



# South Lake News

## Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

We have had another wonderful start to our school year and we find ourselves energized by the excitement and enthusiasm that our students are bringing to school each day.

We had another busy summer at South Lake. We hosted a four week, four hours a day, summer school program which showcased our "Moving Into The Middle" program. Along with "Moving Into The Middle," we also offered four different levels of mathematics instruction, Spanish exploration and readers/writer's workshop. The response from our community was great as we filled our classes with enthusiastic students. Summer also provided us with an opportunity to take care of some needed school repairs and maintenance work.

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With our new school year, South Lake students are gearing up to participate in different school wide events. On Friday, October 23, South Lake students will be joining their peers from across the nation as our entire district hosts its third annual "Walk to School Day," promoting a cleaner environment and healthier lifestyle for our students. This event leads directly into our annual Red Ribbon Week, where our students take additional time to focus on the importance of having a healthy and productive lifestyle while also learning about the dangers of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse.

On the theme of community service and community support, our PTSA has already launched our second annual Direct Donation Fundraising Campaign for South Lake. This fundraising effort is used to support an incredible array of South Lake programs. Two years ago, after surveying our different parent groups, our PTSA agreed with the many parent requests that our school community would be better served by simply making a direct appeal to parents for support, and then making sure that 100% of that support went directly to enhancing the school program for your children. That's what this fundraising campaign is all about. No gimmicks, no hidden costs, no money wasted. Every cent of your donation goes directly to your students at South Lake! As this newsletter is being downloaded onto our webpage, our fundraiser will be entering its last official week, so with great anticipation for a successful campaign, I would like to thank our PTSA and all of our families for their generous and ongoing support.

**Addition of New Staff:** For this new school year, South Lake has had the opportunity to add three new teachers to our faculty. We are very excited to welcome these outstanding individuals to our teaching team:

**Roseanna Zimmer** - Joining us as our new Mathematics teacher is Roseanna Zimmer. Roseanna grew up in the San Fernando Valley and graduated from the University of California at Irvine with a degree in Psychology and Social Behavior. Roseanna is well known to many students and parents in the South Lake community as she comes to us from Springbrook Elementary School, where she has taught for the last nine years. Roseanna has also taught math for South Lake's summer school program for the last three years. Roseanna brings a great deal of math expertise to South Lake, has been very active in providing teaching leadership to our district on upper grade mathematics, and has been a key teacher leader in articulation meetings between sixth grade teachers and middle school mathematics teachers. Roseanna lives in San Clemente with her husband and three children and laughingly shares that in her spare time she enjoys taking graduate mathematics classes, playing computer games, and doing laundry.

**Denise Allen** - We feel very fortunate that we have Denise Allen joining us as the newest member of South Lake's special education instructional team. After spending most of her childhood in Connecticut, Denise moved with her family to California where she graduated from Canyon High School in

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Orange. Denise did her undergraduate work at UC Irvine, and then went on to complete her graduate work in special education at Cal State University, Fullerton. Coming to us from the Capistrano Unified School District, Denise enjoys sharing her free time with her teenage daughter while also hiking, traveling, and trying out new food.

**Allison Nesor** – Our South Lake students already know Allison Nesor as our library/media assistant. Along with her leadership in the library, we are now fortunate to also have Allison teaching one period of English for us each morning and also leading her own student advisement group in the afternoon. Allison is a native Californian who first attended BYU, then did a year of study abroad in Spain, returning to the States to complete her undergraduate work in English at UCLA. After UCLA, Allison taught English at Shaanxi Teacher's University in Xian, China. Returning from China, Allison eventually settled in Irvine where she and her husband have been busy raising their four children. When she finds the time, Allison enjoys traveling, movies and reading.

*All of us at South Lake are looking forward to this new school year. It's hard to imagine a more rewarding "job" than one that allows us to spend our days with students who are so full of energy, intellect and creativity. I can't tell you how excited I am to be part of this incredible South Lake team.*

Sincerely,

**Bruce Baron**  
Principal

### GROCERY CARD PROGRAM UPDATE

Thank you for linking your grocery cards to South Lake PTSA!

**Last year, parents & staff earned our PTSA over \$5,500!**

To participate in this no-cost program, link your grocery cards to our school. Just contact the individual stores or websites. Then swipe your card each time you shop, and the stores donate money to our school from their proceeds.

