



Supporting the Cougar Community for Today and Tomorrow

December 1, 2010

Dear CVHS Family Member:

One person can make a difference. That person can be you!

The Capistrano Unified School District budget was cut *\$34 million dollars* in the 2009/2010 school year, and the 2010/2011 spending plan includes an *additional \$25 million in cuts*. These cuts have had a detrimental impact on Capistrano Valley High School (CVHS) in many significant ways, most notably in technology, the arts and school communications.

Some Facts about CVHS:

- CVHS was built in 1977 and has grown from 1,376 students to nearly 3,000 students.
- CVHS has over 400 computers in six computer labs for students to use. The majority of the computers are at least five years old and many are closer to ten years old. Repairing old computers is costly and inefficient. If our students are to compete in the real world, they must at least have working computers and be exposed to the latest technology.
- Parents and students have access to daily homework assignments, grades and announcements through School Loop, the online communication system. School Loop is used for all communications between teachers and parents and serves as the central repository for all class information.
- CVHS is the only high school in the district without a theatre. The performing arts (drama and music) departments serve almost 500 students who perform on a makeshift stage in the school "mall." The district will begin construction of a new theater in June 2011, but funds to enhance the basic amenities of the new theater will need to come from other sources.

The funding for new computers, technology upgrades, School Loop and basic amenities for the soon to be built theatre is not available without donations from parents and community members. The CVHS Foundation has already successfully funded School Loop for the 2010/2011 school year. According to Deni Christensen, CVHS principal, "Because of the generous donations of our CVHS families and community members, our students, parents and teachers are able to stay connected in a way that helps students improve their academic performance."

The CVHS Foundation's mission is to provide financial support for projects and facilities, answering the challenge of reduced public school funding. Working with past, present and future students and their families, local businesses and the community, the Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the educational experience for all CVHS students. As a not-for-profit organization staffed by committed volunteers, our goal is to help bridge the gap between what our school has and what it needs.

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YOU can help Capistrano Valley parents and students stay *connected, informed, involved and technologically current* by supporting the Capistrano Valley High School Foundation.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Choose a donation level to help the students now and in the future get the most out of their high school years.

- \$50 Partner
- \$100 Bronze Partner
- \$250 Silver Partner
- \$500 Gold Partner
- \$1000 Platinum Partner
- Other amount \$ _____
- My employer will match my gift. Contact me at: _____

All donations are tax deductible and all donations will benefit the students at CVHS.

Donate online at WWW.CVHSFoundation.org and click "Donate" on the Donate page.

OR

Send your tax-deductible donation to:

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If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us at capofoundation@gmail.com.

Please consider joining our team by partnering with us through your donation. Our students need us and their future depends on our willingness to make them a priority!

Sincerely,
Sharon Campbell
CVHS Foundation President

P.S. Your donation is your opportunity to support the students of CVHS and make a difference now and in the future to all students who pass through the CVHS halls.