



Dunn School Calendar for the Week of January 13-19

Friday/13	Saturday/14	Sunday/15	Monday/16	Tuesday/17	Wednesday/18	Thursday/19
<p>DEADLINE for ACT Registration. The ACT will take place on campus, on February 11.</p> <p>Athletic Team Practice Times</p> <p>Girls' Basketball 3:45 - 5:00 JV Boys' Bball 5:00 - 6:15 Varsity Boys' Bball 6:45 - 8:15</p> <p>Soccer practices 4:00 - 5:30</p> <p>Target/Best Buy Shopping in Santa Maria 6pm</p> <p>Local Spontaneous Trip Students decide. Limit 8. Dinner, movies, shopping in Buellton 6pm</p> <p>Cooking Club Event in Boone Make your own pizza 7:30pm</p>	<p>Boys' Varsity Basketball vs Thacher 12:30pm</p> <p>Boys' JV Basketball vs Thacher 2pm</p> <p>Boys' JV Soccer @ Besant Hill 2pm</p> <p>UCSB Mens Basketball vs UC Irvine Leave at 5:45pm</p> <p>Bowling at Zodos in Santa Barbara 6pm</p> <p>Van to Santa Maria movies Leave at 6:15pm Movies posted at dinner</p> <p>Loy Open House including the Homer Donut event 7-9pm</p>	<p>VCF Church Leave at 8:15am</p> <p>Mission Church Leave at 10:45am</p> <p>State St Trip Leave at 12:30pm</p> <p>House Council/ RA/DC Retreat 3-7pm</p>	<p>Athletic Team Practice Times</p> <p>Girls' Basketball 4:45 - 5:45 JV Boys' Bball 3:45 - 5:00 Varsity Boys' Bball 3:45 - 4:45</p> <p>Soccer practices 4:00 - 5:30</p>	<p>Athletic Team Practice Times</p> <p>Girls' Basketball 3:45 - 5:00 JV Boys' Bball 5:00 - 6:15 Varsity Boys' Bball 6:45 - 8:15</p> <p>Soccer practices 4:00 - 5:30</p>	<p>Boys' Thirds Soccer vs Thacher 3pm</p> <p>Boys' JV Soccer @ Cate 3pm</p> <p>Boys' JV Basketball @ Cate 3pm</p> <p>Girls' Basketball vs Cate 3pm</p> <p>Girls' Soccer @ Mission Prep 3:30pm</p> <p>Boys' Varsity Basketball @ Cate 4:30pm</p>	<p>Athletic Team Practice Times</p> <p>Girls' Basketball 3:45 - 5:00 JV Boys' Bball 5:00 - 6:15 Varsity Boys' Bball 6:45 - 8:15</p> <p>Soccer practices 4:00 - 5:30</p>

ACT Deadline
ACT registration closes on January 20, but **Friday, January 13 is the last day to register without a late fee.** All juniors are encouraged to take this test. Students with questions or concerns are encouraged to see Whitney Holmes in the Registrars Office. Parents are free to call or email for more information. Ms. Holmes can be reached at 805.686.0640 or wholmes@dunnschool.org.

All Calendar items subject to change without notice.

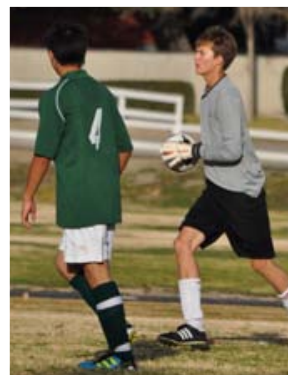
Earwig Game Schedules

Trying to keep up with all the teams? Coaches keep updated schedules in Google Calendars. Here are links for current teams:

- [Boys' Basketball](#)
- [Boys' Soccer](#)
- [Girls' Basketball](#)
- [Girls' Soccer](#)

Coming Soon: Grades

Keep an eye on your mailbox. First semester grades will be arriving home next week.



Photos by Amy Geriak

The Earwig boys' junior varsity soccer team played against OVS on Wednesday at the Dunn soccer field, winning the game 5-2.

(top left) Sophomore Abu Danladi protects the ball. (top right) Senior Cyrus Gill stops OVS from scoring. (right) Coach Mark Geriak points out a play to senior John Booker Grab.

News Briefs

More Info with 1 Click

You'll notice a new color splashed across the pages of the newsletter. We'd like to call it Hyperlink Blue. Click on any text in blue and you'll find yourself hyperlinked to a corresponding web page or email address. Hopefully, this will make it easier to access information and keep in touch with people at school.

Experienced Director Sought for Middle School

Wednesday, January 11 was the first meeting of the committee searching for a new director at Dunn Middle School. If you or someone you know is interested in applying for this position, there are still a few more days to apply. Please read the full job description and application procedure by following this online link: [DMS Director Posting](#). Applications must be received by Monday, January 16 to be considered.

