President’s Weekly Briefing—December 12, 2014

College campuses will be closed December 24, 2014, through January 2, 2015, for the holidays.

Kentfield and Indian Valley Campuses Open Saturday
The Indian Valley Campus (IVC) will reopen tomorrow, Saturday, December 13. With both campuses open, final exams will be held as scheduled.

I would like to express my appreciation for the individuals from our Maintenance and Operations, Campus Police, and College Operations Departments who were on campus working throughout the storm. Their efforts to keep drainage open; clear downed trees, mud, and debris; and monitor potential safety concerns is to be applauded. Excessive flooding in parking lots was controlled, hillsides where mudslides occurred have been shored up, and perimeter roads have been cleared of mud and debris.

Instructors with final exams on Saturday should hold classes as scheduled. Students should attend their final exams at the time and location noted in the schedule. Instructors with questions should contact Assistant Vice President for Instructional Support Cari Torres, (415) 485-9505. Students should contact their instructors with any questions or concerns.

With safety our top priority, conditions at both campuses will continue to be monitored. Any further updates deemed necessary will be sent out via the appropriate channels.

Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Open House
The Marin County Flood Control District invites you to an open house on Saturday, December 13, to learn about the local watershed, flooding history, and the Ross Valley Flood Protection and Watershed Program. The open house will include hands-on, family friendly activities, updates on flood mitigation projects, and opportunities to speak with staff and community representatives.

The Town of San Anselmo, in partnership with FEMA, will also be unveiling its High Water Mark Campaign with new signs posted throughout the downtown corridor indicating the height of historic floods. This campaign is part of FEMA’s Know Your Line initiative to develop community awareness of local flood risks. Hear from local and regional leaders at 9:30 a.m. and learn about protecting your family in the event of a flood.

The open house is being held in conjunction with the San Anselmo Recreation Department’s Annual Breakfast with Santa at the Ross Valley Fire Department in downtown San Anselmo.

Saturday, December 13
8 a.m. to noon
Ross Valley Fire Department
777 San Anselmo Avenue, San Anselmo
District Winter Holiday Extended through January 2
The winter holiday break has been extended to include January 2. Campuses will be closed for the holidays from December 24, 2014, through January 2, 2015. Enjoy the time off!

New Registration Hours for Community Education
As of December 8, 2014, registration hours for Community Education have changed at both campuses. Kentfield and Indian Valley Campus offices are now open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and are closed from noon to 1 p.m. Winter 2015 schedules will be available online Monday, December 15, 2014. Registration begins on Monday, January 5, 2015.

Office locations:
Kentfield Campus (KTD)                     Indian Valley Campus (IVC)
Student Services Building, room 145       Building 7, room 199

Socks in the City
Socks are one of the items in greatest need at this time of the year for our homeless population. St. Anthony’s Socks in the City program was started in response to the dire need for socks for homeless men and women. St. Anthony’s aims to collect 10,000 pairs of new or gently used socks by December 21, 2014. You can help reach that goal by donating socks. Donation bins are located at the Student Services Building, first floor; and at the main entrances on the first and third floors of the Science Math Nursing Building, Kentfield Campus. For more information contact Deirdre Martinez, (415) 485-9573.

Nightly Shelter Available Through REST Program
The Job Placement and Housing Office has recently acquired resource information for the Rotating Emergency Shelter Team (REST) Program. Shelter is provided for up to 20 women and 40 men on a nightly basis for the winter months. The REST season runs from November 15 to April 15. If you know of a person in need of shelter during this time frame, encourage registration at the St. Vincent de Paul Society, Monday through Friday, from noon to 2 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. REST evolved out of necessity due to the lack of capacity in Marin’s existing shelter system and is generously supported by the County of Marin and a grant from the Marin Community Foundation.

COM Libraries Closed During Winter Break
The Kentfield and Indian Valley Campus Libraries will be closed during winter break from December 15, 2014, to January 19, 2015. During this time, you can return COM library items to the book return in the parking lot behind the Learning Resources Center or outside the Mailroom.
Cop’s Corner: Emergency Preparedness

In the event of a disaster or major emergency, evacuations may be necessary. Classes, departments, and offices in every building should agree in advance on an outdoor meeting place away from the building. A building evacuation will occur when a fire alarm sounds or upon notification by the Campus Police Department or emergency personnel.

Always be aware of marked exits from your area and building. Know the routes from your work area. Once outside, move to a clear area that is at least 100 feet away from the affected building. Keep streets and walkways clear for emergency vehicles and personnel. Do not return to an evacuated building unless directed to do so by campus police or emergency personnel.

If an extended evacuation is necessary, you should go to the College’s emergency evacuation areas, where information and assistance will be provided. The location of the emergency evacuation areas can be found on the campus maps located on the last 2 pages of the Emergency Guidelines Handbook.

