As I write this, it is hard to believe that we are only five weeks away from the end of the school year. It allows me to reflect on the journey of this year, and to look forward to the opening of school in August. The conclusion of this school year will be filled with many, many activities. Numerous activities will revolve around the celebrations of the students’ accomplishments this past school year.

It is difficult to fathom that we are only a few short days away from welcoming a new group of freshman to our campus. Hopefully, all of our seniors have taken full advantage of the educational opportunities at Santa Clara High School and are now focusing on end-of-the-year activities such as prom, graduation and grad night. The reality of the end will bring out surprising emotions that were not anticipated. The “I can’t wait to graduate,” turns into, “I can’t believe it’s over.” The routine of going to school daily for the last 13 years, which has been a constant in their lives, will be over and they will now have choices to make. I believe that they will be prepared to make those choices and will choose well.

I would like to thank the class of 2011. I have had the wonderful opportunity to watch you grow and mature over the years. You have made a special mark on Santa Clara High School and will not soon be forgotten. You are truly a special group of students, and each of you has left a lasting impression at SCHS. While each and every one of you is unique in your own way, your ability to come together for common causes and the bonds that you hold with one another should always be cherished.

I would like to thank the faculty, staff, students and parents of the Santa Clara Community, whose daily contributions have created the lasting memories which develop our students into the outstanding people that they are, as well as the contributing citizens they are becoming. Once a Bruin, always a Bruin!

Budget Information  Santa Clara Unified School District is in the middle of attempting to cut between 9 and 14 million dollars from the current budget for next year. This is due to the State of California continuing to be in a state of crisis in regards to their own budget and is clearly unsure of how to meet their own needs. It is expected that we will know much more in the upcoming week as the Governor is expected to announce many issues with the budget at his May Revise on May 15. These budget issues will affect our students in many ways. For our graduating students, college units are becoming much more expensive as the CSU and UC schools are dealing with heavy cuts of their own. It is expected that we will see massive cuts in our school budgets as well, if a tax extension does not find its way onto the ballot (as Governor Brown has proposed). Please keep informed about the state budget as much as possible.

TDAP  All students must present proof of the TDAP (whooping cough/pertussis) vaccination prior to beginning the 2011-2012 school year or they will not be able to attend. Many students have already had this vaccination and are not aware of it - please call your health care provider to inquire. You may bring proof at any time and we will be happy to record it.

Construction Update  As we returned from Spring Break, we welcomed the addition of a remodeled Gymnasium (Field House) and Women’s Locker Room. The new building is tremendous to behold. We have 3 new team rooms for our athletes, plus the upgrades in the PE locker room make it a facility that our students should be proud of.

Since this building has been completed, the work on the Main Gymnasium and the Men’s Locker Room has now begun. The work should take a little more than a year and be completed for the 2012-2013 school year. If the Field House is any indication of the work that will be completed, then the wait will be well worth it.

Thank You All Around  I would be remiss if I didn’t thank parents for making our students and staff experiences so positive this year. A special thank you to the PTSA, Athletic Boosters and Music Boosters. They have donated hundreds of hours to enhance the Santa Clara High experience for our students. Thank you for all that you have done.
May Calendar...

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<td>Senior Picnic: Bus Leaves 9:30 am sharp, Return to SC 5 pm</td>
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One More Staff Appreciation Luncheon...May 6!

May 6 will be the final PTSA sponsored Staff Appreciation Luncheon for this school year.

Want to know what your kids know about school activities? Check out “Morning Announcements” on Schoolloop!

School Loop

Over 900 parents have signed up for School Loop and we are hoping for more! School Loop allows parents to have greater access to their students’ teachers and assignments. We have had wonderful feedback from the parents. If you are interested, log on to http://www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/. After logging on, “click” on Register.
President’s Pen
Karen Hovey/PTSA President
bruinspts@gmail.com

Dear SCHS Families…

I have thoroughly enjoyed my association with parents, students and staff I’ve worked with as I’ve served with the PTSA this past year. Thank you to our volunteers who make SCHS a better place! I was very pleased with how many parents of incoming 9th graders attended Open House and stopped by the PTSA table. Many are enthusiastic to be active members of our community.

