



# San Pasqual Academy

## Bulletin

**As of September 17, 122 youth are living and studying at the Academy.**

### School Days...

- ◆ Classes started for the '04-'05 school year on September 1.
- ◆ Two journalism students attended workshops through Ignite Yearbook University at Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA, August 2-6.
- ◆ Our football players were invited to attend SDSU's football practice on August 14; they had a great view as they watched from the sidelines.
- ◆ Two students will be attending the 2004 High School Leadership conference in early October.
- ◆ Nine students have been selected and are being trained as Peer Mentors for the new Ready To Learn intervention program being implemented on campus. The final stage of Peer 1 training will include approximately 15 students from Grossmont Union district, and will be hosted on our campus.
- ◆ The varsity volleyball team started play on September 18th and has a twice-weekly schedule of 14 games.
- ◆ The varsity football team has started off with back-to-back wins and is expecting great results by the end of their 10-game schedule.

### Residential Information...

- ◆ Eight students enjoyed a day at Knott's Berry Farm on August 4, as a reward for having all A's and B's during the 4th Quarter.
- ◆ On August 5, students showed off their singing, dancing, poetry and comedy skills in a talent show held on campus.
- ◆ Several students went to the Holiday Bowl Reggae Festival in Los Angeles on August 8, where bands played, and booths featured Reggae history and memorabilia.

For more information about how you can help the Academy with donations or volunteer opportunities, please call Debby Syverson at (619) 435-4557.

### WHAT'S NEW

The new Sulpizio Family Health and Wellness Center facility, constructed with funds generously donated by the Sulpizio family, was officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on September 15.

- ◆ On August 12, a group of students went to Dizzy's in the Gaslamp District for a special jazz performance.
- ◆ On August 15, some of our students had a great time as they participated in a Yu-Gi-Oh tournament held in Escondido.
- ◆ One of the houseparents conducted a Girls Basketball Camp during the week of August 18, helping the girls prepare for the upcoming season with drills and weightlifting.
- ◆ Students performed on stage for a chance to win a prize at an 'American Idol'-themed Dance-off held on campus on August 18.
- ◆ Students raced in various events at the San Pasqual Pool Olympics on August 24, and the campus Field Event Olympics on August 26.
- ◆ On August 25, students were invited to play golf on the beautiful greens, enjoy facials, and relax in the pools and spas of Warner Springs Resort.
- ◆ On August 31, NAI staff took a group of interested students to visit Platt College, which specializes in computers, animation and graphic arts.

### Work Readiness...

- ◆ Students in the Pre-Employment Training (PET) program had a great time as guests of the Casey Foundation, at a banquet at the El Cortez Hotel on August 12; sixteen students, the largest group to date, participated in PET.
- ◆ The YES Program conducted a two-day Tech Center Orientation on August 26 and 30; school staff also participated.
- ◆ The tutor program had two students studying for the SATs every Tuesday through the summer in the Career Center.
- ◆ Three Multimedia classes were taught during the summer session
- ◆ Thirty-five internship and work experience placements were sponsored over the past summer; four of the eight worksites were off campus.
- ◆ Ten current students are in paid internships and PET sponsored activities.
- ◆ A committee has been established to meet individually with each senior to assist them with planning and goal setting, and scholarship workshops will be held beginning in September to assist students in meeting requirements and deadlines.

### Community Involvement...

- ◆ The San Pasqual Academy Neighbors (SPAN) senior volunteers have a new leader. Allison Price, from New Alternatives administrative office has joined the campus staff as SPAN Program Coordinator. Allison is showing a lot of enthusiasm as she helps the SPAN volunteers plan for a year full of fun, exciting and educational activities.
- ◆ The YES Program will be sponsoring a Career Fair on October 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m, with potential employers, community colleges, state universities, trade schools, military and scholarship representatives.
- ◆ Six alumni are currently residing in on-campus housing.