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**PTSO'S NEXT MEETING OF
THE 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR**

MONDAY, JANUARY 12th

6:00 p.m. (Social)

6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (Meeting)

School Commissary/Cafeteria

Schedule of 2008-2009 PTSO Meetings:

September 8th - Election of Remaining Officers

October 6th – *Judy Rabinovitz/Score at the Top*

November 3rd – *Speaker TBA*

December 1st

January 12th - *Speaker TBA*

February 2nd

March 2nd

April 13th - *Speaker TBA*

May 11th - *Election of Officers 2009-2010*



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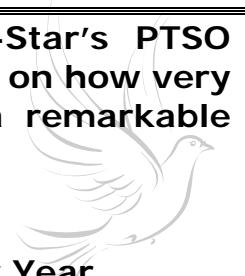
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Being involved in PTSO is the best way to meet other parents, learn from their experiences, and make great friends.

At this special time of year, G-Star's PTSO wishes to take a moment to reflect on how very fortunate we are to have such a remarkable school for our children to attend.

Wishing all of you Peace and Joy during the Holidays and in the New Year.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 7th
6:30 p.m.

Night of the Stars

Silent Auction
Marriott CityPlace

Night of the Stars is G-Star's major fundraiser. It's also an opportunity to showcase the students' talents in a public setting, and it's great FUN!!

Some of the items available this year will include:

- DisneyWorld Tickets!
- Designer Handbags!
- Fabulous Private Fishing Charter!
- North Carolina Cabin for a Week!
- Principle for a Day!
- Rounds of Golf!
- Sunday Brunch at the Breakers!
- Tickets to area Arts shows!
- Wonderful Wines!



More donations are arriving daily, so mark the date, and keep checking upcoming newsletters for more details!

CHECK OUT G-STAR'S NEW WEBSITE!!



If you haven't seen it lately, check out G-Star's new website. George Colavecchio (our Hauntmaster from X-Scream Halloween and now a member of the G-Star Foundation team) has begun updating the website. There's already great announcements and news to be seen. As George says, "It's a work in progress". We think it's F-A-B-U-L-O-U-S!!

CLUB NEWS

The **National Honor Society** is still in the early stages of development as students learn the art of running a formal meeting, leadership, and program development.

There are several projects and activities that NHS has already implemented or developing at this time, including G-Star Open House tour guides, tutoring club, Habitat for Humanity, G-Star reading program for elementary aged students, G-Star sponsored performances and G-Star campus improvement to name a few.

National Honor Society is a national organization that encourages character development in a democratic society as well as recognition and encouragement for academic achievement.



CLASSROOM NEWS

from Mr. McClory.....

Film 1 students have been working on storyboards and production notebooks for the past few weeks. They are finishing editing their two minute scenes as well, which sets them up for the next nine weeks of study.

During the third nine week grading period, students will learn about directors John Ford and Alfred Hitchcock. Students will learn why these great directors became so famous and students will learn to use some of the same camera techniques both directors utilized on their way to fame and fortune in the film business.

Film 1 students will continue learning about storyboard and production notebooks while filming their three-to-seven minute film productions. Each class will be divided into three production groups and all students will review and work in several different film crew positions. From Director to production assistant, each student will rotate through the various crew positions while filming a class project.

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FOUNDER'S LETTER

Most people do not know that my main job at the school is that of "Tour Director". It took years of study at the Academy to earn my title. So day in and day out I give tours to parents with students, producers, directors, bankers, architects, land planners, celebrities, State Film Commissioners (including the Film Commissioner of New York City), business persons, plus many others; and now the Editors of the Palm Beach Post (by request). I mention this because it gives me a fresh viewpoint about our school through another person's eyes. I must say that it is an engaging look at a wonderful bunch of youngsters and a terrific group of staff members. It would be easy to become bogged down in the every day routine of a job, but G-Star has no routine – at least not for me. Every day is different. That is why I enjoy being the Tour Director so much. Every person I walk the School and Studios with is extremely impressed by it all. It keeps me wanting to do more for these great students, teachers and staff. And so more it is!

