

PACIFIC SPECIFICS

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PORT ORFORD-LANGLAIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Building Sparkles, Freshman Arrive!

The building was sparkling and the floors so shiny that students could see their reflections as they came in with their parents or guardians on August 24th & 25th to register for the 2006-07 school year. As the new principal, I had the opportunity to personally meet with every parent and student, introducing myself and getting to know our constituents on an informal basis, letting parents know that my door is always open, and that we as a staff are committed to the success of their students.

We have a large freshman class this year, with 33 students in attendance. Grade 10, sophomores, number at 27; Grade 11, juniors, 36; seniors, Grade 12, number at 32 students. Total student body at Pacific High School is 128.

Teachers reported back to work on Tuesday, Aug 29th, to join in with the rest of the district staff in an In-service Day with a "Welcome Back BBQ", hosted and served by the Board of Directors for the Port Orford-Langlois School District. Joe Brown, Board Chair, coordinated the cooking of the hamburgers, grilling them to perfection with

the help of his fellow Directors. What a fantastic way to set the tone for building partnerships to create an educational environment in which our students can grow and thrive. Back in the building on August 30 & 31, teachers and other staff members transformed classrooms into warm, inviting, educationally stimulating environments where students experience successful learning. We place a very high premium on teaching and learning in this district. I as principal/superintendent, by my presence in the classrooms of Pacific High School and the rest of the district, will continually reinforce our holding to this mission.

Our dedicated and talented coaches have been very busy, preparing our Volleyball, Cross Country, and Soccer teams for their upcoming games. Schedules are being printed in the Port Orford News as we are committed to ensuring that our community has as much information as possible on school events.



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Freshman Orientation a Success! (cont. on page 2)

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New Teachers Welcomed

We are welcoming to our staff family Michael Smith, new Science Teacher, who is coming to us with extensive experience and exceptional knowledge in curriculum and instruction in the area of science and math.

We are also fortunate to have Sidonie Rhodes joining our teaching staff, who is teaching Journalism, English classes, and Careers. She is also providing the leadership to

the development of our CRLS program, ensuring that all of our Pacific students will be on target with what they need to graduate.

Tony LaPlante has already revolutionized the Metals/Woods/ Agricultural Sciences department with extensive work in the shop area; we welcome him to the High School as Vocational Education teacher.

Lastly, we want to welcome Don Drescher, night custodian here at the High School who will be joining Lonnie in providing the custodial support and maintenance that this building needs and deserves.



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I had the opportunity to speak to our freshman students; here are just a few of the excerpts from my challenge to them.

"You have been looking forward to this start of your high school year for a long time. I and my high school staff are excited for you to join the Pirates of the Pacific, the student body at Pacific High School. I want you all to know how committed we are to your success.

Today I want to ask of you four things:

- 1) That you believe in yourself, that you are as committed as we are to your education;
- 2) That you act toward your fellow students and staff with both respect and honor;
- 3) That you dream big... That you try even if you are afraid, that you strive even beyond what you think you can do...
- 4) That you begin the process during your high school years of being lifelong learners. Life is not a problem to be solved but an adventure to be lived.

To you and your parents, I want you to know that I have an open door policy. Your teachers and I want and need to hear from you, if there is an area where you are struggling, let us know so we can help.

So welcome! I look forward to getting to know each and everyone of you this year."

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Principal

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