Even if you linked your cards last year, you must re-link them every fall so the stores will donate these funds. The ID # under each store name is the link to South Lake PTSA.

Anyone can participate – relatives, neighbors, friends who shop at any of these stores (any location) as long as they link their cards to South Lake.

<b>Albertsons</b>	<b>Vons/eScrip</b>	<b>Ralphs</b>
ID# 49001008163	ID# 6565805	NPO# 82481
(877)-932-7948	(800) 723-3929	(800) 660-9003
<a href="http://www.albertsons.com/cp/">www.albertsons.com/cp/</a>	<a href="http://www.escrip.com">www.escrip.com</a>	<a href="http://www.ralphs.com">www.ralphs.com</a>

Questions? Contact Janice Numamoto at [JNumamoto@cox.net](mailto:JNumamoto@cox.net)

## EASY ACCESS TO SOUTH LAKE'S SCHOOL CALENDAR



Now there is an easy way to find out when your student has a Modified or Minimum Day schedule, when Parent-Teacher Conferences are, dates for school dances and music/drama performances. Access this calendar by simply going to our school website (<http://www.southlakems.org/>) and clicking on the link that is provided where you can view the entire 2009-2010 school calendar and our most recent listing of upcoming events.

## Your South Lake Principal

Hello – For many of you reading this newsletter, this will be your first year to have a child at South Lake. Even if you are new to the South Lake community, I may have already had the opportunity to meet many of you in person – perhaps at our 7th grade orientation or at Back To School Night. In case we haven't had the chance to meet, I would like to share just a few things about myself so you will know, a little better, the principal your child will be spending the next one to two years with.

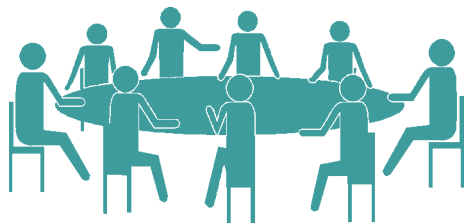
I have been an educator in Irvine for the past 30 years, first as a teacher at Irvine High School, then as a program coordinator for the District Office, and then as principal of Los Naranjos Elementary School. Before coming to South Lake eight years ago, I served as the principal of Lakeside Middle School. Additionally, I am a member of the Department of Education faculty at U.C. Irvine where I teach and train student teachers. My wife, Christine, and I have lived in Irvine for many years, and both of our sons have attended Irvine schools from kindergarten through 12th grade. Our older son, Matt, and his wife Jennifer, recently moved from Los Angeles to Kansas City. Matt is a professional jazz saxophonist with a master's degree in music from Cal Arts and Jennifer is a professor of English. Our younger son, Josh, after spending a year at University College, Cork in Ireland returned home to finish his degree in English at UCSB. Josh is the editor-in-chief for Relix Magazine in New York City where he works along side his wife, Rachel, who is the company's vice president for advertising and integrated sales. Christine taught English at Fountain Valley High School for many years until she retired in June of 2009, and for several years wrote a monthly column on education for The Los Angeles Times entitled, "From In Front of the Class." (In our earlier years, Christine and I teamed-up to write a parent's guide to education in America for both Warner Books and Consumer Reports Magazine, entitled, What Did You Learn In School Today?)

Teaching and learning are a way of life for me. I find it almost indescribably invigorating to spend time around teachers and students, coaching and participating in the learning process. I believe in high expectations for all students, and I am a researcher and an optimist who believes that there is always more we can learn about how to help every student fulfill his/her potential. I am a deep believer in community involvement. I know what an incredible impact parent support makes in the education of a child, and I know how important it is to parents that there be open, frequent, informative and honest lines of communication between the home and the school.

If you have the opportunity to visit South Lake during the school day or after school, please take the time to drop by and say hello.

I am truly looking forward to working with your students and serving this school community.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY OFFICERS



We would like to recognize and congratulate our ASB officers for the 2009-2010 School Year:

*President.....Gabi Sagorin*  
*Vice President.....Emily Manos*  
*Secretary.....Amanda Tarwater*  
*Treasurer .....Breana Cervantes*  
*Activities Officer .....Michelle Parker*

These student leaders will be a great help in facilitating the ASB/Leadership elective at South Lake.