If you are not receiving emails from the PTSA, please consider sending me your email address. I send out periodic information on PTSA events, parent/student volunteer opportunities, and budget related updates.

Looking back:
- The Princess Project is an organization that provides prom style dresses for girls who have financial need. This year SCHS PTSA had 9 girls sign up to participate.
- Parent volunteers counted attendees, handled ticket sales and sold water and snacks at the March 18 Battle of the Classes. Grad Night made close to $400 in snack sales and PTSA brought in $199 in water sales.
- The spring PTSA General Association meeting was held during SCHS Open House on April 6.
  - Honorary service awards were presented to Patrice Anderson and Greg Shelby who do an outstanding job in the SBO and Roddy Magallanes who is the president of the SCHS Music Boosters and who has served our students as a parent volunteer for many years – congratulations to both!
  - Elections were held for our 2011/2012 SCHS PTSA officers. Our incoming officers are listed below.
- Thank you to the parents who participated in the WASC focus groups on May 19. Your input was appreciated!
- The PTSA provided snacks for the students taking the STAR test (granola bars and water). Hopefully the extra bit of energy the snacks provided were worth some extra points on the test!
- April 25 was the deadline for our scholarship applications. We received more than double the number of applications we received in past years. Successful candidates will be announced at the senior awards night.
- The PTA State Convention was in Long Beach April 28 – May 1. Karen Hovey and Shanta Dominguez attended and participated in some excellent training classes.

Looking ahead:
- Our final staff appreciation luncheon of the year is on May 6. Go to the PTSA web page at santacalara.schoolloop.com/ptsa for the sign-up link. Donations are appreciated - let’s show our teachers and staff how much we appreciate them!
- Department Awards Night is May 11. PTSA will be assisting with refreshments.
- Vice-principal Jenny Baldwin will speak to parents on May 19 at 7 pm on the topic of Cyber Bullying in the school library. Check santacalara.schoolloop.com/ptsa for any updates.
- Grad Night will be held this year at Malibu Grand Prix! Tickets are available at the SBO now. See santacalara.schoolloop.com/gradnight for details.

If you have any questions for PTSA, you can contact us at bruinspts@gmail.com. For the latest on PTSA events, go to www.santacalara.schoolloop.com/ptsa. And, of course, you are always welcome to attend a board meeting!

Thank You!

2010/2011
SCHS PTSA Officers…

President  Karen Hovey
1st VP  Anna Strauss
2nd VP  Diane Baltz
Treasurer  Sara Jain
Secretary  Isabel Bermudez
Historian  Jackie Vandercook
Auditor  Caren Ratermann
Parliamentarian  Shanta Dominguez

Welcome!

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PTSA Calendar

May
2  May/June Newsletter published
6  Staff appreciation luncheon
11  Depart Awards - refreshments
16  PTSA Council Dinner (6 pm)
18  PTSA Board Meeting (7pm)
18  Grad Night Meeting (8 pm)
25  Senior Awards – Assist with refreshments

June
3  Last day of school/help with diploma distribution
3, 4  Grad Night Party
Consider this…

Parents…stay up to date on volunteer information

Parents…if you haven’t received an email recently from SCHS PTSA (bruinsptsa@gmail.com), the PTSA does not have your email address! Information will be going out soon regarding summer parent volunteer opportunities – so email bruinsptsa@gmail.com right away to get on the list!

Parents – SCHS needs you!

The Annual PTSA Honorary Service Awards!

The PTSA Honorary Service Award is presented annually to a few people who go beyond the basics to enrich the lives of students.

The SCHS PTSA 2011 Awards were announced at the SCHS Open House on April 6.

Congratulations to Patrice Anderson and Gregg Shelby our terrific SBO leaders and Roddy Magallanes our Music Booster President and long time parent volunteer. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the students of Santa Clara High School!

Race the Night Away!

Grad Night 2011

is a BIG party for seniors to celebrate their high school graduation with their classmates…all night long! Grad Night is committed to being a safe and sober event – no drugs or alcohol.

