

BITNEY COLLEGE PREP NEWS

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WELCOME: A message from Marshall Goldberg, Principal

Greeting to all. I'd like to welcome back all our returning students and families and extend a special, warm welcome to all the new students and families who have chosen to join our school community. As you know it has been a busy summer – schools weren't designed to move. Thanks to the efforts of so many of you our new campus is now a reality. Yes, there's more work to do (isn't there always), but we're set up and ready for another exciting and rewarding year at Bitney. On that note, if you haven't noticed, our school underwent a name change this summer. I believe this new name "Bitney College Prep" truly reflects what we're doing. As always, if you have any questions or concerns don't hesitate to email or call the office. I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming schedule/orientation evenings.

WEB SITE: www.bitneyprep.net

The new Web site is currently being revamped. As always it will be filled with useful information about the school including links to on-line homework and grades, school newsletter, on-line calendar and bell schedule, ways to get involved, and much more. The Web site also contains the following resources: Community Handbook, Charter Petition, Parent Council Bylaws, and soon the library catalog and a student page among others. Check it out!

AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Schedule/Orientation nights:
 - Freshman and Juniors - Monday, August 20, 7:00 P.M.
 - Sophomores and Seniors - Tuesday, August 21, 7:00 P.M.
- First Day of School: Wednesday, August 22, 8:20 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

DIRECTIONS TO NEW CAMPUS AND DROP-OFF/PICK-UP INSTRUCTIONS

Our new campus is located on the Nevada Union High School (NU) site on Ridge Road. To get to our portion of the campus: turn into the main entrance to NU from Ridge Road, go through the parking lot and make a right at the end, make your first left, just past the school building (there is a gate and sign that says staff parking), follow this road to the right (immediately after a row of classrooms on your right), continue to the right (past the gymnasium on your left), the road then splits (left towards additional parking and exiting the campus back to Ridge Road), stay to the right, our campus is on the right (two rows of classrooms). Our office (with visitor parking immediately in front) is the first building on the right. Limited permit parking is available behind the last row of classrooms (stay on road to the right past last row of classrooms); please do not park on the side of classrooms (these are reserved) before the last row. To exit back to Ridge Road you will need to turn around (in our parking area) and proceed back. Once you are heading back, make a right at the Y following the road around the gymnasium and through the parking area (go to the left) to go back to the main road you entered this area on. Once back by the gate proceed to the left to exit on Ridge Road. This may sound a bit confusing but it is actually pretty straightforward (I hope) once you are there.

There are several drop-off and pick-up options available. You may follow the directions to our campus and drop off students by the office (at the Y if there are no cars behind you – please be safe and considerate of others) or continue around to our parking area behind the last row of classrooms, drop off students and turn around to exit. Alternately, you may drop off at other convenient and safe spots on campus or nearby. Gold Country Stage has routes that serve the campus on Ridge Road and Sierra College Drive (check with the bus line for detail on times and routes). Another excellent drop-off and pick-up option is on Sierra College Drive by the Sierra College field (across from the new BriarPatch market by the roundabout). There is bus stop on Sierra College Drive as well as ample pull off and parking available along the road. Adjacent to the field is the Litton Trail - a short and direct pathway to our campus. This is approx. a 3-4 minute leisurely walk along a pleasant path. I encourage you to consider this option out to avoid any possible congestion at pick-up and drop-off times. Please note: due to the limited overall parking on the NU campus, all parking (except in designated visitor parking areas) is by permit only and on a first come basis; vehicles parked without a permit may be ticketed and required to pay a fine. Student parking permits are available in our office.

CONTACTING TEACHERS, THE DEAN, AND THE PRINCIPAL

Because our school is small, it is often possible to see the principal, the dean, or teachers as soon as questions and concerns arise; however, there are times when immediate access is not possible. For this reason, we have initiated the following communication process:

Emergency Situation	Non-Emergency Situation
1. Contact the school office and your call will be directed to the highest available authority.	1. Send an E-mail that clearly states the problem, concern and expected outcome. Be sure to put student’s name in the subject line. 2. Expect an E-mail response or phone call within 1-2 school days. 3. If you do not receive a response, or if the matter is not an emergency, but needs immediate attention, call the school office and ask Mary to arrange an appointment.

NEW CHARTER, NEW NAME:

Effective July 1, 2007, we left the Twin Ridges School District and began operating under a new charter sponsored by the County Superintendent of Schools. This was a seamless transition and a positive move for our school, giving us more autonomy and more support. At the same time, the name of the school was officially changed to Bitney College Preparatory High School, or informally, Bitney College Prep.