## ASB/Leadership Plans Fall Activities

South Lake's ASB/Leadership students have already been busy planning and promoting upcoming fall activities. The goal for this year is getting students involved in their school and community. ASB/Leadership students are looking for opportunities to call South Lake students to action. This year, we started our first week of school with a canned food drive for Families Forward as a day of service and remembrance of September 11th. Considering that the students only had about 3 days to turn in food, we collected 140 cans for Families Forward. We are also currently working with Families Forward to see how South Lake students can help as the holidays approach. Finally, October will be Spirit Month. A "plaid-themed" dress-up day will kick it off on October 16 and a lunchtime activity will take place that Friday in October. We are also planning our walk to school day and are brainstorming ideas about a special guest speaker coming in for Red Ribbon Week. With the enthusiasm students are already generating, it promises to be a great year!



## South Lake Middle School Continues School-to-Home Communication Initiative

South Lake Middle School will continue its new effort to support school-to-home communication beginning the second week of October.

Utilizing software developed by the Teleparent Corporation, our teachers will be able to send home a variety of pre-recorded phone messages that update parents on how their individual child is progressing in school. As an example, teachers may notify parents if their child did not turn in a homework assignment on a particular day, or perhaps received a poor grade on a quiz or unit exam. In the same vein, teachers may also notify parents of academic or social improvements a student has made.

As opposed to the parent telephone notification system used by school principals, this new system will only deliver a message to a home specifically chosen by a teacher, to match a concern, or comment of support, for that individual child. With the use of this additional communication effort, it is important for parents to remember that it is an individual teacher's discretion to use this notification system, and that our use of Teleparent messages does not replace the importance of parents checking their student's planners or a teacher's Blackboard website on a daily or regular basis. As always, we believe that it is the student's primary responsibility to utilize our daily tools of student planner use and a teacher's website to stay organized, up-to-date, and to keep parents informed of daily school expectations and progress.

The Teleparent Corporation has designed the program to deliver these notifications to parents between 5:00 and 8:30 p.m. Additionally, each message is recorded in a number of home languages, and thus will be sent home using the "language of choice" parents selected on their registration cards for school-to-home communication. Please remember, that this is an individual system, so that while some homes may receive a number of phone notifications, there are other homes that may receive very few such notifications – even throughout the course of the year.

While this system has been used in many schools and districts throughout LA and Orange County, we are proud to be the first school in Irvine to have made use of this program and are pleased to be able to continue our utilization this year.

**If you wish to receive these individualized phone notifications on a different phone number than your home phone, or perhaps you would like to receive them in a different language, please contact Karen Ritter at 936-6704 who will make the necessary adjustments to our system.**



# COUNSELING

*Expanding and enhancing student success...*

Our mission is to develop effective programs and strategies to meet the many needs of the early adolescent. We focus on fostering a sense of belonging and empowering students to deal effectively with the many changes they encounter. The South Lake Counseling Program is guided by the American School Counselor Association (ASCA) National Model. This model provides the mechanism with which school counselors and school counseling teams design, coordinate, implement, manage and evaluate their programs for students' success.

**Program Overview:** Currently, South Lake Middle School qualifies for a 1.2 counseling allocation. Mrs. Kaminsky is the full time counselor assigned to South Lake and Mrs. Holcomb assists with counseling and guidance duties one period per day. Mrs. Kaminsky can be reached at 936-6713 and Mrs. Holcomb at 936-6726. Our counselors work closely with administrators, teachers, parents, students and the community to support academic, social and emotional growth for all students.

Mrs. Kaminsky and Mrs. Holcomb are available to support students in any area that is of importance or concern to them. Our counselors are a resource to all parents and teachers who may wish to discuss ideas or concerns regarding their students' progress, social growth, behavior, problem solving, post middle school plans and/or any other special needs.

**Guidance:** Guidance programs are designed to encourage problem solving, decision-making, and conflict resolution. The concept of a peaceful, cooperative school environment has a positive impact on students, teachers, and the school district. Through managing and resolving problems, students and staff can create an atmosphere where learning and instruction are the first priority.

**Services:** Students may participate in after school counseling activities, solicit one-on-one support, or benefit from various programs presented through classroom instruction and student leadership opportunities. Our Counseling Department oversees before and after school classes which help students with study skills and homework completion. Additionally students enjoy participating in Community Service opportunities and may contact the counselor for referrals and ideas. Community Service may include cross-age tutoring with neighborhood schools, working with senior citizens, or caring for animals. Please feel free to stop by the counseling office to see Mrs. Kaminsky or Mrs. Holcomb.