The Details Meet at SCHS and travel by bus to Malibu Grand Prix. Along with all the fun of Malibu, party goers will enjoy a hypnotist show, casino games, food and photo booth. More activities will be added the more tickets are sold. Check the web site for the latest!

Buy Your Ticket in the SBO
Ticket Price is $65…but will go up soon.

Parent Meeting
Check santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight for dates.

Get on the List! Dawn Lucero, our Grad Night committee chairperson, sends out Grad Night updates. Get on the distribution list by contacting her at schsgradnight@gmail.com.

www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight

Can’t afford Grad Night?

Do you know someone who isn’t planning to attend Grad Night because they can’t afford a ticket?

Have them contact Patrice Anderson or Greg Shelby at the SBO or Dawn Lucero at schsgradnight@gmail.com

Junior Parents!

PTSA Grad Night 2012

Planning for next year’s Grad Night will begin during the summer. To participate, please send a note to our 2012 Grad Night contacts Caren Ratermann at cwratermann@aol.com and Sara Jain at sarajain@pacbell.net.

Marching Band students pose for a picture before they board the bus to begin their Limerick, Ireland adventure.
Cyberbullying
SCHS PTSA Family Education Night
Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 7 pm
Santa Clara High School Library
Vice Principal, Jenny Baldwin, will lead a presentation about how
Cyberbullying affects SCHS, SCHS students and what parents can do.
Parents and students are encouraged to attend!
Refreshments Provided

National PTA Arts Program
Reflections Theme for 2012

Diversity Means...
Visual Arts, Photography, Dance Choreography,
Musical Competition, Film Production, Literature

Students — you can start working on your
entries this summer!

For program rules and to see past winners go to

www.capta.org

For question about SCHS Reflections contact the PTSA
chair, Lisa Lethin at lisa lethin@aol.com

Principal Grissom stands with this year’s
SCHS Public Schools Week Award Winners…
Congratulations!

PTSA Student Honors!
SCHS student Caitlin Isobe was chosen as one of 8 PTA
Student Reps for California State PTA. This is a huge
honor which includes Caitlin traveling to various parts
of the state to give input on children’s issues.

SCHS senior Kimberly Sloan was chosen to
receive a California State PTA scholarship.
Congratulations Kimberly and Caitlin!

The PTSA’s very popular annual
Back-to-School Silent
Auction is being organized now!
If you would like to be on the auction
committee, have some great ideas, or
have a company that would love to
donate…please contact the PTSA at
bruinsptsa@gmail.com. Most of the
funds for PTSA activities are from the
auction proceeds.
Dear Parents:

Pertussis (also known as whooping cough) is widespread in California. There is a new Law (AB 354), which requires all students who will be entering 7th – 12th grade next fall (2011-2012) to show proof of having received a Tdap Pertussis booster shot given after their 7th birthday. Without this proof, those students will be excluded from starting school in the fall. If your child is 7 years or older and has not yet received the Tdap pertussis booster shot, please contact your doctor or health department at 885-3980 for clinic dates and locations. Getting a booster shot now will protect your child against the ongoing threat of pertussis and meet the new school entry requirement. When your child receives the Tdap booster shot, or if he/she has already received it after their 7th birthday, please be sure to bring in the immunization record to the school office as soon as possible so school records can be updated and your child will be ready for the next school year. For more information, please go to www.santaclara.usd.org.

Special Notice Regarding the SCHS Newsletter

“Bruin Country” is a bi-monthly school newsletter produced by SCHS and the SCHS PTSA. The newsletter is available in the school office as well as on the school website www.santaclara.schoolloop.com. If you do not have home access to the internet and would like a copy mailed to your home, please leave a message including your student’s name and address with the school secretary at 408-423-2610.

Newsletters editions are published the end of August and the beginning of November, January, March and May.

To be a part of the PTSA newsletter team, please email Karen Hovey at khoveymail@aol.com

YOU CAN HELP the SCHS SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Here’s how: the next time you find a two-for-one deal at the grocery store, you find items around the house you aren’t using or you simply want to buy and donate – we could use the following items in pretty much all of the class experiments conducted throughout the year.

