



January 11, 2010

Dear Parents of the Class of 2014,

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Terra Nova High School, I would like to welcome the prospective members of the incoming freshman class to the first night of the Jefferson Union High School District's 8th Grade Parent Orientation. During this week, families will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves not only with Terra Nova, but with the other schools in our district as well. I encourage you to visit Oceana, Westmoor, and Jefferson High Schools, as each of these schools offers students unique programs and educational experiences.

For nearly 50 years, Terra Nova High School has been educating the students from the communities of Pacifica, Daly City, Broadmoor, Brisbane and Colma. We are proud of the success of our students, and as many of our graduates will attest, the opportunities and education that they received at Terra Nova, both in the classroom and in our extra and co-curricular programs, have prepared them for the challenges they have faced in the post-secondary world.

Beginning in the Spring of 2010, Terra Nova High School will commence with Phase II of the Measure N Bond Projects. These projects include the construction of a new 450-seat theater, a science wing, and seven new general purpose classrooms. Students are currently enjoying the benefits of the Phase I construction, which was completed in 2008. As many of you know, this work included the modernization of the athletic field complex, the renovation of the Fine Arts rooms, as well as the upgrading of the campus heating and lighting systems.

Please visit our website (www.terranova-highschool.com) or contact me if you have any questions regarding Terra Nova High School. I look forward to meeting you tonight and at Freshman Orientation, which will be held on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. in the cafeteria. If your student is likely to be recommended for English 1-2E (Enriched Freshman English), or Geometry, please mark your calendars, as the mandatory entrance examination for these classes will only be offered on the following dates:

English	Saturday May 8 th or 22 nd 9:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
Geometry	Saturday May 1 st or 15 th 9:00a.m.-10:30a.m.

The counseling and administrative staffs are looking forward to working with you during this exciting time.

Tiger Pride!

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Minshew
Principal

Class of 2014 Information

“Blue Card” Registration Forms	Mailed the week of January 19
Deadline for “Blue” forms	February 5
Counseling Staff School Visit	March 1-18
9th Enriched English Test	Saturday May 8th or 22nd 9:00am-12:00pm
9th Geometry Test	Saturday May 1st or 15th 9:00am -10:30am
Summer Read Assignment	See Course Catalog or website
School Registration Mailing	Week of July 31-Aug 3
Freshman Orientation	Wednesday, August 11th 10:00 am
First Day of School	Tuesday August 17th

TERRA NOVA HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC COURSE PLANNING

To graduate from Terra Nova High School, students must:

- Pass all courses required for graduation (see District Graduation Requirements below)
- Earn a minimum of 225 credits (credits earned for courses passed)
- Pass both English and Math sections of the California High School Exit Exam

To best prepare for community colleges and to qualify for admission to UC/CSU/4-year colleges and universities, students must satisfy the following requirements:

- Complete at least the minimum 15 college preparatory “a-g” courses with grades of “C” or better
For the Class of 2011
- Earn a qualifying score on the SAT Reasoning or ACT (with Writing) exam and 2 SAT Subject Tests (UC Schools only)

For the Class of 2012 and beyond

- Earn a qualifying score on the SAT Reasoning or ACT (with Writing) exam
- Students intending to major in mathematics or science should strongly consider taking SAT Subject Tests (Mathematics Level II, Chemistry, Physics) in their chosen content area to be competitive for admission to UC

“a-g”	Subject	District Graduation Requirements	UC/CSU Entrance Requirements
a.	History/Social Science	3 years World History (10 th), US History (11 th), Government/Economics (12 th)	2 years World History US History or ½ yr. US History & ½ yr. Government
b.	English	4 years	4 years
c.	Mathematics	3 years (1 year must be Algebra) 4 years of mathematics are required for students who do not demonstrate proficiency on the California High School Exit Exam by senior year	3 years (4 recommended) Minimum of Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II
d.	Laboratory Science	2 years (1 year of Life Science & 1 year of Physical Science)	2 years (3 recommended) (1 year of CP Life Science & 1 year of CP Physical Science) (See “a-g” Certified Course List)
e.	Language other than English	1 year of Language other than English OR 1 year of a Visual and Performing Art	2 years (3 recommended) Must be 2 years of the same language
f.	Visual and Performing Arts	1 year of Language other than English OR 1 year of a Visual and Performing Art	1 year
g.	Electives	X number of credits necessary to complete 225 total credits	1 year (See “a-g” Certified Course List)
	Health Education	1 semester	N/A
	Physical Education	2 years	N/A
	Vocational Arts	1 year	N/A