**Project Success:** This is a grant-funded district program that supports South Lake's counseling department. The goal of Project Success is to provide information, personal, academic support, and resources leading to learning success for all students.

Marci Wallin will be South Lake's **Support Specialist**. She will support the school counselors and administrators to assist students and families individually and in groups. Ms. Wallin provides support by helping students develop social skills, including decision making, anger management, communication, problem solving and relationship building. Additionally, Ms. Wallin will be overseeing several community service projects with our students. She can be reached at 936-6748.

## South Lake Middle School

### Red Ribbon Week

**October 26-30**

**"Dream, Believe, Achieve, Succeed"**

**EVERY STUDENT...EVERY DAY**

South Lake will be celebrating **Red Ribbon Week** beginning October 26th. To introduce the week, there will be a special school wide assembly scheduled. FLO MULHERE from California Youth Services, who has dedicated a large part of her life to preventing drug use in young adults, will do a presentation on positive decision making for South Lake students.

We are working with the California Highway Patrol to set up another presentation for students regarding the risks associated with using drugs and alcohol, especially in motor vehicles. Through our tremendous Physical Education classes seventh and eighth graders will be viewing a video titled "Natural High," which focuses on choosing healthy avenues to cope with the daily stresses of life. Additional activities include student pledges to be drug free and activities planned by our ASB leadership class that focus on healthy choices. The City of Irvine *Youth Action Team* (YAT) is collaborating with South Lake to help decorate the school and create a paper "chain of health," constructed in part by each student's pledge to stay drug-free.

This year's theme *Dream, Believe, Achieve, Succeed* motivates young people to focus on the possibilities of their life. In order for students to achieve their dreams, they need support in building caring relationships and creating high expectations for themselves. Students will have the opportunity to express views on this theme through their Language Arts classes in the annual art and essay contest.

During Red Ribbon Week, look for the school to be decorated with ribbons and banners signifying our students' choice to live healthy lives. Special thanks to all our amazing **PTSA volunteers** for their efforts in assisting with this worthwhile event.



## PTSA President's Message

South Lake Families:

Those few, hectic beginning weeks of school are past us now and I hope you and your students have had a great start to a new school year. Now that students have settled in they will have the opportunity to participate in all of the wonderful supplemental programs that South Lake has to offer. Our ASB program, noontime sports activities, after school classes, and academic competitions are open to all students and are financially supported by our PTSA.

By now, you should have received information about our Direct Donation Drive. This fundraiser takes 100% of the money donated by our families and pays for the school programs enjoyed by our students. If you have already sent in your contribution, thank you for your commitment to our school. If you are still considering a possible donation, please send it in today. The budget cuts have been drastic this year and we need your help more than ever to keep our programs going strong.

Another program with which we could use your support is our Grocery Card program. This is an easy and free way to give money to the school and there is more information in this newsletter as well as a flyer available in the front office.

On Friday, October 23rd, South Lake will participate in the annual IPSF sponsored Walk To School Day. This event, which promotes exercise, a "green" perspective and good health habits, was very popular last year. Please encourage your child to take part in this fun, school-wide event.

Our next PTSA meeting will be Wednesday, October 28th at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room near the front office. All are welcome.

Other programs our PTSA Board members are currently working on include the school directory, the Reflections program, after school classes and advocating for our students and schools at the district and state level.

Hopefully, you have discovered that South Lake is a wonderful school with amazing teachers and administrators, but what you may not know is that we have an incredible parent community working on a daily basis to support students and staff. Their involvement truly makes our events and activities happen. I'd like to thank our terrific Board Members as well as everyone who has helped already this year with assembling first day packets, our Welcome Back Coffee, PE Uniform distribution, soliciting raffle prizes and implementing our Membership, Direct Donation, Grocery Card, Each One Teach One, and Shark Cards programs.

A calendar of PTSA events as well as the Board member contact details can be found on the South Lake website under the PTSA link. Most PTSA-related program flyers can also be found in the front office.

Our year is off to a great start!

