



# THE DRAGON PRIDE

Welcome to the December 2008 edition of the Sac High Alumni Dragon Pride e-Newsletter. For previous editions of the Dragon Pride, please visit [www.sachighalumni.org](http://www.sachighalumni.org)

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## Events

### **Sac High Open Houses**

Sac High is now enrolling for the 2009-1020 school year. All students in grades 9-12 from all Districts are welcome and encouraged to attend one of the upcoming open houses to ask questions, meet current students and teachers, and tour the campus:

Saturday, January 10, 2009 (12-2 pm)

Saturday, February 7, 2009 (12-2pm)

Saturday, March 7, 2009 (12-2pm)

Saturday, April4, 2009 (12-2pm)

Saturday, May 9, 2009 (12-2pm)

Saturday, June 6, 2009 (12-2pm)

Saturday, July 11, 2009 (12-2pm)

For more information visit [www.sachigh.org](http://www.sachigh.org)

### **St. HOPE Holiday Classic**

It's that time of year again. The eighth annual St. HOPE Holiday Classic is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for December 18-20 as your reigning champion Sac High Dragons compete against local and Bay Area teams. The Classic has become a reunion event for recent graduating classes. This year we are pleased to host the VIP Alumni section for the Class of 2008. Visit [www.sachighathletics.org](http://www.sachighathletics.org) for game times.

### Tapley Commits to SDSU

On November 20, Sac High senior and the Sacramento Bee's 2007-2008 Prep Basketball Player of the Year, Chase Tapley signed his letter of intent for San Diego State University where he will attend next fall.



Chase Tapley (with hat) celebrates with his teammates.

Highly recruited by several colleges, Tapley, a 6-2, 185-pound guard from Sacramento, Calif., led Sacramento High School to its first-ever CIF Division III state finals appearance in 2007-08 after helping the Dragons to a 30-4 record and their first CIF Northern California Regional Division III Championship. In the state title game, Tapley went for 35 points, nine rebounds and four steals en route to averaging 22.2 points, 4.8 assists and 4.6 steals for the season. Tapley comes from a basketball family as his father played college basketball at Arkansas State.

### The Class of 1969 is Looking for You!

The Class of '69 is in the early stages of planning a reunion and would like your input, or just know where you are. Please contact Gilbert Ayala [Gilbertayala@hotmail.com](mailto:Gilbertayala@hotmail.com) Phone 916-685-2865.

### Sac High Items Make Perfect Christmas Gifts

If you're looking for that perfect holiday gift for your favorite Dragon, be sure to visit the Sac High Team Store online at [www.sachigh.org](http://www.sachigh.org). Planning to cheer on your Dragons from the stands this year? While the basketball team is terrific, the old bleachers are not. You'll be happy you purchased a Sac High stadium seat cushion just in time for the season.

Sac High and St. HOPE Public Schools are always in need of donations. Online donations can be made by visiting [www.sachigh.org](http://www.sachigh.org) or mailed to: P.O. Box 5447, Sacramento, CA 95817.



Coach Swafford (center) and 08-09 Boys Varsity Basketball Team.

### Both Sac High Boys and Girls Basketball Teams ranked #1

Picking up where they left off from last season, both the boys and girls basketball teams have been ranked #1 in Sacramento by the Sacramento Bee. The Bee has also named Erika Barnes (Jr.), Kyra Dunn (Jr.) and Brittney Shine (Jr.) in the Girls 20 Players to Watch and Travon Abraham (Jr.), Chase Tapley (Sr.) and Josiah Turner (So.) in the Boys 20 Players to Watch.

With Derek Swafford returning as Head Coach, the Boys team is hoping to return to the State Championships only this time coming home with the title. With the hire of new coach Michelle Massari, the Lady Dragons are also hoping to return to the State Championships after falling short last season. For schedule information visit [www.sachighathletics.org](http://www.sachighathletics.org).

## **College Update from the Class of '08**

With the highest percentage of students being accepted into a 4-year college, the Class of '08 has already begun the next phase of their life. We will share some of their stories as they embark on new adventures.

Hello All,

I am really loving college. I feel so blessed to be here right now, and completely happy with my decision. The people are so friendly, my roommate is very nice, the classes are really small, and I am getting all the help I need from professors and other campus resources. I just love OXY (Occidental).

