university, or other post-secondary school?

How will you finance your education beyond high school?

The 2011-2012 school year marks Coronado’s third year the Go Center has been in operation. This concept is part of focusing on “college readiness” and is dedicated to helping students make good career choices, apply to post-secondary schools, and learn what financial resources are available to them.

The Go Center is located in E Building, Computer Lab A. Students are encouraged to come before school in the mornings as well as some days during lunch or after school. While everyone at Coronado is willing to assist students in their future plans, the Go Center also has Daniel Gloria, Go Center G Force UTEP Liaison, and Sharon Conroy, Counselor, to work with students as they begin a career journey. Parental support is also a key component of student preparation, and parents are always welcome.

A Go Center handout will soon be available, listing various websites for students and parents to locate important information. Thirty computers are available in the lab for research. Students may begin by selecting a Program of Study. This unique concept was developed by the Center for Career and Technology Education and is an exciting and innovative tool to help students decided what career area that they would like to pursue.

The following are hours available to all students and parents:

Monday

7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday

7:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday

7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday

7:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Friday

7:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

We hope that everyone will become familiar with and will utilize the Go Center this coming year!



## CORONADO FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Please mark your calendar for this important event.

Topic: The Financial Aid Application (FAFSA)  
Location: E Building, Computer Lab A  
Date: Wednesday, February 1, 2012  
Time: 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Presenters: Financial Aid representatives from the University of Texas at El Paso  
Will be available to discuss the financial aid process  
Will assist students and parents in completing the form.

\*This is the same form for all colleges and universities to which a student wishes to apply.\*

Please bring the following documentation to this session:

- Your Social Security number and the Social Security numbers of your parents
- Your Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen
- Federal tax information or tax returns, for yourself and for your parents

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## COLLEGE AND CAREER GUEST SPEAKER LYCEUM SERIES

Coronado is beginning the eighth year of the College and Career Guest Speaker Lyceum Series. This "B" Lunch tradition brings together students and members of the community who share insight into various careers; e.g., the law and legal professions; culinary arts and business entrepreneurships; music and fine arts; law enforcement, homeland security, forensics, engineering, medicine and medical professions, and mass communications. The first presentation this year is on the Law and the Legal Professions.

The presentations are held during B Lunch, 11:57 am - 12:38 pm in the Speech Auditorium. Students with A Lunch may attend if permission is granted. Permissions forms are available in the Counseling Offices, A Building and E Building.

The dates for this year's presentation schedule are as follows:

- Tuesday, September 20     Mr. Mark Osborn, Kemp Smith Law Firm; Mr. Alejandro Hobbs, UTEP
- Tuesday, October 25
- Tuesday, November 29
- Tuesday, January 24
- Tuesday, February 21
- Tuesday, March 20
- Tuesday, April 17