Cathy Haney  
South Lake PTSA, President

## South Lake PTSA Board 2009-2010



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## Student Medication Alert

**SPECIAL ATTENTION:  
STUDENTS WHO USE  
INHALERS FOR ASTHMA OR  
TAKE OVER-THE-COUNTER  
(OTC) MEDICATION FOR  
HEADACHES, STOMACH  
ACHES, MUSCLE PAINS, ETC.**

While most parents are aware that ANY PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION their student must take during school hours needs an IUSD Medication form completed by **both the parent and the student's physician/health care provider**, many parents fail to realize that asthma inhalers and over-the-counter medications such as Tylenol, Advil, etc. for various ailments, fall into this category as well. California Ed. Code Sec. 49423 allows school personnel to administer medication as long as this form is on file in the Health Office. Our school nurse, Ms. Samantha Lutz, serves several schools and is not available every day to administer medication. Usually the school office staff or the health clerk (Mary Jo Kauker) will administer it. Responsible students diagnosed with asthma or severe life-threatening allergies (to bees, nuts, etc.) may self-administer their emergency inhaler/epi-pen medication with specific physician permission (located on the IUSD medication form) and school nurse approval.

Please **DO NOT** send inhalers or any other medication to school with your student **WITHOUT THE IUSD MEDICATION FORM completed and on file**. Of course, IUSD Health Services strongly encourages any medication given on a regular basis be given at home rather than at school, but realizes that this is not always possible.

This REQUIRED medication form can now be obtained from either your child's school Health Office or from the Irvine Unified School District Health Services Office (located adjacent to Woodbridge High School).

That's all there is to it. Please complete both the parent and physician sections, have your physician stamp the form with his/her office stamp, and return the completed form to the Health Office at your child's school along with the medication in the **original pharmacy container**. Irvine physicians have been contacted by IUSD Health Services and made aware of school district requirements regarding medication at school. These completed medication forms may be faxed and are valid for the remainder of the school year in which they are signed.

If you have any questions, please contact your School Nurse (936-6711) or Health Services at 936-7920. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation in our effort to make sure every student is safe during his/her time at school and that no unauthorized medications are on campus for everyone's safety.

## Ask a Scientist Night

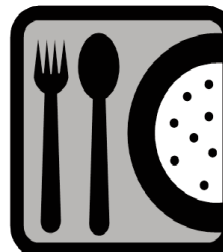


The Irvine Unified School District will sponsor "Ask-A-Scientist Night" from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at Rancho San Joaquin Middle School.

Students who are working on Science Fair projects will have an opportunity to ask questions and receive advice from practicing scientists and engineers from Beckman, Allergan, Rockwell, the Irvine Ranch Water District, UC Irvine, USC, Irvine Valley College, Chapman University and other local science-related institutions. In addition, district science teachers will be on hand to assist.

Students will also be able to purchase Science Fair backboards for \$5 each.

Rancho San Joaquin Middle School is located at 4861 Michelson Road. For more information, contact Math and Science Coordinator Mark Sontag at (949) 936-5057.



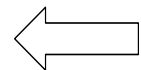
*Irvine Unified School District*

## LUNCH COMBOS

**\$3.75**

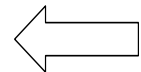
**All entrees come with  
fruit or juice, vegetable or salad,  
and milk or water**

Burrito - all varieties  
Chicken Nuggets or Sandwich  
Corn Dog or Hot Dog  
Entrée of the Day  
Hamburger or Cheeseburger  
Pizza, cheese or pepperoni  
Ravioli  
Specialty Salads  
Sandwiches, (includes sandwich World)  
Yogurt (8 oz.) with bagel or muffin



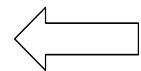
**CHOOSE ONE**

Fresh Fruit, assorted  
Fruit Cup  
Fruit Juice (8 oz.), assorted flavors  
Petite Carrots  
Tossed Salad, choice of dressing



**CHOOSE TWO  
DIFFERENT ITEMS**

½ Pint Carton or Box:  
Lowfat Milk  
Nonfat Milk  
Nonfat chocolate Milk  
Water



**CHOOSE ONE**

***Pick Up Six and Sandwich World Salads are part of the  
Combo Lunch, but cost \$4.25 each.***



## @ The Heart of South Lake: The Library Media Center

Our Library/Media Center blends the best of a traditional library with technology resources in order to help students and faculty meet their information needs. Our book collection consists of a wide range of material that supports the curriculum here at South Lake. Students will discover books in our fiction section by authors they are familiar with from their required reading in their Humanities' classes.

In addition, students have the opportunity to explore a variety of genres, including science fiction, fantasy, realistic fiction, historical fiction, and a quality collection of short stories. Students will find our non-fiction section a treasure-house of resources that will support their units of study in their history, music, art, science and P.E. classes. What else does the Library Media Center at South Lake offer?