Trip Around the World... Destination Dunn - Auction Event March 10, 2012

We are putting together the auction items for this year's event and are looking for some interesting and fun items. Do you have a vacation property, airline miles, art work or some other special item that you can donate this year? If so, please contact Candice Hartmann at chartmann@dunnschool.org or (805) 705-9044. Invitations for the event will be going out at the end of January, so make plans to attend this fun event.

Help Us Keep our Records Up to Date

Send address or email changes to: cyoung@dunnschool.org.

From the White House and Beyond: Zoë Carter's Tips for Success

When Zoë Carter '05 graduated from Dunn School, her senior page included this final line: I'll see you at the White House in a few years. It may have seemed like a lofty goal, but she managed to make it happen. This past Tuesday she spoke to Dunn students about her nearly four month experience as one of 15 interns for the First Lady in the East Wing of the White House.

"I've sort of never taken no for an answer," she said during her presentation. "And I'm so thankful for the people who have mentored me and taken me under their wing, including people at Dunn."

She offered students these tips for success:

- **Building personal relationships and keeping them is really critical.** During her senior year at Cal State Monterey Bay, Zoë became student body president and was able to connect with Sylvia and Leon Panetta at their Institute for Public Policy. "I still call Mrs. Panetta for career advice. She has been a great mentor and so supportive of me." Mrs. Panetta was one of the people who wrote a letter of recommendation to help Zoë get her White House internship.
- **Don't be afraid to ask for help.** You want to be able to do things on your own, but it's important to be able to ask for help from the people who are willing to support you.
- **Be sure to try everything.** "When you look back and connect the dots afterward, you can see everything line up."
- **Be sure to always thank people who helped you.** People love to get handwritten notes. "It means a lot to them when you take a few minutes out of your day to say a little thank you, especially if they've gone out of their way for you." In addition, it makes them more willing to help you again in the future.
- **Always be ready to help people who come behind you.** "This is something the First Lady always says." When you find people who have similar aspirations, it's important to help them in the same way that people helped you arrive at where you are.



Zoë Carter and her Dunn School advisor/mentor, former librarian Michelle Bone '90, parent '15.

Zoë has already made these tips work for her and she plans to apply them when she moves to New York City in a few weeks. Zoë isn't sure what her next job will be, but she's confident that her White House experience will provide a great stepping stone. "I would love to be back at the White House at some point."

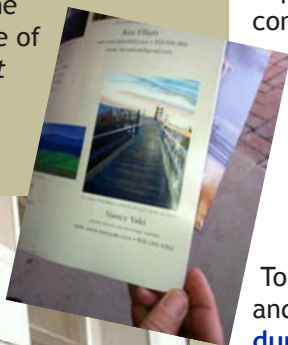
Maybe this time in the West Wing? "The options are endless," she said with a smile.

News Briefs

Nancy Yaki Featured in Southwest Art Magazine and the International Contemporary Masters

Over the holiday break, Art Teacher Nancy Yaki was asked to submit some of her paintings for Volume VI of *International Contemporary Masters*, a leading juried annual art publication presenting noteworthy artists from all over the world.

In addition, her painting, "El Capitan State Beach," is featured in the February issue of *Southwest Art* magazine.



New Blog for Current School Information

If you're looking for Earwig sports highlights, copies of newsletters, information on college counseling, recent news articles on Dunn or some words of wisdom from English teacher Ralph Lowe, [Dunn Today](http://DunnToday) is the link to click next time you visit dunnschool.org. The site is evolving and updates are made regularly, so be sure to check it for up-to-date information.

Financial Aid Deadlines Approaching

Investing in a child's education at Dunn School pays dividends for life, but for many families, paying for the academic opportunity is a financial challenge. Dunn's financial aid program is designed to bridge the gap between what a family can contribute and what it costs to attend the school. For the 2011-2012 school year, Dunn awarded need-based financial aid to more than 20 percent of the student body in grades 6-12.

Financial aid is granted on a yearly basis and families must apply for aid as well as submit appropriate documentation each year to be considered for financial assistance. All information submitted will be kept in strictest confidence and not shared with anyone outside of the financial aid committee.



Deadlines: Feb. 1 Parents' Financial Statement (PFS)
Online at <http://www.sss.nais.org/parents>

Feb 15 2012 Financial Aid Parent Questionnaire
2011 Federal Tax Return including all schedules

To view information about Dunn School's financial aid as well as procedures and deadlines for applying for aid, please visit Affording a Dunn Education at dunnschool.org.



Dunn Middle School

Los Olivos, California

OPEN HOUSE – You're Invited!

Saturday, January 14 from 3pm–5pm

- 3-3:30 Welcome and overview of the school
- 3:30-4:30 Student led tours and class visits
- 4:30-4:45 Refreshments
- 4:45-5:00 Q&A





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Please RSVP to 686-4823 or cyoung@dunnschool.org