# FALL SPORTS

\*Home Team Italicized

## Varsity Boys Football 7:00 pm

**Thurs Sept. 29**

Coronado - *Socorro*

**Fri Oct. 7**

Bel Air - *Coronado*

**Fri. Oct. 14**

Coronado - *Montwood*

**Fri Oct. 21**

Eastwood - *Coronado*

**Fri. Oct. 28**

Coronado - *El Dorado*

**Thurs. Nov. 3**

Franklin - *Coronado @ Sun Bowl*

## Varsity Boys Basketball 7:00 pm

**Thurs Nov. 15**

Coronado - *Parkland*

**Thurs - Sat. Nov. 17 - 19**

El Paso Tournament

**Thurs. Nov. 22**

Bel Air - *Coronado*

**Tues. Nov. 29**

Hanks - *Coronado*

## Varsity Girls Basketball

**Tues Nov. 8 @ 7:15 pm**

Coronado - *Parkland*

**Thurs Nov. 10 - Sat Nov. 12**

EPISD Tournament @ Chapin

**Tues Nov. 15@ 7:15 pm**

Las Cruces - *Coronado*

**Tues Nov. 22 @ 6:00 pm**

Coronado - *Americas*

**Tues Nov. 29 @ 7:15 pm**

Hanks - *Coronado*

## Cross Country

**Sat Sept. 24**

Lubbock Invitational

EPISD @ Haskins Park Franklin/EP

**Sat Oct. 1**

Canutillo @ Canutillo

**Sat Oct. 8**

Tornillo ISD @ Tornillo HS

**Wed. Oct 12** - 9th and Open

EPISD Chapin/Bowie @ Skyline

## Varsity Golf

GIRLS

**Oct 28-29** El Paso

Far West Texas Tournament

BOYS

**Oct 7-8** El Paso

Matt Hicks Paso del Norte Tournament

**Oct 28-29** El Paso

## Swimming

**Fri - Sat Oct. 21 - 22**

SISD Invitational

**Fri Oct. 28**

SISD Elite West Relays/Boys-Fri. 5:00 @ SAC

**Sat Oct. 29**

SISD Elite West Relay Girls 10:00 am @ SAC

**Fri Nov. 4**

SISD Far West TX Relays (Boys) @ 5:00 pm

**Fri Nov. 11**

Tigua - Cathedral/Loretto Invitational

**Thurs Nov. 17**

@ SAC

**Fri Dec. 9**

@ Armijo



## Ice Hockey

The 2011-12 Hockey Season will mark the inaugural season for the Coronado T-Birds Ice Hockey Team. The T-Birds, coached by Tom Herman (therman@rhinohockey.org) and T-Bird Alumni Sean Hitchcock, will be competing in the New Mexico High School league consisting of teams from Albuquerque, Los Alamos, Taos, Santa Fe and more. The T-Birds home games will be played at the Sierra Providence Event Center located behind the El Paso County Coliseum. The team is comprised of Coronado student athletes as well as other high school students. First scheduled home game will be October 29th, so come out and cheer on your T-Birds!!! Complete schedule will be posted on the CHS Website.

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## Girls Soccer

Beginning Tuesday, September 13th, there will be open field at the upper soccer fields (by the baseball and tennis courts) for the Girls Soccer Teams from 4pm-5pm. This will continue every Tuesday and Thursday, unless otherwise noted.

Cleats and shinguards are welcome, but not required. Please bring water and appropriate soccer clothes to play in; no jeans or skirts.

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## Wrestling

Isaac Jimenez, a sophomore, competed this summer at Cadet Nationals held in Fargo, North Dakota. Isaac was the National Champion Runner-Up in Greco-Roman and placed 5th in the country in Freestyle. He is no stranger to national accomplishments. He finished 8th in Greco-Roman and 4th in Freestyle a year ago. He is a 3 X Youth State Champ, a 3 X Freestyle State Champion, and a 3 X Greco-Roman State Champion. He has represented Texas the past two years competing at the national Duals.

## Team Tennis

### Fri Sept. 23

Hanks - *Coronado*

### Thurs Sept. 29 - Sat Oct. 1

Dallas Tournament

### Tues Oct. 4

Coronado - *Montwood*

### Fri Oct. 7

Coronado - *Socorro*

### Sat Oct. 8

Bel Air - *Coronado*

### Tues Oct. 11

Eastwood - *Coronado*

### Fri Oct. 14

Franklin - *Coronado*

### Tues - Sat Oct. 18 - 22

District Tournament

### Thurs - Sat Oct. 27- 29

Regional Tournament

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## Varsity Girls Volleyball

### Fri Sept. 23

Coronado - *El Dorado*

### Tues Sept. 27

Franklin - *Coronado*

### Fri Sept. 30

### Tues Oct. 4

Americas - *Coronado*

### Fri Oct. 7

Coronado - *Hanks*

### Tues Oct. 11

Socorro - *Coronado*

### Fri Oct. 14

Coronado - *Bel Air*

### Tues Oct. 18

Montwood - *Coronado*

### Fri Oct. 21

Coronado - *Eastwood*

### Tues Oct. 25

El Dorado - *Coronado*



**MAKE PLANS TO COME HELP WITH MUM MAKING.** This is the PTSA's primary fundraiser. All profits are returned to the school through various projects. We meet in the A/V room located in the Library in "C" building. You can stay all day, or stay an hour or two. No experience is needed.

If you have any questions, please call or contact any of us. Please join the fun,

Tina Gute		Shannon Adams	
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Maria Concha	
albert.concha@sbcglobal.net	539-6775

**MUM WORKSHOPS** (every MWF 9am - 3pm until Oct. 10):  
**WORKSHOPS & SALES** (Oct. 10-14: 8am - 4pm; Oct. 17 - 20: 8am - 4pm)  
**REPAIRS & CLEAN-UP:** Friday, October 21  
**HOME COMING GAME:** Friday, October 21, 2011

(sales begin October 10th before school and during lunch)

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## CHS YEARBOOK INFORMATION

**SALES/ONLINE ORDERING** - Buy the 2012 Yearbook Now! The 2012 Legend can now be purchased online by going to <https://yearbooksforever.com/>, typing in "Coronado" as the school and selecting "buy yearbook." There is a \$1 processing fee charged by the company for paying online. Yearbooks can still be purchased the "old-fashioned" way as well, by mailing a check or money order payable to Coronado High School in the amount of \$55.00 (the price will increase at the end of September), or by sending payment with their student to room A-30.

**SENIOR ADS** - Senior Yearbook Ad Sales are in full swing. Don't put it off and miss a chance for your child to have a special memory in the yearbook. You can also place your ad online by going to <https://yearbooksforever.com/>, typing in "Coronado" as the school and selecting "buy personal ad."

**SENIOR PHOTOS** - The designated photographer for senior photos is Glen Holbrook Photography. We only print photos taken by the designated photographer in the senior section of the yearbook. Parents should have received information in the mail over the summer regarding getting their student's senior photo taken. There was no sitting fee for those who took their photos by September 2. After that date, there is a \$10 sitting fee for the yearbook-only session. If you are doing another session at Glen Holbrook Photography, the yearbook photo is included in that sitting fee.