- Our library also includes an expanding technology environment where students can have access to resources that break down the barriers of distance and physical location.
- We currently have twenty-two Dell computers in our media center, and three computer labs equipped with thirty-eight computers, complete with Windows XP software (Word, PowerPoint, Access, and Excel), as well as Internet access.
- For students engaged in multimedia projects we have a production lab consisting of video equipment, editing software, CD burners, and graphic art software, such as Flash, Photoshop and web development software.
- In addition, students have access to two scanners, and two video cameras to use for school video projects.
- Students are provided with their own user-space on our school server, accessed by using their unique log-ins and passwords. This is their own "file cabinet" and they have been instructed on how to create and manage file folders for every class they are taking – a necessary skill in a world where technology files are replacing hard copies.
- We also offer a parent library, located in the front office of the school, which includes an array of resources for parents. These books can be checked out from our library as well.

The Media Center is open from 7:30 to 3:30 Monday through Friday on regularly scheduled days. For minimum days and modified days we are open during regular school hours only. Students may access the library before school, during break, during lunch and after school in addition to their visits through their classes. We invite students and the community to explore our resources, pick up a magazine, or a good book for some pleasure reading as they relax in our Reading Cove located at the back of our library. We have a great team on our Media Center Staff that includes Mr. Fratantaro, our Library/Media Specialist, Mrs. Nesor, our Library Assistant, and Mr. Tay, our Technology Assistant. They are looking forward to helping students and faculty as we strive to serve the information needs of everyone in our South Lake Community. If you have any questions or suggestions please email Mr. Fratantaro at [dfratant@iusd.org](mailto:dfratant@iusd.org).

## Destiny Quest: This Is Not Your Everyday Library

(Dynamic, jaw dropping, on-line library  
catalog re-invents a visit to the  
South Lake Library Media Center)

How do you provide all students with 24/7 access to the South Lake library? It's easy with our new online library catalog, "Destiny." Since *Destiny* is not something that needs to be installed on your computer, you can access it like any other site with an Internet connection. You can access *Destiny* two different ways:

- \* If you are on a computer at South Lake, click on the icon that looks like a book.
- \* Also on the web, simply type the URL: [destiny.iusd.org](http://destiny.iusd.org) – then find South Lake.

After you have accessed *Destiny*, you can search the library catalog using the dynamic new program *Destiny Quest*. *Destiny Quest* provides a completely new experience to all library patrons by providing a:

Visual Search: Students will be able to browse several different topics using small graphics to guide their search, and also see a list of the various award winning books in our collection.

Virtual Book Shelf: In the Catalog, click *Destiny Quest*, then *Begin Your Destiny Quest*. Students will be able to browse South Lake's library shelves from the comfort of their home. This virtual bookshelf is an exact replica of the books found on South Lake's Library Media Center.

Interactive/Social Networking: *Destiny Quest* allows users to log in, create their personal list, access book summaries, create and post book reviews, and rate books on a scale of 1 to 5.

Top 10 Books/Recent Purchases: *Destiny Quest* also provides patrons with a Top 10 list of the most popular books according to the South Lake student body and a list of newly acquired books.

Try out *Destiny* from the comfort of your home and email Mr. Fratantaro with any questions, book requests, or books you would like to check out.



# SOUTH LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL CALENDAR 2009-2010

Check on-line for any changes at <http://www.southlakems.org>

*Note: Remember that every Tuesday, school starts at 9:15 a.m.*

Nov. 2-6	Parent/Student Conferences (Minimum Days – 8 to 12 noon)	Apr. 2	Minimum Day (8 am to 12 noon)
Nov. 11	Veteran’s Day – Holiday	Apr. 5-9	Spring Break
Nov. 25	Minimum Day (8 to 12 noon)	Apr. 27	6th Grade Parent Information Night
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Holidays – no school	May 13	Minimum Day (8 am to 12 noon) OPEN HOUSE (evening hours)
Dec. 7	Minimum Day (8 to 12 noon)	May 28	Holiday
Dec. 18	Minimum Day (8 to 12 noon)	May 31	Holiday
Dec. 21	Winter Recess Begins	Jun. 7	Minimum Day (8 to 12 noon)
Jan. 4	Classes Resume Regular Schedule - 8am start	Jun. 18-21	Student FINALS Schedule
Jan. 18	Holiday	Jun. 13	8th Grade Promotion Dance
Feb. 8	Holiday	Jun. 22	Minimum Day (8 to 12 noon) Last Day for 7th Graders
Feb. 15	Holiday	Jun. 22	8th Grade Knotts Trip
Mar. 22	Minimum Day (8 to 12 noon)	Jun. 23	8th Grade Promotion: 10 am