ENROLLMENT:

Our current enrollment is just over 80 students and we’re doing new enrollment conference daily. We currently have space for at least 10 more students and are looking to fill these spaces as soon as possible - so please tell your friends: *Bitney College Prep is a supportive, college-preparatory environment with limited enrollment, small class sizes, enthusiastic teachers, and personal attention in an atmosphere of mutual respect.*

THANK YOU TO THE PARENTS AND STUDENTS WHO HELPED US MOVE OUR NEW CAMPUS

A special thank you to Lora Willis for coordinating the move, to Francesca Spencer for renting moving vans and to Shari Phillips and Alice Martin for buying and preparing lunch. To all the students (returning, new, and alumni), parents, grandparents, and friends who helped load, unload, drive, clean and more, we couldn’t have done it without you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

THANK YOU TO PARENTS WHO HELPED (AND CONTINUE TO) SET-UP AND BEAUTIFY THE NEW CAMPUS

A special thank you to Lisa Hooper who is coordinating the set-up and beautification efforts, and the generous contributions from the Martin family, Susan Rogers (alumni parent), Dennis Crane, and others enabling us to purchase materials and a large new tent. And many thank yous to the students and parents prepping and painting, building fences, moving and setting up rooms, researching equipment, and more. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

THANK YOU TO STAFF WHO HELPED US MOVE, SET-UP AND BEAUTIFY THE NEW CAMPUS

A special thank you to all the staff who put so much time and effort into planning, packing, moving, set-up, and beautifying! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF MEMBERS

- Michele Coder: Resource Teacher
- Jason Elfert: Study period monitor
- Michael Freedman: English, Senior Seminar, Journalism, Leadership
- Marion Jeffery: Computer graphics and drama
- Jennifer Trujillo: English, Yearbook

WILDERNESS WEEK September 18-21

The Wilderness Week committee met several times and has firmed up the base site (Woodchuck 4H Camp near Truckee) and having Synergia (Debra and Tom Weistar) help plan and coordinate many of the activities. The plan at this point is to have a 4-day event (Tuesday – Friday). The final details are being formulated and more information will be sent out in the next two weeks. Be sure to complete the Wilderness Week Information Form and submit the \$150.00 to cover food, camp rental, transportation and activities. If this poses a financial hardship please contact the office to make alternate arrangements. Contact the office if you have any questions.

CHARTER AND PARENT COUNCILS

Charter Council	Parent Council
Meetings: (usually) Second Tues. of each month @ 6:00 P.M. at the school. Next meeting: Sept. 4th Chair: Chris Schneider (Facult Rep) Secretary: Lora Willis (Parent Member) Faculty Reps: Laurel Phillips Dean of Academic Affairs: Bruce Herring Parent Members: Jan Fishler, Rick Robins Community Members: Alison Rapp, Ray Patton	Meetings: (usually) First Monday of each month @6:00 p.m. at the school. Next meeting: Sept. 10th Chair: Lisa Hooper Vice-Chair: Lora Willis Secretary: Susan Rogers Treasurer: TBD

Parent Council is currently in need of a treasurer. The treasurer is an officer on Parent Council and will need to attend monthly Parent Council meetings, make bank deposits, and write checks. Francesca Spencer (an alumni parent) does the bookkeeping & preparation of financial reports. It's a pretty easy position due to the work Francesca does. Please contact Lisa Hooper at Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com, 272-1182 if you are interested.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student government is an important aspect of life at Bitney. Freshman class elections will be held in September. More information on this will be forthcoming. Some basic info on student government: students are permitted to campaign for themselves, posters have to be pre-approved by the Principal before they can be displayed, each class can only vote for their elected nominees in their own grade, votes are counted, and the results are announced as soon as possible, to prevent unfair voting changes, only non-campaignees count the votes, Student Council members participate in Leadership, Student Council takes

ideas and recommendations from class meetings and Leadership to the Administration, Faculty, Charter and Parent Councils.

HOW TO SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

- Attendance and Participation
Your student's attendance is vital to the school, both financially and educationally; classroom experience with faculty and other students cannot be replaced by simply reading the notes. Because each student is important to our school community, when even one person is absent, some part of the school's spirit and team feeling is lost for that day.
- See your student as a credit to him/herself, your family, and to the school.
You can set up your student for success at school in the following ways:
Let your student know that his/her success is important to you.
Provide a quiet spot to do homework – check that it gets done, and turned in.
Review [homework online](#) and [grades online](#) frequently.
Encourage hard work and good behavior in the classroom.
Lastly, but still very important - plenty of sleep and nutritious food.
- Tell your friends and neighbors about Bitney College Prep
- Enrollment is our main source of income; every year, we do outreach to attract new students (freshman and others). You can support this effort by telling your friends and neighbors about the school. We have school brochures that are available in the office for distribution or you may prefer to direct your friends to our website.
- Pledge your time and money & participate in painless fundraising efforts. More information will be available during schedule/orientation nights.

CLUBS, ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES STUDENTS CAN JOIN

Key Club
Leadership
Student Government
Ultimate Frisbee Team
Yearbook
School Newspaper (Journalism)