G-Star is now working with the University of Missouri to help them develop a new film department. We are producing a motion picture together titled *The Mission*. We are in pre-production now and will shoot the film beginning on June 8, 2009 for three weeks. We have also been asked by the Burt Reynolds Museum to partner with them to help with their new filmmaking and acting school. The easiest way to do that? Invite them to participate on *The Mission*. Mike Daniel, the Director of the Museum, has accepted. Therefore, *The Mission* is now a G-Star Production in association with the University of Missouri and the Burt Reynolds Institute. But we're not done yet. A phone call or two later and we have had two Academy Award winners join the project. They are Dean Lyon, who won the Academy Award for Special Visual Effects for all three of *The Lord of the Rings* movies; and Bobby Moresco, who won Academy Awards for co-writing and co-producing *Crash* and *Million Dollar Baby*. Bobby is rewriting the script and co-producing. His daughter, Amanda Moresco, is directing. We are inviting our G-Star college students back to shoot the movie with us. It'll be great to see them again.



Our new sound stage continues to take shape. We have dates for our annexation into the Village of Palm Springs in February which gives us an October or November of 2009 grand opening. We have chosen the construction company of Dooley-Mack to build it. As of this writing, two banks have made strong bids to finance the project.

Even though I mind the business of the School and Studios as CEO and CFO, I think you can see why being the Tour Director is one of my most favorite jobs. I can't wait to give tours through the new sound stage and on the set of *The Mission*!

- Greg Hauptner, School Founder

CLASSROOM NEWS *(cont'd.)*

from Ms. Weitz...

Ms. Weitz's PreCalculus and Integrated Math classes are doing their own review for the semester exams. They are busy working in groups to make the reviews fun and interesting to their classmates (I even heard a rumor that they are making cupcakes with equations on them that the students need to know for the exam!)

from Mrs. Tieche...

Students have just wrapped up production on the G-Shorts competition. This is a G-Star sponsored film competition where students produced a film short based the theme "consequence".

Each team was responsible for crew assignments and working through the entire production process from idea and script development through the completion of a final cut. The students had one month from start to finish to complete their video presentation. Fourteen teams met the challenge and their final cuts will be adjudicated during the week of December 22nd.

Those judging the student works include the G-Star art teachers; producers Joe Riley and Rick Pamplin; as well as Dean Lyons, special effects genius (Lord of the Rings...). The winning team gets a chance to "pitch" their film to Pamplin Productions as well as other filmmaker prizes. According to reliable sources, the sneak previews are "showing some real artistic talent". Break-a-leg to all our G-Star teams!

From Mr. Bower...

Dates of Note:

One Act Festival: Dec.12

Indiv. Events Competition: January 10, 2009

Individual Events Benefit performance: TBA

Theatre 101 Evening of One Acts: TBA

Florida State Thespian Festival: 4/21-4/26

Children of Conflict at Florida Stage: April 27

Florida Stage - Young Playwrights Mentor Lab : May 19, 2009



Radiohead video at G-Star!!!!



The Grammy nominations are out. The Radiohead music video, House of Cards, shot at the G-Star Studios on the G-Star School of the Arts campus in West Palm Beach, Florida, has been nominated for Music Video of the Year. In July of 2008, Radiohead, named by Rolling Stone Magazine as "One of the greatest rock bands on the planet", loaded into the G-Star Studios to shoot its latest music video, House of Cards. For the first time in history a video was shot with a laser and not with a camera! Cut and paste the following address:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyQoTGdQywY> to access the "Behind the Scenes" video showing the band shooting in G-Star's Studio B, utilizing the Studios' 30 foot lift for high shots, and the Studios' Cast & Crew Transport bus for traveling shots. To see the music video go to the right side of the screen click on the House of Cards video. The video has already garnered over 5 million views. Fifteen students from the G-Star School of the Arts worked on the sets of the shoot and were invited as VIP guests of the band at the Radiohead concert given at the Cruzan Amphitheater.

