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Our Vision

*Millikan is a community that promotes
academic excellence, personal integrity
and essential life skills.*

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Hello Millikan Community,

I would like to start off this e-mail by wishing each one of you a restful and relaxing Holiday Season. For the next two weeks Millikan High School will be closed for the Winter Break as will our front office. During this time, not a creature will stir at Millikan except for our grounds keepers and custodians. We will be open and ready for business bright and early on January 7, 2008

This Friday, December 21st, will be a minimum day. The first exit for the day will be 11:30 A.M. and the second exit will be 12:40 P.M. The buses will leave at 1:00 PM.

In the last few days there have been three fire drills on campus. All staff and students proceeded to the soccer and football fields. It takes approximately 13 minutes to evacuate the entire campus and check the buildings for fire or damage. The false alarms have been traced to a malfunctioning sensor and some water damage. Hopefully, by sharing this information, the rumor mill will not turn a damaged smoke detector into a five alarm blaze.

I have never been a big fan of some of the popular Internet chat sites, like Myspace. Recently, I have another reason to dislike these chat rooms. It has come to my attention that students have been sharing ways to use over the counter cold medication to "[Get High.](#)" Nurse Pat Erlandson forwarded me the attached website and I hope that the information will enlighten you to this growing trend.

This past Saturday, Millikan JROTC was involved in the Annual Army/Army Drill Meet Competition. There was a twist to the meet this time around. Instead of just doing the regular drill meet we also incorporated an Academic Challenge and a Physical Fitness Challenge. The academic challenge involved Millikan, Poly, Jordan and Bellflower High Schools. The academic challenge is a written test that consists of CAHSEE type questions and basic JROTC subject curriculum material. It turned out to be a success.

Millikan placed second out of the 4 Army JROTC High Schools. The Physical Fitness Challenge is not a stranger to JROTC. What made the difference this time is that all four high schools competed against each other to see which team was the most fit. Millikan JROTC placed second. In the drill meet, we had the Color Guard, the Squad Regulation Team, and the Unarmed Drill Team perform. The Color Guard, Armed, and Unarmed place second. The Squad Regulation team placed third. For the Individual competition, only the top 5 cadets are presented an award. Richard Gonzalez, 11th Grade, placed second and Julie Mut, 12th Grade, placed 5th. Great job cadets

Thank you,

Jeff

“When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.” ~Mark Twain, "Old Times on the Mississippi" *Atlantic Monthly*, 1874