In a way, things feel a little like Sac High as far as the culture and level of attention. The small classes, professors and administration that care are all things that are vital to my success. The workload was a little overwhelming a first, but I think that I am getting the hang of it.

I am a Diplomacy and World Affairs and Political Science double major, and currently taking 17 units. I love both of those classes dearly. They are really reading intense, but the way the classes are structured there is very little lecturing and mostly class room discussion, and that keeps it interesting. My most difficult class by far is Latin 101. When I enrolled in that class, I thought it would be conversational Latin, but it is definitely not! It's reading and translating, and very difficult, and time consuming, but I shall overcome. I have taken advantage of office hours which are great! And, my professor is helpful and nice which is really encouraging! Other than that Latin is great and by time the semester is over my vocabulary should be pretty good.

I am also working. I think I have the best job on campus. I work in the library at the circulation desk, from 9-Midnight and I check out books. The library is really quiet and there aren't too many customers so I can do homework.

I have so much to say about what has been going on these last few months. It's been a crazy learning experience, mostly through trial and error. I think the most important thing I have learned is time management. High school prepared me in a way, but I think the true test isn't until you've stayed up until three o'clock in the morning and sleep through your first class.

Los Angeles is such a big city and there is so much to do. It is really distracting, but I am learning that Pasadena and other places are not more important than Politics 101 and Latin. I can't wait until this year's seniors come and visit(I really hope they do), because I know they would LOVE IT. I really need to get back to the books, but if you guys need anything feel free to contact me I'm here and willing to help!

Love and Peace,

Asia Canady – Occidental College

## **Class Reunions**

### **Upcoming Reunions**

Class of 1959

Date: Friday, October 2, 2009  
Location: Embassy Suites Sacramento - Riverfront Promenade  
Contact: Martin Mortensen [mmortensen@suddenlink.net](mailto:mmortensen@suddenlink.net)

## Recent Reunions

### Class of 1973

Date: November 8, 2008  
Location: Elks Lodge (6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento, CA )  
Contact: Linda Patton-Finch (916) 654-8701

### Class of 1998

Date: November 29, 2008  
Location: Cattlemens Restaurant (12409 Folsom Blvd., Rancho Cordova, CA)  
Contact: Talaina Brown [talaina@bellsouth.net](mailto:talaina@bellsouth.net) or 678-760-6638

## Sac High In the News

### Recent Headlines

November 27, 2008  
The Sacramento Bee  
It's often trial by fire at Sacramento High School  
<http://www.sacbee.com/preps/story/1431601.html>

November 27, 2008  
The Sacramento Bee  
Area teams, players aim for success on larger scale  
<http://www.sacbee.com/preps/story/1431892.html>

November 27, 2008  
The Sacramento Bee  
Boys Prep Basketball: The Bee's top 20  
Boys Prep Basketball: 20 Players to Watch  
<http://www.sacbee.com/preps/story/1431600.html>  
<http://www.sacbee.com/preps/story/1431599.html>

November 27, 2008  
The Sacramento Bee  
Girls Prep Basketball: The Bee's top 20  
Girls Prep Basketball: 20 Players to Watch  
<http://www.sacbee.com/preps/story/1431605.html>  
<http://www.sacbee.com/preps/story/1431609.html>

November 20, 2008  
The Sacramento Bee  
Editorial: City school rule inhibits choice  
<http://www.sacbee.com/editorials/story/1412713.html>

September 4, 2008  
The Sacramento Bee

Wanted: '98, '99 Sac High grads

<http://www.sacbee.com/city/story/1204701.html>

September 5, 2008

The Sacramento Bee

Sac High's Henderson to play only football

<http://www.sacbee.com/100/story/1212067.html>

October 12, 2008

The Sacramento Bee

Burbank looks fit to defend its crown - The reigning champions blank Sacramento

<http://www.sacbee.com/preps/story/1307693.html>

October 19, 2008

The Sacramento Bee

Another View: Sac High's success can apply to all students

<http://www.sacbee.com/1190/story/1323640.html>

Happy Holiday's and Go Dragons!

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