

Parent “Insider” Tips from Friends of Pacific Beach Secondary Schools (FOPBSS)

Be an advocate for your student.

- Attend Open Houses
- Be attentive to Parent Connect/Zangle
- Know your student’s counselor and teachers
- Educate yourself on the many resources available on campus to your student for
after school tutoring, teacher office hours etc.
- Send an introductory email to your student’s teachers offering support
from home.
- Know dates for progress/report cards.

Don’t worry in advance.

The dynamics of budget cuts and last minute funding make it difficult to predict what is going to be happening next year. Make sure your student is on track for the current year and take it year to year.

Be a part of the solution.

If you feel there is an opportunity for improvement, it is most productive to our school community if you not only communicate the need for improvement but also offer help or suggestions towards finding a solution.

Be well informed with accurate and current information.

- Check out the school website and the SDUSD website on a regular basis
- see what is new on the Daily Bulletin.
- Attend FOPBSS or School Site Council meetings.
- Sign up for FOPBSS emails.
- Read Beachcomber for student perspective.

Meet other parents.

Other parents are a great resource especially if you know parents with students in grades above yours – lots of good “tips”. Meet new parents by volunteering,

driving to “away” games, helping out with school music or drama productions, working in the library, attending sporting events, campus clean ups, etc.

Encourage your student to try a new sport or be involved in a club.

Without exception, the best way to be successful in school is for your student to be engaged. Join clubs and teams to make the most of your school years!

Understand the budget cuts.

Please remember our principals have done as much as possible to keep budget cuts away from the classroom. This poses challenges to office and custodial staffs that are spread very thin for this size campus. Practice patience.

The only test scores that matter are your student’s.

One of many benchmarks of learning and retention is standardized testing. Focus on your student’s testing to their fullest academic potential.

“The only difference between an ordeal and an adventure is attitude.”

Encourage your student to have fun and take advantage of all your school has to offer academically and socially. These years are transformative in so many ways for your students – enjoy the journey!