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## Abraxas High School Rededication



Student, Greg Christiansen speaks at Rededication. See story, page 2.

### Principal's Message



Dear Members of the Abraxas Family,  
It sure is a pleasure coming to school without all that construction going on.

We just completed our first full quarter without any major construction going on; except for the turf on the field. Now that the grass has been laid, Abraxas has a special feel these days. It catches your eye from the minute you turn the corner on Glen Oak, into the parking lot, and onto campus. Lots of people put in many hours to see this project through. Only a few minor details left before the site is completely turned over to the district.

With the completion of the construction, a rededication ceremony was held on December 1, 2008. A host of dignitaries were present. Please see the feature story on page 2 of this newsletter.

The 2nd quarter also marks some special events on our campus. Along with the rededication, our students were once again treated to a Thanksgiving feast. This event is sponsored by the Rancho Bernardo Baptist Church. RB Baptist and all the members of the Churches of North County Inland are welcome supporters of Abraxas High School. We wish to thank them for their continued support. Their contributions are greatly appreciated.

December graduation highlights the end of our fall quarter. This year, we are anticipating over 50 mid-year grads. Congratulations to all those who have earned their diploma and are preparing for their next stage

in life. Their hard work and preparation will serve them well as they move forward.

Speaking of graduation, the second half of the school year becomes extremely important to our remaining seniors. All seniors need to maintain a strong focus throughout the remainder of the year in order to either complete the necessary requirements for graduation in June (230 credits and pass the CAHSEE) or be within 55 required credits (along with good attendance and behavior) to qualify for an extension to their senior year. Parents, please stay in touch with your student's homeroom teacher. Staying informed will help you help your student.

Unfortunately, we will soon be faced with the realities of our economic downturn. We have already been impacted by a reduced budget. Everyone has tightened their belts and is expected to do more with less. We will also be feeling the pinch in terms of staffing. Because of a reduction in enrollment, we will start the third quarter without the teaching services of Dr. Andrew Shean. However, he will still have an important role at Abraxas. Dr. Shean will be working with the PUSD central office examining existing online course work in our schools and the implementation of new courses and programs district wide. Abraxas will be part of Dr. Shean's work.

In spite of the monetary setbacks everyone will be facing, we look forward to a productive third quarter. Please keep the lines of communication open. We are here to support you and your student. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me. I am available at 858-748-5900, ext 2207. You can email me at [rcasciato@powayusd.com](mailto:rcasciato@powayusd.com).

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3rd quarter starts Jan. 8th



Student, Greg Christensen, and Principal, Rudy Casciato, receive dedication plaque from Superintendent, John Collins