It’s simple – just drop the items off at the office or Room S115 marked “Attn: SCHS Science Department.”

Questions? Tracey Gunn - 423-2762 or tgunn@scusd.net

Wish List

Small, Medium and Large Latex Free Examination gloves (Smart n Final is a good place to get these).
Table salt in large quantities (NaCl – 1 lb or so)
White vinegar
Plain table sugar in large quantities (1 lb bag)
Baking Soda
Small Dixie cups
1 gallon Freezer bags, Ziplock sandwich bags (must be sealable)
Toothpicks (colored or not)
Household bleach
99% isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol – but 99% - check label)
Dish sponges
Drinking straws
Regular string
Styrofoam plates, Styrofoam cups (average size)
Aluminium foil
6 inch paraffin candles (white emergency candles)
Clorox Wipes
409 Spray Bottles or large refill bottles
Towels (old used)
Playdough (any color)
Food coloring
Borax
Washing Soda (it says so on the box)
Wax paper, Patty paper
Dawn dish soap
Maple syrup
Hydrogen peroxide
Corn starch
Sponges

Thanks for supporting the SCHS Science Program!
It’s hard to believe we’re already going into spring break, STAR testing and after that, a quick slide into the end of another school year. Digital Arts at Santa Clara have had another great year and we still have a couple great events to get to before summer begins.

One of the highlights of the year was our trip to the De Young museum in San Francisco to tour the post-impressionist exhibit on loan from the Louvre in Paris. This was literally a ‘once in a lifetime’ opportunity for our students to see works of art that we’ve all seen in books, but have never been shown outside of France. It was a great day out for our kids and left them with memories they will take with them always from their days at SCHS. We’re already making plans to return to the De Young in the fall to tour the amazing Picasso exhibit that opens up this summer.

I want to thank everyone who came out to see our 9th annual ‘Day of the Arts’ exhibit on April 6th. It was another great day for our students that allowed a large number of Santa Clara students, teachers, parents and community members to see the amazing work being done by all the visual artists at SCHS. The exhibit was also open during the evening for the SCHS open house and a large number of prospective parents and students were able to see first hand how the visual arts are flourishing here at Santa Clara.

With all that has happened this year, we still have 2 important events coming up. The first is our 2nd annual FaultLine Animation festival, which will take place in the SCHS theater on Wednesday, May 18th at 6:30 PM. This event was a huge success last year and featured animations in 11 categories from 7 local high schools that were judged by members of the award-winning animation program at San Jose State University and various industry professionals. SC students won many of the categories and represented our school well at this first of its kind event. This year promises to be even more exciting and we’re expecting SC students to be contending for the grand prize in the short film category. Check the website: http://www.faultlinefestival.org/ for more details, photos and winning animations from last year’s festival.

Our final event for the year will be our field trip to Stanford University on Friday, May 20th. This has been a great trip for us in the past and includes a walking tour of some of the amazing public art on the Stanford campus, including the New Guinea sculpture garden, various masterworks by Rodin and the ‘Stone River’ sculpture by Andy Goldsworthy, which is a student favorite. We’ll also tour the Cantor Arts center, considered by many to be one of the best museums in the Bay area. We’ll end the day with a picnic on ‘the oval’ with our students having the chance to relax in the sun and play some frisbee, soccer, whiffle ball and compete in our annual ‘PC toss.’ This trip is a great day out for our students and an excellent way to celebrate a year of hard (and creative!) work in the arts.

Students pose for a photo outside the DeYoung museum during their field trip to view the post-impressionist exhibit on loan from the Louvre Museum to the right.

Below is the Logo for the SCHS animation festival that will be held on May 18 - see details in the above article.

Don’t miss the 2nd Annual Faultline Animation Festival at the SCHS Theater on May 18 at 6:30 pm!

Spotlight!

Teachers, parents and students…if you have a favorite group or event to spotlight in the SCHS newsletter, please send a photo and short write-up to khoveymail@aol.com.
Bruins in Limerick…
By Katie Ratermann

In March I had the pleasure of traveling with the Santa Clara high School Bruin Band to Limerick, Ireland. On St. Patrick’s Day, surrounded by crowds of cheering people we marched down the streets of Limerick in one of the largest St. Patrick’s Day parades in Ireland.

