



Reunion News
Greg Hickey, '56

On Saturday, Sept.12 this year, there will be the biannual all classes picnic at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton. Attendance at prior picnics has averaged several hundred people from many classes. There is always lots of memorabilia from the old school and there will be **Castle Montezuma Knight** T shirts for sale. Contact me via e-mail for information on the shirts and other memorabilia(whizman@prodigy.net).

JoAnn (Albert) Bailey, '54, announces their 55th reunion picnic and Sunday brunch weekend, Sept 12 and 13th, at the Castlewood Country Club. Contact her at 925 443 3286 for more info, or Joy (Lewis) Fox at albertlewis54castlecontacts@gmail.com.

Thank you Class of '58!! After last year's reunion, in September 2008, the organizers decided to donate their leftover funds to the **CHSAA**. This will go a long way toward sustaining the work of the **CHSAA**. If you know of any reunion events, or if you have events that you would like to announce, please contact me and I will be happy to include them in our files.

Sports Report
Castlemont Football Team Wins
the OAL Silver Bowl!!!

Castlemont's amazing football team celebrated its first ever OAL section championship this past Thanksgiving weekend, with a decisive, focused, whole team performance, defeating Fremont High 13-0 in the Silver Bowl, on the Laney College Field.

The decisive score was a 20 yard touchdown pass from quarterback Jakari Johnson to Tyrone Radford in the second quarter. And the defense held the Fremont in check the rest of the way.

Castlemont Alum Patricia Preyer was one of many in the stadium cheering on the Knights. She had two young men on the winning team, Torrance and Terrence Jones. Pat was the medic on the field and her mother made the football team flags. "It was awesome to see the kids work so hard all year and come out with a win!"

Castlemont Alum Alice Spearman went onto the field to congratulate the players for a game well played. The Awards banquet will be held January 31st at the Redwood Heights Recreation Center in Oakland.

One year after losing the OAL final to McClymonds, second year coach James Barnes celebrated with his team, paying tribute to his former boss, the late Amin Denny, who died of cancer after the 2006 season. He praised the team, not only for their athletic ability, but for their academic determination to be student athletes!!!

By the way, seniors Aaron Home (wide receiver) and Paul Piukala (defensive end) were chosen by the Bay Area News Group as part of the elite "2009 Cream of the Crop."



Torrance (#74) and Terrell (#50) with the Silver Bowl. Torrance with their mom, Patricia Preyer. Torrance is Senior Class President and Terrence is Junior Class President at EOSA.



Castlemont High's Tyrone Radford celebrates touchdown reception with Juvonte Owens. (Lance Iversen / The Chronicle)



Castlemont head coach James Barnes holds up the Silver Bowl(Lance Iversen/ The Chronicle)

New Treasurer: Bill King

Our new Treasurer is Bill King ('56). We have been blessed by Eleyette Worth ('69) for many years of accurate bookkeeping, and we are glad that Bill has stepped forward to replace him!!! Bill was a Coast Guardsman, and a bank officer for many years.

Castlemont Student in the News

This Christmas evening, while we were all sitting down to a family Christmas, Wendy Tokuda honored Dalvin Butler, class of 2009, as a recipient of the "Students Rising Above" honors. This highly acclaimed award is given to students who overcome "staggering obstacles to pursue their education and their dreams for a better life."



Dalvin was featured during the Christmas week on KPIX news. Dalvin will graduate with honors from Leadership Preparatory High School (Castlemont Small School) this spring, AND with an AA degree from Laney College. In addition, he works long hours at McDonald's to support himself.

Dalvin's father was shot and killed in Oakland when Dalvin was two. He describes a life of fear, being punished constantly, forced to sell candy to help out his mom, and moving from city to city, finally abandoned but taken in by an aunt. You can watch the video clip on Dalvin's remarkable development as a positive young man on KPIX.com (student's rising above). Congratulations, Dalvin!!!

P.S. Our first Student Rising Above, Josue Hernandez, finished his first semester at UC Santa Barbara. He is majoring in Political Science, and is active in La Raza activities on his campus.

www.Castlemontalumni.org

Check out our Website! It's a great place to keep up to date on all the alumni related events, as well as news from the **Castle**. Thanks again to Kim Dung Nguyen, '99, and her husband, Todd Mills, for keeping it up. (not an alum, but married to one- Kim Dung Nguyen, '99). Check it out at and tell others you know about it! We're still looking for someone who can keep this site up for us!

