Presidents Letter
Mid Year 2009-2010

Even in these challenging economic times, with significant school district budget cuts, we have much to be thankful for:

- We have very successfully navigated through the first half of this academic year. Fall sports were winners on all fronts, including CIF championships in boy's water polo and boy's cross-country. We were also fortunate to have one of the top female runners in the state and one of the top female golfers in the state. The tennis teams and the football teams all had solid winning seasons and the winter sports are off to strong starts also.
- The much needed parcel tax passed (albeit just barely) and saved even larger budget cuts.
- Seniors have completed and sent in the majority of their college applications and the wide-eyed freshmen have almost survived their first semester of high school.
- Our kids go to one of the top ranked 100 public schools in the country

Mid-way through this year, it is even more apparent than ever the importance of the Booster Club and the expanding need we fill. With the district wide budget cuts, our fundraising efforts are even more significant to PVHS than in the past. We fund coaches stipends, drama sets, sports equipment, musical instruments, fees for educational data bases and software, camera equipment, painting supplies, college and career instructional videos, just to name a small list of necessities paid for by the PVHS booster club. Many schools have suffered far deeper cuts than PVHS. Our Booster Club has proven to be a strong buffer during this volatile economic times and we have helped keep key programs in place.

At this point in the year we still find ourselves in pursuit of our fund raising goals. **WE NEED YOUR HELP:**

- **Membership -** last year we had 55% of PVHS families become members of the Booster Club. Our goal this year was 65%. At mid-year we find ourselves with a participation rate of 51%. Please join today if you have not already done so.
- **Catch the Wave annual fundraising dinner and auction** – The Catch the Wave (CTW) dinner is on February 27th at the PV Country Club. It is a fantastic party and it is our only major fundraiser of the year. Here is how you can help:
  - Put February 27th on you calendar now. Your invitation will be coming soon. Don't miss the Cabo, it's the best party of the year.
  - Become a sponsor. Go to http://www.pvboosterclub.com/ for info on how to do it.
  - Donate sports tickets, access to unique events (backstage passes, field access, etc), wine and other items of appeal. You can find the necessary information at: http://www.pvboosterclub.com/
  - Go on line to our auction site at:

    http://www.cmarket.com/auction/AuctionHome.action?vhost=ctwcabocabana2010

    starting on February 1, 2010 and buy something. All proceeds benefit PVHS arts, academics or athletics.

Please feel free to call me 310-971-7611 or email me (teolfo@cox.net) with any questions you may have. Thanks again for your support, it makes a difference in PVHS and the quality of the education our kids get.

Go Sea Kings>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>

Best Regards,

Tom O'Hern
PVHS Booster Club President