Planning and preparing for the trip took months of hard work and determination. Marching Band is an activity that requires dedication and drive. We practice several times a week in order to play our songs correctly, commit them to memory, and march as a unit with no one out of step.

Once in Ireland, all the hard work paid off. We stayed with host families who taught us about life in Ireland. We went to St. Clements College, an all boys school, for a day where they taught us how to play Gaelic Football, Rugby, and Hurling. We went to ancient Castles and saw beautiful churches. We were taught how to Irish dance and listened to wonderful musicians. We met so many interesting people and went to so many beautiful places. We were very fortunate to have all of the opportunities that we did.

I think I speak for the whole group of the marching band that went to Ireland when I say that we had a truly magical experience. We’re looking forward to starting up a new marching season in the fall. We always welcome new members to come learn what we do and join us in our next endeavor.

Katie is a SCHS junior. This is Katie’s third year marching. She was one of 27 students to represent SCHS at the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade in Limerick, Ireland in March at the request of the mayor of Limerick.
A message from our Booster President…

SCHS SPORTS

Spring Sports

Spring Sports are in full swing; hopefully you’ve gotten out to support your favorite Sport/Team. Many sports to choose from right now, Baseball, Softball, Swimming, Diving, Golf, Boys Tennis, Boys Volleyball, Badminton and Track. Many of these sports will be going on well into May. Be sure to check the daily school calendar or School Loop for game times and locations.

Baseball
Congratulations to our Baseball team they are currently in first place in league with a 6-1 league record. Senior Captain Sean Oswald is 4-1 on the mound. GO BRUINS!!!!! Many great games still to go. Get out to Washington Park and catch a game.

Senior Night will be May 12.

Incoming Freshman Parents-GET INVOLVED!!!
Whether it’s with Athletic Boosters, Music Boosters, PTSA or just helping out with varies functions, we need your help and it’s great to get involved, make new friends and see what all the clubs do for your Students school.

Friday Night Lights!!!!!!
If you didn’t have a chance to get out this year and experience our new Stadium Lights make it a point to do it next year, it truly is a great evening at a great Football stadium. Come out on September 9 and catch our first home game against Los Altos and pick up your Boosters Pass and check out the snack bar.

Next Booster Meeting is May 10 at the SCHS main office.

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IZUMO
Much to our relief, Izumo was unaffected by the earthquake and tsunami, although many have gone to help with the relief effort. While the flowers were beginning to bloom here in Santa Clara, SCA and the SCAYC planned for and welcomed a delegation of 4 adults and 14 Jr. High School students from Izumo, Japan for 4 night homestays over a long weekend in late March. Our guests enjoyed touring Santa Clara City Offices, Buchser MS, Santa Clara University, Central Park Library and our Police and Fire departments, including holding weapons, experiencing a slide down the fire pole and the high pressure water hose. A trip to Johnny Rockets and the Tech Museum are also an annual treat. New this year, a special trip to Cogswell Polytechnic University where students learn animation, and movie making--a behind the scenes look at how special effects are created.

Also joining us from Izumo at the end of March, 3 Japanese high school students from Izumo were hosted by 3 SCAYC members from Santa Clara High. This is an exact exchange that starts in SC for 10 days, and ends with our students going to Izumo to stay for 10 days in the homes of their new friends. SCA program includes taking our 6 person delegation to a welcome dinner, a day in SF to see the sights and meet the Japanese Consul General, Monterey, Carmel and a few days in school. The crowning event for this exchange though seems to be the now annual "Mock Prom." To provide a uniquely American experience, (they do not have prom in Japan) our SCAYC organized a formal evening including a stretch limo, lights, food and music.

SCA also held it's 25th Anniversary Japanese Celebration and Potluck. During this otherwise festive event, we had a moment of silence and presented cash donations for relief to Masaou Nagira, IECI President, who will personally deliver to the Mayor of a designated town, devastated by the Tsunami.