It's Never to late to renew!
Rich Klier, Membership chair

By our current count, we have 106 current (80 paying and 26 lifetime) members of the CHSAA. **CHSAA** wants to help keep alive the **Knight** spirit. Renew your membership, or if you aren't yet a member, please join! If you are a member, and haven't received your **Knight's** pin, please let us know!



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Time to Renew your Membership?

If you are a current member, please do renew now! It's only \$25 a year, and you will receive in the mail a token of our appreciation, a brand new, CHSAA pin.

Better yet! Become a life member! Get a membership form from castlemontalumni.org

The President's Report

Toni McElroy, '69

The 2008-09 school year truly started with a bang, for Knight followers, as Castlemont's football team brought home its first ever Silver Bowl, emblematic of the OAL championship. Read more about it, in the sports column in this issue of the Crier. And we, as the CHSAA, were in proud attendance, especially Patricia Preyer, who had two boys on the winning team.

The CHSAA has been active the entire year. We had another successful Career Day, partnering with the CBITS small school to connect forty

alumni and the eager high school students in spirited discussions about future careers and educational opportunities. Our guest speakers were Dr. Sandra Weatherby ('82) and Ms. Alicia Romero. Career Day Founder Myrna Baston was on hand as well! Thank you Diana Smith, ('69) for providing the leadership and spark to make this day happen!!



Math Night 2008, was held at Mills College this year, an event sponsored by Rich Klier, '58 (see next article). Guests and parents asked questions after each student presentation. This year's event promises to be even better!!

CHSAA also sponsored a cruise to Baja, to bring alums together and raise money for scholarships. Sixty six Alums, friends and family signed up, from Valarie Roberts ('49) and her husband, to more recent Castlemont graduates. Come to the Annual Membership Lunch to see photos from the cruise.

Castlemont also saw a leadership change at CBITS. Principal Rich Gaston left for another position, and he is being replaced by Ms. Susan Ryan. She previously served as the assistant principal at CBITS.

This year's **Annual Membership Luncheon** is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, 2009, 11:00 AM at Francesco's Restaurant in Oakland.

Knight^s elected to the Alumni Hall of Fame will be recognized and celebrated, and new officers will be elected and installed.

Finally, I will resign as President of the CHSAA, effective February 29, 2009. I have been appointed a Principal in Oakland, and I am pursuing a doctorate in Educational Leadership at Mills College. I have been blessed to have served the Castlemont community for the past two years, and I wish the CHSAA Board continued success.

Knight's Math Night 2008

Math Night 2008, for Castlemont Knight^s interested in math, was a vision that Richard Klier ('58), brought to CHSAA three years ago. He had sponsored a math night at Acalanes High School, where he was a high school math teacher, and he felt that today's Knight^s deserved the same opportunities..

Working through the difficult Oakland bureaucracy with tenacity and good humor, Rich partnered with Castlemont teacher LaRavian Battle to bring three Knight^s (Kathy Zepeda, Julie Velasco, and Eric Fuller) to Mills College to present mathematical concepts such as "the Monty Hall Problem," "Pascal's Triangle, and "Harmonic Series." Thanks not only to Rich and his daughter Karen, but to Sandy Bonshahi and Yun Miao at Mills College for their help!!.

Rich is already planning for Math Night 2009, to be held Wednesday, May 27 at Castlemont. Ms. Battle intends to have five students ready to present, and Rich invites all interested CHSAA members to come out to support this important academic work!

Alice Spearman '69

OSD Board President

Alice Spearman '69, longtime Castlemont supporter and volunteer, was recently re-elected to her district 7 board seat, which includes Castlemont High School. For the past two years, she served as board vice president, and this year, she was elected by her peers to be Board President.

Alice recently completed the Masters in Governance course with the California School Board Association, and she served as the district delegate at the state level. She sponsored a resolution that led to the establishment of a local hire policy for modernization projects and other construction contracts for the district.



Mrs. Spearman is an advocate for education for children and adults. Her priority is to assist parents to learn how to navigate within the educational institutions in order to ensure that they receive the best education. Alice is the mother of two daughters and the grandmother of two young girls.