Please refer to page 17 in College of Marin’s Emergency Guidelines Handbook for more information about how to prepare in the event of an evacuation on campus. Handbooks are available on the Police Department website and are attached to the walls near the exits inside College of Marin buildings.

Upcoming Events

Tomorrow and Sunday Only—Marin Oratorio Presents Messiah
Boyd Jarrell, director

The most frequently performed of all oratorios, Handel’s Messiah is grand entertainment with a transcendent sense of dramatic pacing and force. The poetry and majesty of Handel’s vision of birth, passion, and resurrection are quintessentially familiar, yet ever fresh. This timeless masterpiece will be presented in its original orchestration by Marin’s premier oratorio society with full orchestra and guest soloists Erina Newkirk, Heidi Waterman, Michael Belle, and John Bischoff.

Saturday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 14, 3 p.m.
James Dunn Theatre, Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

Box office: (415) 485-9385 www.marinoratorio.org
Suggested donation: $20 general; $15 students, seniors, COM employees, and alumni
All proceeds go to support Marin Oratorio.
Aging and Medical Science: UC Davis Mini Medical School Sampler
This half-day program is designed for anyone who wants to explore the field of medicine. In addition, the UC Davis School of Medicine faculty members will provide a general overview of the UC Davis Mini Medical School program and information on the science of aging well.

Saturday, January 24
8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
James Dunn Theatre
Kentfield Campus

Free with pre-registration for all COM faculty, staff, and students.
Register and get more information online, or call (415) 485-9305. Class ID 0329

This program is part of the Haddie Mini-Lecture Series sponsored by the Haddie Emeritus College Scholarship Fund for older adults.

New at the Fine Arts Gallery—Willard Dixon: Portraits
An exhibition of portraits by artist Willard Dixon opened this week at the gallery. The artist will speak about the collection at a reception on Saturday, January 24, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. The gallery will be closed for the holidays December 13, 2014, to January 11, 2015. Contact Chris West for more information, (415) 485-9494.

Artist Talk and Reception
Saturday, January 24
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Fine Arts Gallery, Performing Arts Building
Kentfield Campus

Drama Department Presents Love Letters—a Special Fundraiser Performance
By A.R. Gurney
Robert Wilson, director

A limited engagement production of A.R. Gurney’s Love Letters starring James Dunn and Anne Ripley will be performed Valentine’s Day weekend. Characters Andrew Makepeace Ladd III and Melissa Gardner are lifelong friends whose correspondence begins with early childhood notes, and continues over their lifetime. This piece is evocative, touching, and frequently funny. It’s eloquently clear that their attachment to each other remains strong through both good times and bad. Get in the spirit of Valentine’s Day; this is a true love story you won’t want to miss!

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Friday, February 13 (final dress preview), 7:30 p.m.  
Suggested donation: $10  
Saturday, February 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, February 15, 2 p.m.  
Studio Theatre (PA 32), Performing Arts Building, Kentfield Campus  
Suggested donation: $25  

Please contact Kim Foulger, (415) 485-9555 to reserve your seats. This performance is not part of the subscription season. Proceeds benefit the COM Drama Department.  
*Love Letters is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York*

**Ongoing Events**

**Covered California Navigator on Campus**  
The open enrollment period for health insurance through Covered California started on November 15, 2014, and ends February 15, 2015. Single Stop has arranged to have a navigator from Covered California on campus to give information about the different options and help individuals enroll. The navigator will be on campus from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fridays, January 23 and 30, and February 6 at the Single Stop Office. For more information contact Tara Arenas at (415) 457-8811 ext. 7761.

**Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
January 23 and 30, 2015  
February 6, 2015

Single Stop Office, Student Services Building  
Kentfield Campus

**Seasonal Flu Shots Now $5 for Students**  
The College of Marin Health Center will be offering seasonal flu shots to students for $5, faculty and staff for $10; and to the community for $20. Fees go to help support our Nursing Program. Appointment dates and times are listed [online](#). Call (415) 485-9458 for an appointment or more information. The Health Center is not a Medicare provider and is not able to bill insurance plans. Anyone wishing to receive a flu shot must be 18 years of age or older.

**Emeritus Center Exhibit Featuring Nancie West Swanberg**  
Nancie West Swanberg is the featured artist in the Emeritus Center’s current exhibition; read more about her [online](#). The Emeritus Center on the Kentfield Campus is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The show runs through the end of December.
Fall Sports

Men’s Basketball
Lassen Tournament
December 12-14 in Susanville, time TBA
Santa Rosa Junior College Tournament
December 18-20 in Santa Rosa, time TBA
COM vs. Los Medanos College
Friday, January 2, 7:30 p.m. in Pittsburgh

Women’s Basketball
ELAC Holiday Tournament
December 27-29 in Los Angeles, time TBA
COM vs. Los Medanos College
Friday, January 2, 5:30 p.m. in Pittsburgh

Have a great weekend,

David Wain Coon, Ed.D.
Superintendent/President