COIMBRA
And with a dash---5 selected students, 3 from SCHS and 2 from Wilcox, and myself as chaperone, left at 4am Friday, April 1 for Coimbra, Portugal to stay in the homes of Portuguese students that visited Santa Clara in spring of 2010. An incredible, beautiful, "rigorous" itinerary was planned for us during our 10 day journey. We began with a host family welcome hosted by teachers Maria Manuel, Isabel Cruz and Helena Carvalho. Our students were off for the weekend for adventures with their host families, with Monday morning starting our formal itinerary. Each day students were taken on tours that included, a visit with their Mayor Balbosa DeMelo, Coimbra University, (the oldest in Portugal), Museu de Machado, Monastaries; Batalha, Alcobaca, Santa Clara old and new, Castles; Monte Moore, Obidos, and seaside cities; Porto and Lisbon among so many other sites. Each were treated to so many types of music, food, pastries and of course lots of espresso, to keep us going from 7am until after 1-2am each evening!!

Our students were sad to leave their friends, but have been in touch through the magic of FACEBOOK. Check out our pages to see photos of both exchanges!

SHOWCASE OF YOUNG ARTISTS & AUTHORS  "Shaping Your Community for a Greener Future"

First, we would like to thank our sponsors! University Art and the SC Arts and Historical Consortium in memory of Bea Lichtenstein, who make these programs possible.

Winners announced! Congratulations to our Grand Prize Winners: Each will receive $100 prize and sent to Sister Cities International to compete with entries from around the world, as well as a chance to win $1000 and a trip to the SCI Leadership Conference.

Young Artist Winner Megan Montoya of Wilcox HS for her entry "This is Our City"
Young Author Winner: Ashely Loe of SCHS for her Poem "Keeper of the Compost"
Young Author Winner: Huda Iftekhar of Wilcox HS for her essay "The Greener Future"

So much talent and inspiration right here in Santa Clara, we need to share it!

For more information about our upcoming events, please see our website at: www.santaclarasistercities.org or our FACEBOOK pages!
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CAHSEE
(California High School Exit Exam)
The results of the CAHSEE examinations taken in February (11th and 12th graders only) are available in the counseling office. The results from the March administration should be available by the end of May. Each family will get a copy of the results via mail shortly thereafter. If you have any questions regarding the results, please contact your student’s counselor. The final CAHSEE test for the year will be held May 10 and May 11. This test is for seniors that haven’t passed the test, and juniors and sophomores that were absent for the March test.

Bruins on the Prowl
If you get an opportunity to visit the Counseling Office, check out our 2011 “Bruins on the Prowl” Wall. Each senior who has been accepted to a four-year college or university is listed on the wall with our Bruin Bear symbol. It is impressive! Come into the counseling office to let us know where you’ve been accepted.

Looking Ahead to Next Year...
Every year, every student attending SCHS is required to complete registration paperwork (Emergency Card, Health Card, etc.) in order to pick up their schedules. Here is the registration timeline for the 2011-2012 school year:

- Early July
  Proof of Residency forms will be mailed home
- Before July 18
  Proof of Tdap Booster Immunization
- July 18- July 29
  Bring Proof of Residency to SCHS and pick up Registration Packet
- August 1
  10th-12th Grade Schedule Pick-Up Day / Picture Day (all registration paperwork must be turned in on this day in order for students to pick up schedules)
- August 15
  First day of school

All students must complete 20 hours of community service before graduating. Service report forms are in the counseling office.

Spring
Final Exams Schedule

Senior Finals
Wednesday, May 25:
(Normal block schedule)
Period 1 Final  7:30 – 8:54
Period 2 Final  9:00 – 10:24
Period 4 Final  10:34 – 12:03
Period 6 Final  12:44 – 2:08

Thursday, May 26:
(Normal block schedule)
Period 3 Final  10:00 – 11:29
Period 5 Final  12:10 – 1:34
Period 7 Final  1:40 – 3:04

