

BITNEY COLLEGE PREP NEWS

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The Bitney College Prep News is an electronic publication distributed to parents, students and the community. If you have information for an upcoming issue, please E-mail janfishler@comcast.net or leave a phone message at 530-277-9173. The publication is also available at the school office and on the school website (www.BitneyPrep.net).

MESSAGE FROM DEAN HERRING:

Our second semester is officially off to a great start. The new seventh period elective offerings are as rich and varied as they have been in several years. Mr. Wood is also teaching a popular academic elective during fourth period in Documentary Film. As to the future, everyone should know that we are putting a lot of effort into expanding the freshman class for next year. As mentioned below on the calendar, we are holding an Info Night for prospective students and parents on Wednesday, February 20, at 6:30 pm. It is imperative that we have a good turnout. Please spread the word to anyone you know with eighth graders.

We are also presently fielding two athletic teams! Besides the annual effort of Air Traffic Control, our ultimate disc team, the Bitney Bulldogs take to the indoor soccer field at Samba once a week. Our team is competing in the adult coed B league. Thanks to Charley Hooper for playing a huge role in making this happen.

URGENT: BUDGET DEFICIT

Due to lower enrollment than projected and mid-year budget cuts from the state, the school is experiencing a severe budget deficit. If you are able to pledge (many families already support the school with monthly pledges or one time donations, but we are in dire need of more) or know students who might be a good match for our school (increasing enrollment is our best revenue source), now is the time to take action. Remember, your donation to the school is tax deductible and funds a unique school providing a necessary program for our students. We need your help! Checks should be made out to Bitney College Preparatory High School. Pledges/donations may also be made with credit cards one time or monthly (call the office for more detail.) If we are unable to rectify the budget, we will be forced to consider budget cuts.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 22 – Second Semester begins
- January 25 – Mock Brain Buster Challenge
- January 26 – **School Work Day Cancelled**
- January 30 – Tibetan Monks visit Bitney (see note below)
- February 2 – School Work Day 8:30a.m.- 1:00 p.m. **PLEASE COME AND HELP**
- February 4 – Nevada County Reads: Jordan Fisher Smith, author of *Nature Noir*, visits Bitney
- February 5 & 6 - California High School Exit Exam for Sophomores; Trip to Sierra College Grass Valley Campus for Juniors and Seniors
- February 9 - Brain Buster Challenge
- February 12 – Charter Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m. at the school
- February 20 - Information Evening for prospective new Student/Family
- March 7 – Third annual talent show

COSTA RICA FIELD TRIP MARCH 25-APRIL 2.

We have a field trip to Costa Rica scheduled for March 25-April 2. Laurel Phillips, once again in cooperation with an educational tour group (Educational Tours), will be leading the trip during spring break. Currently there are 6 students and one parent going. For more information contact Laurel at the school.

BRIARPATCH: NEW PAINLESS FUNDRAISER FOR BITNEY

The BriarPatch Community Market on Sierra College Drive has started a new voucher program to encourage healthy eating and support local schools. Vouchers, now available in the school office, earn 1% of all your purchases rebated to Bitney each month. Please take advantage of this and other

painless way to support our school. *Prepaid Gift cards (giving a 10% discount on purchases) for students are also available at BriarPatch (must show student ID to purchase).*

BRAIN BUSTER CHALLENGE

On February 9, Bitney College Prep is hosting the second annual Brain Buster Challenge – an exciting 1-day event where 7th and 8th grade students come to our school to compete in various categories (math, English, science/technology, history, the arts, music, pop culture and problem-solving), experience first hand what we have to offer, win prizes and more.

TIBETAN MONKS VISIT BITNEY

On Wednesday, January 30, Bitney will once again host a visit by a group of Tibetan monks. Back by popular demand, the monks will provide our students with an insight into their culture, music and debate. The presentation will occur at a special morning assembly. The monks do not charge for this event, rather they ask for donations to help offset their travel and living expenses. We ask that those families that can - please send monetary donations with students on the day of the assembly. Thank you for your support in our efforts to bring this and other cultural events to our school.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

Thanks to several parent volunteers coming forward, the school lunch program will be open at least four days a week. This is an easy and fun way to make a big difference in your student's school day and get to know their friends. If you are interested in helping out please contact Kris Gardner at 432-9819 or 906-9173 for details.

WISH LIST

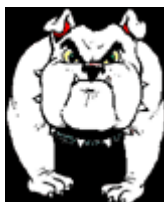
Currently, the school is in need of: one small tuff shed for the storage of art and P.E. supplies. newer computers, someone to install/build (or help) coverings over the lockers, portable self-contained sinks, counter/island for the lunch room, book shelves, storage shelves, 7-12 passenger van. If you can help with any of these, please call the office.

SUPPORT THE SCHOOL

- Attend Parent Council meetings: usually held at **6:15 pm** at the school on the **first Monday of every month**. Contact Lisa Hooper for more information: Lisa@ObjectiveInsights.com
- Participate in Painless Fundraising
- Pledge
- Recruit new students
- Be sure your student comes to school (state revenues are based on student attendance)

WEB SITE: www.bitneyprep.net HOMEWORK ONLINE

Grades and homework are online. Access instructions have been mailed to all families. If you do not receive information on accessing these or need help accessing your student's grades (once you receive the instructions) please contact Mary in the office (477-1235).



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Bitney College Prep – home of the bulldogs