Long known as one of the most technologically advanced bands in the world, Radiohead has always been on the cutting edge of new world visions. The English alternative rock band from Oxfordshire performed House of Cards from their seventh album In Rainbows at the G-Star Studios



under closed set conditions and super secret security. The famous band, with over 23 million records sold, shared the spotlight with the world's only high definition laser mechanism, the HDL64E developed by Velodyne in San Francisco, used here for the very first time. It is not a camera. Essentially, it is 64 lasers mounted on a revolving turret that spins at various speeds up to 900 revolutions per minute. It gives a 360 degree 3-D view of the entire area out 150 meters. The data is fed into a computer where the "camera lens" or "view point" is flown around to any point of reference that the laser has marked, including direct overhead shots. A second laser scans for direct facial close-ups. The resulting visual product is unlike anything ever filmed before. The "Director of Photography" was Velodyne Field Applications Engineer, Rick Yoder, who helped create the original technology that was invented by Velodyne founder, David Hall. "This technology is stunning," says G-Star Studios head Greg Hauptner. "Whether it takes hold like the 'talkies' in the Jazz Singer or will go the way of 70 mm film, one thing is certain: this new laser system will revolutionize filmmaking in one form or another."

School Calendar



New Student Orientation	August 14
First Day of School	August 18
Labor Day (No School)	September 1
Late Start Day	September 11
Open House (6-8 pm)	TBA
Late Start Day	September 25
Holiday (No School)	September 30
Holiday (No School)	October 9
Late Start Day	October 16
X-Scream Nights	Oct 10/11, 17/18,24/25, 10/31, 11/1
End of 1 st Nine Weeks	October 24
Teacher Work Day (No School)	October 27
One Act Plays	TBA
Late Start Day	November 13
Thanksgiving Holiday (No School)	Nov. 26-28
Late Start Day	December 4
One Acts Festival	December 12
End of 2 nd Nine Weeks	December 16
Winter Holiday (No School)	Dec. 22-Jan. 2
Teacher Work Day (No School)	January 5
Late Start Day	January 8
Individual Events Competition	January 10
MLK Day (No School)	January 19
Late Start Day	January 22
Individual Events Benefit Performance	TBA
Late Start Day	February 5
FCAT Writing+	February 10-13
Holiday (No School)	February 16
Late Start Day	February 26
Silent Auction Fundraiser	March 7
FCAT (Reading, Math, Science)	March 10-23
End of 3 rd Nine Weeks	March 26
Teacher Work Day (No School)	March 27
Spring Break	March 30 - April 3
Film Premier	TBA
Holiday (No School)	April 10
Grad Night	April 18
State Thespian Festival	April 21-26
Late Start Day	April 23
Children of Conflict at Florida Stage	April 27
Prom Night	TBA
Holiday (No School)	May 25
Graduation	May 28
Project Graduation	May 28
Last Day of School	June 3

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TO THE PARENTS OF G-STAR STUDENT:

Coming in February

G-Star's 4th Annual Student Fashion Show will take place in February, 2009 at the Cullio Theatre for the Arts on Clematis Street in the heart of downtown West Palm Beach. This fun-filled evening showcases G-Star students as models, and promises to be a lively night out!



If you own or work in a clothing boutique, or know someone who does, we are seeking fashionable clothing either as a donation or on loan, for this worthy event. Donors will be acknowledged in the program, and will also receive 4 complimentary tickets to the event.

Seamstresses are also needed, so put your sewing talents to good use to benefit your child's school! Plan to attend and show your support. Proceeds of the show go towards purchasing books and supplies for the students.

For additional information or to volunteer, please contact the event coordinator, Scott Greene in G-Star's front office, 967-2023.

The G-Star Mission: *To prepare and educate students to demonstrate mastery in the arts and academics ("artademics"), to achieve physical, social, emotional, and intellectual wellness, and to implement career goals and strategies.*