Grades 9-11 Finals
Please note that no finals will be given early
Tuesday, May 31:
Period 1  7:30 – 8:00
Period 1 Final  8:06 – 10:06
Break  10:06 – 10:16
Period 2  10:22 – 10:52
Period 3  10:58 – 11:28
Lunch  11:28 – 12:03
Period 4  12:09 – 12:39
Period 5  12:45 – 1:15
Period 6  1:21 - 1:51
Period 7  1:57 – 2:27

Wednesday June 1:
Period 2 Final  8:10 – 10:10
Period 3 Final  10:30 – 12:30

Thursday June 2:
Period 4 Final  8:10 – 10:10
Period 5 Final  10:30 – 12:30

Friday June 3:
Period 6 Final  8:10 – 10:10
Period 7 Final  10:30 – 12:30

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Summer Options

Want to keep your student busy over the summer? Here are a few options…

**SCUSD Summer School (current 8th – 12th graders)**
Summer school will be held at Peterson and Cabrillo MS sites from June 15 – July 22. Classes run Monday-Thursday, from 7:50 am to 1:50 pm. Summer school is for students who are either behind in credits or need to re-take a course they have already taken. No “Get-Ahead” courses are available this year. Applications are available in the counseling office and are due **May 6**. Please contact your counselor if you want to know if your student needs summer school.

**Mission College Enrichment Courses (current 10th – 12th graders)**
Mission College is opening summer enrichment courses to high school students (**current 10th, 11th, and 12th graders only**). Students may earn credits for taking anything from English Composition and Trigonometry to Adobe Illustrator and History of Rock and Roll. This year Mission College added a Trigonometry/Pre-Calculus class as well as a Spanish 2 class to help SCUSD students that want to get ahead.

**SJSU Summer Reading Skills Program (all grades)**
San Jose State University is offering a summer reading skills program for all grade levels. Students are able to improve reading comprehension one to two grade levels and double their reading speed. This program is valuable for all reading levels, including students who are college bound. Programs meet in Sunnyvale and Cupertino and offer a variety of dates. Program brochures are available in the counseling office. For more information or to register go to [http://ies.sjsu.edu/reading/](http://ies.sjsu.edu/reading/) or call 1-800-964-8888.

**Summer of Service Program (8th – 10th graders)**
Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose is offering a “Summer of Service” Program which combines hands-on, guided community service with fun, recreational activities. SOS is fee-based, but financial aid and scholarships are available. The program consists of four two-week sessions. Program brochures are available in the counseling office. For more information contact Ryan Smith, Youth Educator, at (408) 298-5437 ext.243 or sos@cdm.org.

**Community Service (all grades)**
Students are required to complete 20 hours of community service by the time they graduate. Summer is a fantastic time to complete this requirement. **(Note: 9th graders can’t start their community service hours until their first day in the 9th grade.)** If you have already completed some or all of your community service hours please turn in the forms to the Counseling Office by May 13.

**Summer Reading Requirement (all grades)**
All students are required to read at least one book from a grade-level approved list over the summer. English teachers will be distributing this list in their classes. Please ensure that your students have completed this task by the first day of school.

http://www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/
Senior

It has been our pleasure to work with the class of 2011. Graduation is within weeks and plans for next year have been made.

- Please remember to follow the steps for sending your final transcripts to your colleges. Instructions will be in the counseling office at the end of May.
- If you haven’t already done so, please come to the counseling office to let Mrs. Iwanaga know where you’ve been accepted to college so that we can add your name to our Bruin on the Prowl wall.
- Please give us a copy of the notification if you’ve received an honor, award or a scholarship. This will allow us to include you in our Senior Awards Night ceremony.
- Anyone who has not completed graduation requirements should be sure to make an appointment with your counselor in order to plan for completion of those requirements.
- If you have an old PE uniform that you no longer need, please donate it to help our needy students. PE uniforms can be turned into the Counseling Office.

We wish you all the very best of luck and hope and anticipate that you will all achieve your goals and your dreams.

Junior

Summer School

The Summer School application deadline is May 6! Summer school begins, Monday, June 13 - Thursday, June 30 (Session one) and Tuesday, July 5 – Thursday, July 21 (Session two) 7:50 am- 1:50 pm.