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## South Lake after School Enrichment Program Fall 2009

The South Lake PTSA After School Enrichment Program, Session I begins this month. This 8-week program is designed to supplement existing academic subjects as well as offer subjects not currently part of the South Lake curriculum. Our PTSA hopes these classes will provide the opportunity for students to learn new skills in academic or extracurricular activities. South Lake staff, Irvine Unified School District personnel, or guest instructors teach all classes.

Following is a list of course offerings. The registration form, included in this newsletter, can be printed out and returned to the South Lake front office. Please read instructions carefully. In keeping with our policy to have small student to teacher ratio, registration will be closed when classes are filled.

### REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

1. Classes are filled on a first-come, first served basis.
2. As class sizes are limited, it is important to submit registration form(s) and check(s) as soon as possible.
3. To ensure prompt registration, forms must be returned to the front office.
4. Enrollment will be recorded by date and time received.
5. Students will receive an enrollment confirmation, usually from their advisor. (Late registrants should attend the first class even if they have not received their confirmation). If the class is full, they will be notified and check(s) returned.

*Questions* regarding classes or enrollment procedures may be directed to:

South Lake Front Office at 936-6700

## Make checks payable to South Lake PTSA

### 102. Science Fair Wiz Kids

South Lake Middle School is proud to offer an After-School class for students wanting to develop a comprehensive and winning Science Fair Project. Students will benefit from instruction by South Lake Science teachers while putting together a Science Fair Project. Room 304, Mondays, 2:45 to 3:45. Fee: \$65.00 (*Flyers for this class were sent home through science classes*).

### 103. Math Challengers

This class is for strong math students who enjoy problem solving and competition. Students will be eligible to apply to become part of competitive teams including *Math Counts*. Room 101, Thursdays 2:45 - 3:45, Fee: \$65.00 (*Flyers for this class were sent home through math classes*).

### Jazz Ensemble/ Percussion Group

South Lake Middle School is currently working with both our PTSA and our IPSF ACE program to create two different after school music programs for our students. The first program will be an After-School Jazz Ensemble. Students will have the opportunity to play in a full jazz band and perform in a variety of styles from swing to rock and everything in between. The second program we are planning is the South Lake Percussion group, where students will work with all kinds of percussion instruments in a fun and exciting ways to create new drumming sounds. *Information on these two new after school music groups will be made available to students and parents over the next two weeks. If you are interested in either of these two music groups please make a note on the registration form and we will get back to you as soon.*

*Make-up classes for holidays or conference days will be announced by individual teachers.*

Check the South Lake Website for an update of our After School Program  
<http://www.southlakems.org>

South Lake Middle School  
After School Enrichment Program Class Registration

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Advisor \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone / Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

#1) Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#2) Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

#3) Friend/Neighbor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Irvine Unified School District, South Lake Middle School, the South Lake PTSA and their officers, agents or employees from any liability claim or action resulting from or in any way arising out of the participation in this activity by the registered person; and consent to treatment of my minor son/daughter to any and all medical care deemed necessary by a qualified physician to pay any and all medical costs incurred as a result of said treatment; and further agree to abide by all rules set forth in this registration material.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CODE OF CONDUCT

The behavior standard at South Lake Middle School emphasizes RESPECT for others, for yourself, and for your school. If a student's behavior is disruptive to the learning of others, that student may be removed from the classroom and sent to the office. An attempt will be made to contact the parent(s), and the student will be sent home. Phone contact with a parent will be made within 48 hours, and the student dropped from the class with no refund.  
*I have read and understand the Code of Conduct for the PTSA After School Enrichment Program Classes.*

Signature of Student \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**CLASS(ES) REQUESTED**

<p>_____</p> <p>Last Name, First Name</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Class Title</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Day(s)</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Fee* – Attach Check #1</p>	→
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<p>_____</p> <p>Last Name, First Name</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Class Title</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Day(s)</p>	<p>_____</p> <p>Fee* – Attach Check #3</p>	→

\*In order to facilitate refunds in the event of a full class, a separate check is required for each class enrollment. Please make checks payable to South Lake PTSA.