**UNDERCLASSMEN PHOTOS** - Underclass photos will be taken Wednesday afternoon on October 12, all day Thursday, October 13, and all day Friday, October 14. Retakes will take place on Thursday, November 3. We are aware that this is the day of the Westside Bowl, but we needed to get retakes done in early November so we can meet our deadlines, and that is the only date the photographers have available.



## HOMEcomings

Q: What is Homecoming?

A: Homecoming is a time of spirited celebration that allows us to give recognition to our various teams and activities.

Q: Are freshmen allowed to participate?

A: Yes! Freshmen may participate in ALL Homecoming activities.

Q: What is Spirit Week?

A: During Homecoming, we take the concept of Spirit Day (game day) and apply it to the entire week. During lunch each day, there is a dress-up competition, goofy games, prizes and lots of fun.

Q: Do I have to go to the Homecoming dance with a date?

A: Absolutely not! Many students go with a group of friends.

Q: Can I bring a guest from another school?

A: Yes.

Q: How should I dress for the dance?

A: Dress is semi-formal. Girls wear nice dresses, either short or full-length. Guys wear coat and tie. Tuxedos are not required, nor would they be appropriate.

Q: What are mums and garters, and when do we wear them? Where do we buy them?

A: Girls wear mums; guys wear garters. You may buy them at school from the PTSA during lunch in "C" Building. You wear them to school and to the football game. The boy purchases a MUM for his date. The girl purchases a GARTER for him. The garter is actually a small mum that is worn on the arm. The mum and garter are worn at school on game day and to the Homecoming game that night.

Q: Do we wear the mum/garter to the dance?

A: It's your decision, but most students don't. Some couples buy corsages and boutonnieres for each other.

Q: Who chaperones the dance?

A: Coronado High School administrators, class sponsors, teachers, and parents.

Q: Who can my parents contact if they have other questions about Homecoming?

A: They may call Kelly Groves, Student Activities Manager at 834-2471.

The Homecoming Dance (on Saturday) is sponsored by the Student Council. Tickets are available through the Student Activities Office.

Real flowers are worn to the dance and should be ordered from your favorite florist. Girls receive corsages and boys receive boutonnieres.

Before and after activities, such as dinner, are at the discretion of the students. Dates are, of course, not required. Students are encouraged to attend the festivities in groups.



## COLLEGE TESTING INFORMATION

### SAT

Register online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Test Date	Test	Regular Registration Date	Late Registration Date (Additional Fee Applies)
Oct. 1, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	Sept. 9, 2011	Sept. 21, 2011
Nov. 5, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	Oct. 7, 2011	Oct. 21, 2011
Dec. 3, 2011	SAT & Subject Tests	Nov. 8, 2011	Nov. 20, 2011
Jan. 28, 2012	SAT & Subject Tests	Dec. 30, 2011	Jan. 13, 2012

### ACT

Register online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
Oct. 22, 2011	Sept. 16, 2011	Sept. 30, 2011

## WATCHDOGS

“Watch D.O.G.S.” Program (Dads of Great Students) is the father involvement initiative of the National Center for Fathering that organizes fathers and father figures in order to provide positive male role models for the students and to enhance school security. WATCH D.O.G.S.®, invites fathers, grandfathers, uncles, or other father figures to volunteer at least one day all day at their child’s/student’s school during the school year.

### ROLES OF WATCHDOGS

- Encourage students! (with lots of smiles and high fives, etc.)
- Help with traffic flow of vehicles and students at arrival and dismissal times
- Monitor hallways and entrances
- Monitor buildings - inside/outside
- Assist at lunch
- Assist at recess, study hall, social times
- Eat lunch with students
- Actively and positively engage with their student and others
- Speak to classes about importance of education and career choices.
- Be available to mentor male students
- Be chaperones on fieldtrips and away games/activities
- Assist coaches and activity sponsors
- Help students with test review
- Support fine arts classes (i.e. band, choir, art, yearbook, etc.) with your presence and/or experience
- Smile and be a hero for a day



**CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL PTSA  
PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION  
JOIN TODAY**

**Your membership supports:**

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|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Project Graduation        | T-Bird Newsletter           |
| Senior Scholarships       | Reflections Art Program     |
| Coronado-in-Conquest Prom | Campus Programs             |
| Faculty Appreciation      | Career Training & Education |
| Orientation Packets       | Emailed School Information  |

**CHS MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

ADULT \$10.00      STUDENT \$5.00      FAMILY (4 persons) \$25.00

NAME (Parents): \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (Students): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

YES, I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO PROJECT GRADUATION!

\$ 10 \$ 20 \$ 50 \$ 75 \$ 100 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If you have been awarded a Life Membership please check here \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to CHS PTSA and include your phone number and student's name.

Please return form to:                    CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL PTSA  
    100 CHAMPIONS PLACE  
    EL PASO, TEXAS 79912

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Mimmy Halperin, PTSA President

Anne-Sere Hernandez, Membership, [annesere.hernandez@gmail.com](mailto:annesere.hernandez@gmail.com)

Holly Trubowitsch, Membership, [hollymt9@aol.com](mailto:hollymt9@aol.com)

Membership forms in Spanish available from Membership Chairpersons

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