4 Year Planner- Projected Courses

Freshman- 9 th Grade	Sophomore- 10 th Grade	Junior- 11 th Grade	Senior- 12 th Grade
1. English 1-2 or 1-2E	1. English 3-4 or 3-4E	1. English 5-6, English 5-6 Honors or AP Language	1. English 7-8, English 7-8 H, Film Literature or AP Literature
2. Geography/Health	2. World History or AP European History	2. US History or AP US History	2. Government/Economics or AP Government
3. Mathematics	3. Mathematics	3. Mathematics	3. Mathematics (“a-g” plan)
4. Science	4. Science	4. Science (“a-g” plan)	4. Elective
5. PE 9 or Athletic 9 Ftbl.	5. PE 10	5. Elective	5. Elective
6. Elective-VPA/LOTE (“a-g” plan)* or Vocational Arts*	6. Elective- LOTE (“a-g” plan)*	6. Elective- LOTE (“a-g” plan)*	6. Elective
7. Leadership or Symphonic Band (if applicable)	7. Leadership or Symphonic Band (if applicable)	7. Leadership or Symphonic Band (if applicable)	7. Leadership or Symphonic Band (if applicable)
	PSAT- October (optional- see counselor)	PSAT- October SAT Reasoning or ACT with Writing- May or June SAT Subject Tests- May or June (if required/recommended)	SAT Reasoning or ACT with Writing- no later than December

* Courses may be taken at different grade levels

Sample Four Year Plans

CHOOSE A GOAL- MAKE A PLAN- ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS!

The following education plans are typical for each of the goals listed below. Students are encouraged to modify the plans to develop a challenging course of study to meet their specific academic goals. Remember that these are only SAMPLE plans.

Community College/Career & Technical Education

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
1. English 1-2 2. Geography/Health 3. Algebra I 4. Intro to Physical Science 5. PE 6. Vocational Education	1. English 3-4 2. World History 3. Geometry 4. CP Biology 5. PE 6. Elective	1. English 5-6 2. US History 3. Algebra II 4. Visual & Performing Arts 5. Elective 6. Elective	1. English 7-8 or Film Lit 2. Government/Economics 3. 4 th year of Math (Recommended) 4. Elective 5. Elective 6. Elective

Minimum UC/CSU “a-g” Plan

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
1. English 1-2 or 1-2E 2. Geography/Health 3. Algebra I 4. Intro to Physical Science 5. PE 6. Language other than English	1. English 3-4 or 3-4E 2. World History 3. Geometry 4. CP Biology 5. PE 6. Language other than English	1. English 5-6, English 5-6 Honors 2. US History 3. Algebra II 4. Chemistry 5. Visual & Performing Arts 6. Language other than English or CP Elective	1. English 7-8, English 7-8 Honors, Film Literature 2. Government/Economics 3. Trig/Math Analysis or Statistics 4. Vocational Education 5. CP Elective 6. CP Elective

Rigorous UC/CSU “a-g” Plan

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
1. English 1-2E 2. Geography/Health 3. Geometry 4. CP Biology 5. PE 6. Language other than English	1. English 3-4E 2. AP European History 3. Algebra II 4. Chemistry/Physics 5. PE 6. Language other than English	1. English 5-6 Honors or AP Language 2. AP US History 3. Trig/Math Analysis 4. CP or AP Lab Science 5. Visual & Performing Arts 6. Language other than English	1. English 7-8 Honors or AP Literature 2. AP Government 3. AP Calculus 4. CP or AP Lab Science 5. Vocational Education 6. CP Elective

AP= Advanced Placement, CP= College Preparatory

**TERRA NOVA HIGH SCHOOL
OFFICIAL CLUBS 2009/10**

CLUBS	ADVISOR
Adventure Club	Sara Bigelow
ANIME Club	Peita Ramos
Aquatics Club	Perrin Belway
Art Club	Cara Goldstein
Asian Club	Marlene Gutierrez
B-Boys Club	Kyle Sanchez
BSU Club	Phil Morales
Choir Club	David Rink
CSF Club	Perrin Belway
Dance Club	Eleonor Obedoza
Diskfunctional Club	Scot Schneider
Film Makers Club	Scot Schneider
French Club	Nicole Tartera
Friends Club	Linda Gulas
Gaming Club	Gino Napoli
GATE Club	Diane Fornasier
Gay Straight Alliance Club	Carla Hensley
Interact Club	Lorraine Collins
Junior Statesman Club	Jennifer Chassman
Middle Eastern Club (MESA)	Marilyn Sullivan
Native American Club	Kenneth Richau
PASEO Club	Luis Magallanes
Polynesian	Jane Gerughty
Soccer Club	Stefano Cadoppi
Tennis Club	Peita Ramos
Thespians Club	Scot Schneider
Wrestling Club	Kenneth Richau

**TIGER ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT
FALL SPORTS
Athletic Director-William Gray**



Freshman Football

Sophomore Football

Varsity Football

Boy's Water Polo

Girl's Water Polo

Cross Country

Girl's Tennis

Summer Mailing packet will have all pertinent information regarding Fall Sports.