



January 2012

CONGRATULATIONS & Welcome

The 2011 Scholastic Review Board is pleased to inform you that your child has been selected as a member of the 2011 **ALL CONFERENCE SCHOLASTIC TEAM**. The Peninsula Pop Warner Officers and Board of Directors wish to extend their congratulations. We congratulate you and your child for their incredible accomplishments in their academic endeavors and as a representative of Pop Warner.

We hope you enjoy this special evening, as we gather together to celebrate our Scholar - Athletes and their academic achievements.

When most people think of Pop Warner they automatically think of a well-known football coach, who teamed up with a stockbroker in New York City to produce, as Author James Michener termed, “organized juvenile sports at its best”. How could anyone imagine that the association of Coach Glenn Scobie “Pop” Warner and an enthusiastic athlete, Joe Tomlin, would produce such a successful program?

By now you probably think we are only talking about football and cheerleading. But that is not the case. Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc. (PWLS) is the only National youth sports organization in America that requires its participants to perform adequately in the classroom before permitting them to play. These standards give the participants a sense of responsibility and an appreciation for academics and athletics that help them develop later on in life.

Just to give you a brief overview of **Peninsula Pop Warner League** – we have over 7,500 participants from Salinas and Monterey (south) to Daly City and Pacifica (north) and from Santa Cruz (west) to Brentwood/Oakley (east), and have been providing football and cheerleading activities for the youth in this area for over 48 years.

Within our League are 32 Associations consisting of approximately 200 football teams and 100 spirit squads. As you can imagine we manage quite a few volunteers. All volunteers are screened through law enforcement agencies. Volunteers at the Association level usually include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Equipment Manager, Scholastic Director, Athletic Director – both girls and boys, Publicity Chair and depending on the size of the Association could be more. At the team level there is usually a Head Coach, 5 Assistant Coaches, an Equipment Manager, a Team Mom and a Business Manager. We definitely rely heavily on our dedicated volunteers – and the generous contributors and sponsors who make it all possible.

Peninsula Pop Warner has adopted the National Policy which is a 2.0/70% or the equivalent shall be the minimum grade point average acceptable to participate. In cases of doubt or conflict of opinion, a written statement by the school administration shall be deemed final.

Peninsula Pop Warner Scholastics program is somewhat different and special from the National Program. How? Currently at the National level, recognition is currently for grade 5 and higher. Our Peninsula Commissioner, Joe Tobia, requires all participants (from the Mighty Mites level to the Midgets) to complete an All-American Application. This means that, in the course of a few months, over 7,500 report cards and applications will be scrutinized and scored by the Association Scholastic Directors and their teams of volunteers and input into the League Data Base to determine whether the participant is eligible for a Hall-of Fame award, along with the current year standing.

Usually in January of the following year, notices are sent to the eligible participants requesting their attendance at a banquet. The banquet is to honor these Scholar-Athletes for their accomplishments during the past school year. Normally we arrange 2 banquets, at a hall that sits about 900 people, to accommodate our needs. The banquets are normally held on two nights. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and of course, the honoree, all attend. This year the banquets will be Friday night, February 10th and Sunday afternoon, February 12th.

As the dinner progresses we honor these children with numerous awards and special recognition. Each honoree is given a first, second or third place certificate, patch and medallion (gold, silver or copper). Remember – this is for all of the children turning in a report card. This means that we could possibly have a participant in the program for 8 or 9 years. If they receive an award each year, after three years and have made the first team in any year, they get inducted into the Hall-of-Fame and receive a special plaque engraved with their name. Further Hall-of-Fame participation is awarded with a special medallion indicating the year and number of years as a Hall-of Fame participant. A special award was put in place to honor our Scholars that are in the top 1% each year this has been named as our “Commissioners Honor Society”.

During the banquet we have had such guest speakers as NFL Hall of Famer Y.A. Tittle, Ken Norton Jr., Greg Baty, Bill Ring, and Jonnie Johnson, Delvin Williams, Tim Anderson and many others, who have spoken to the children with great enthusiasm; reiterating the fact their education should be one of the most important items in their young lives.

As you can see these events take a lot of work and a serious commitment, physically, mentally and financially, but the results make all of the hard work worthwhile. Congratulations to your young adults for their achievements.

Sincerely

Joseph G. Tobia

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Commissioner

Peninsula Pop Warner

The selections to First, Second or Third team will be announced at the annual Scholastic Awards ceremony. Please refer to the **schedule below** for the date of your child's award ceremony. All events are at the Marriott Hotel in Santa Clara, California. Plan to be there early. **Dinner service will begin at 7:15 PM on Friday, February 10th. Sunday February 12th, Dinner service will begin at 5:00 P.M.**

The awards ceremony will follow immediately after dinner. We congratulate you and your child for their incredible accomplishments in their academic endeavors and as a representative of Pop Warner.

This will be a gala occasion for our honorees and their friends and families. We hope to see you on this special night as we gather together to celebrate our Scholar - Athletes and their academic achievements. **Please complete the information and return the enclosed envelope by January 27th, 2012 or sooner.** We will need to know the number of people attending, and **you must enclose a check or money order or credit card information for the full amount. Tickets are non-refundable. You will be able to pick up your dinner tickets at the hotel prior to dinner, at the WILL-CALL window. Seating is limited, so get your reservations in early, as we sold out last year.**

All reservations will be handled on first come, first serve basis.

