

Porter's Reflection:

The first thing I do when preparing this newsletter is to look at the calendar to make sure I am highlighting the big items of the week and beyond. This time it made me reflect on how I use my time. More specifically, am I spending my time achieving the school and personal goals or am I just spending time? This is a question about priorities. So let's go to the numbers, I have averaged 24 meetings per week for the past three weeks. If each one is an hour and requires pre/post time then I am looking at 36-48 hours a week in meeting mode.

How we spend our time is an important indicator of our priorities – for the past month, my priorities have been meetings. My goal for the next three weeks is for my time to represent a continued effort at supporting you as you implement “the ask”. I hope that in three weeks, when I look back at the calendar, I will see that I spent more time doing walkthroughs, evaluations, working with students in the classroom and yes – meetings – this time the meetings will be with you.

Comet Calendar

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| Nov 20 | Department Meeting |
| Nov 22-24 | Thanksgiving – No School |
| Nov 27 | Connections Meeting |
| Nov 27 | New Tech Visit from Colorado (12:45-1:45pm) |
| Nov 28 | School Site Council |
| Nov 28 | Patti Cortese (Board Member) visit (10:30-11:30am) |
| Nov 28 | School Site Council (518/3:45-4:45p) |
| Nov 29 | Connections |
| Dec 1 | Posada (5:30-8:30p) |
| Dec 4 | Dessert Discussions (6-7p) |
| Dec 5 | ITL (518/3:30-4:30p) |
| Dec 6 | Noyce Scholars (Porter meets with future teachers) |
| Dec 7 | ESTA/Admin Meeting (3:30-4:30p) |
| Dec 11 | Coffee Talks (8:30-9:30a) |
| Dec 12 | AD/AD Meeting |

Soccer Success

The James Lick comets rebounded from a 1 goal loss to Overfelt to beat MP 3-1 and then took their “A” game to Evergreen in a 7-3 rout. Overall the staff of James Lick ended up 2nd place overall. Once I have the team photo, I will send it out to the whole staff. Great Job Comets!



Visitors are Coming!

The Week of November 27th is going to start off with a visiting committee of high school and middle school teachers from Colorado. Board Member Patti Cortese will be on campus on the 28th. Please do not do anything differently this week. I am proud of the lessons you prepare and the work our students do. I will be sure to share their feedback with you as soon as I get it.

Week 15/16 Important Dates

| Date/Time | Location | Activity |
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| | Art – 406 | |
| | English – 219 | |
| | Math – 208 | |
| Nov 20 2:10-2:45p | Perform Art - 405 PE - 1303 Science – 1013 SPED – 506 Social Sci – 206 | Department Meetings |
| Nov 20-21 All Day | N/A | Noemi off Campus |
| Nov 27 2:10-2:45p | 9 th Grade - 306 10 th Grade – 706 11 th Grade – 206 12 th Grade – 317 SPED - 215 | Connections Meeting |
| Nov 28 3:45-4:45p | 518 | School Site Council |
| Nov 28 All Day | Admin Offices | 9 th Grade Grade Talks |
| Dec 1 5:30-8:30p | TBD | Posada |

Who You Gonna Call?

In the case of an emergency, it is important to know who to call and when:

- In the case of an emergency call *211
- If you need an advisor call attendance at x74432 or x74431
- If x74432 or x74431 is busy or you can't get through call Thelma at x74440 or Noemi at x74420
- My desk phone x74410 is directly linked to my cell phone so you can reach me at any location. You can also text me at 408-460-5912, please make sure to give me your location when you text.

In honor of our cohort teachers. If you are an Eddie Vedder fan then here is an interesting cohort between Willie Nelson and Pearl Jam's Lead Singer:

[Just Breathe](#)

A great balance of Vedder and Nelson