TICKET SALES AT THE DOOR \$40.00 AND CASH ONLY, IF SPACE IS AVAILABLE

If you have any questions, contact your Association Scholastic Director or President. (SEE ATTACHED LIST OF PHONE NUMBERS for Presidents.)

We have reserved a block of rooms at the Marriott Hotel for your convenience if you wish to spend the night. This is a great opportunity for you to demonstrate and reward your child for an outstanding job. The room rate is \$99.00; reservations must be made before 2/1/12. The blocks of rooms are under Pop Warner and you can reach the Marriott at 408-988-1500.

If you are unaware of your Association name, please verify this by checking the label on the envelope. Your association name is on the third line of the label.

Your child's name that appears on the label will be printed on their certificates of Academic Excellence. If it is incorrect or not what you want, email the correct name and contact your Association President on or before January 27, 2012. Please keep in mind that we are volunteers and work during the day, so your calls should be in the evenings.

**PENINSULA POP WARNER
2011 ASSOCIATION PRESIDENTS**

ASSOCIATION	PRESIDENT	PHONE #	ASSOCIATION	PRESIDENT	PHONE #
Award Banquet Friday February 10, 2012 @ 6:30 PM					
Almaden	Don Preble	510-714-2630	Andrew Hill	Tim Hilton	408-661-7938
Bay Cities	Bill Morris	650-345-5663	Bayside	Joe Tolod	650-245-0019
Cambrian Valley	David Valentine	408-476-6633	Campbell	Marvin Escobar	408-9210705
Coyote Creek	Andre Hunt	408-857-6669	East Palo Alto	Dante Bains	650-444-1161
Menlo-Atherton	Bob Williams	650-996-0030	Mountain View	Carolyn Smith	408-316-6545
Redwood City	Ray Lockett	650-520-0669	San Jose Saints	Julie Cognetti	408-813-7268
Santa Clara	Craig Connelly	408-248-5002	South Valley	Bill Vines	408-781-6699
Sunnyvale	Dolf Placencia	650-642-8976	West Valley	Ched Fowler	408-688-4731

Award Banquet Sunday February 12, 2012 @ 4:30 PM

Alameda	Ron Mathews	510-769-6031	Berkeley	Michael Hebrard MD	510-910-2573
Brentwood/Oakley	Sean Ooghe	925-207-9229	Central Coast	David Tavera	831-207-2077
Coastside	Breen Hofmann	650-759-2290	Daly City	Cristina Bernal	650-636-5113
East Bay	Fredrick Pugh	510-715-7638	Gilroy	Rich Salazar	408.688.6767
Hollister	Jeff Valenzuela	831-902-7421	Monterey	Janine Bouyea	831-682-8694
Morgan Hill	Rich Phillips	408-779-8121	Pacifica	Dave Mercurio	415-519-5580
Salinas	Robert Devore	831-901-9360	Santa Cruz	Bob Camacho	831-457-8040
Valley	Tom Reed	831-334-2869	West Bay	Kolone Pua	650-333-5239

Peninsula Pop Warner Scholar- Athlete Program

Peninsula Pop Warner started its Scholar - Athlete program in 1981. The intent and focus was to reinforce to our participants, your children: That academic achievements and sports go hand in hand. In today's world too little focus is given to the students that are doing well with their academics. Pop Warner is the only National youth organization that places emphasis on academics and has a program to recognize our Scholar – Athletes nationwide. The Pop Warner program begins at the local League and has Regional and National recognition. As part of the League sign up requirements your child was required to submit their prior year report card and also complete a scholastic application. The Peninsula League Academic Review Board has now completed its review of all the applications submitted. As they say “the results are in.”

The Honor of being named to Peninsula's “**2011 All League Scholastic Team**” is being bestowed upon your child. As part of our program grading system we place all Scholar-Athletes on a team, based on their total points. The league grading system calculates your child's grade and that represents 85% of the grade for this program. The remaining 15% is based on extra-curricular activities in school and community service. The announcement of the teams will be made and your child's awards will be presented at the Scholastic Awards ceremony. If a child makes the All League Scholastic Team for three years (they do not have to be consecutive years) and one of those years is on the First team, then they are inducted into the Scholar - Athlete Hall of Fame. If your child continues they have the opportunity to be inducted into the extended Hall Of Fame. The top 1% of this year's Scholars will be inducted into the Commissioner's Honor Society.

The League Officers and Board of Directors feel that the program reinforces the need for its participants to remain in school. The Scholar-Athlete program provides positive reinforcement to the athletes and challenges them to continue their scholastic achievements. Unfortunately the League is a non-profit organization and has no means to assist or pay for the dinners for the Scholar - Athletes. Most local Associations do not have the financial means to assist, but you need to verify this with your President. The attire for the evening is business dress. Please have your child dress properly for the event or, as the term goes, “Your Sunday best.”