Your student should enroll in Summer School if he/she:

- Has less than 170 units at the end of this semester
- Received an “F” on his/her report card (this year or last) in a required course
- Received a “D” in a college preparatory course

College Prep

Your students are only a few months away from applying to colleges. Here is their upcoming timeline:

**Summer 2011:**
- Visit college campuses
- Register for October SAT or the September or October ACT
- Explore career paths and college choices at www.BayAreaCareerGuide.org

**Fall Semester 2011:**
- Take SAT Reasoning Test or the ACT
- Take SAT Subject Tests (required by the University of California)
- October – November: College Applications

**Spring Semester 2012:**
- January – March: Financial Aid Applications (Financial Aid information can be found at www.finaid.com)
- January – May: College Acceptance

**Summer Plans? We’ve got some for you!**

- **Read!** Encourage your student to read books for pleasure over summer vacation. Our librarian is happy to help student pick books that match their interests.
- **Community Service** – Summer is a great opportunity to complete your 20 hour community service requirement. See the “Community Service Update” in order to find opportunities for your student.
- **College Exploration** – (See Timeline Above)
- **Summer Internships** - It is never too early to learn about a prospective career interest! If interested in being a nurse or engineer, for example, contact relevant professionals in the community and see if your student can gain invaluable hands-on experience!

Please feel free to call your counselor if you have any questions or concerns.
**Sophomores**

**Summer School**
The Summer School application deadline is May 6! Summer school begins, Monday, June 13 - Thursday, June 20 (Session one) and Tuesday, July 5 – Thursday, July 21 (Session two) 7:50 am - 1:50 pm. Your student should enroll in Summer School if he/she:

- Has less than 110 units after this semester
- Received an “F” on his/her report card (this year or last)
- Received a “D” in a college preparatory course

**College Prep… Looking Ahead**
Now is the time to start thinking about college! Here is a college prep timeline for Junior Year:

**Summer 2011**
- Explore college websites ([www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu), [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu), [www.ucop.edu](http://www.ucop.edu), [www.cccco.edu](http://www.cccco.edu))
- Visit college campuses

**Fall 2011**
- Attend College Information Night (Sept.)
- PSAT (Oct.)
- SAT Prep Course (November)

**Spring 2012**
- SAT Prep Course (March)
- Attend College Fair (April/May)
- Take SAT (May)
- Check with the colleges you are interested in applying to and see if you will need to take any SAT Subject tests (June)

**Summer Plans? We’ve got some for you!**
- **Read!** Please encourage your student to read other books for pleasure over summer vacation. Our librarian is happy to help student pick books that match their interests.
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**Freshmen**

**Summer school** will be offered at Peterson and Cabrillo from **June 13 to July 21**. Applications must be in by May 6. This summer program is offered only to students that are behind in credits and need remediation. Students may enroll for one 3-week “semester,” or a 6-week “year.” Your ninth grade student should apply and take courses free for summer school if he/she:

- Has fewer than 30 units
- Received an “F” on a semester report card OR
- Received a “D” in a college prep course such as English, Math, Science, or Foreign Language. (Colleges do not consider a “D” a passing grade.)

Applications are available in the Office. It is the student’s responsibility to come in and get a summer school application. If your student needs help determining what they should take in summer school have them make an appointment to see their counselor. Please remember, students are **not guaranteed enrollment in the class of their choice**. The earlier the application is in, the better your chances are of getting your first choice.

**Summer Plans? We’ve got some for you!**
- **Read!** Reading for pleasure during the summer is great! If you need suggestions, see Mrs. Shelby in the library. Read some of the books from Teen Read Week.  **Read!**
- **Community Service** – Get a head-start on community service this summer. You need 20 hours by the time you graduate. Start turning in hours now – Good Grades + Community Service = Scholarships!
- **Prepare for 10th Grade** – Go to the school website ([santaclaraschoolloop.com](http://santaclaraschoolloop.com)) and check out the list of recommended books for the required summer reading.
SENIOR CORNER...

Senior cap and gown/graduation announcements

If you have not yet ordered your cap and gown, please report to the SBO. Check in the SBO to see if we have any extra graduation announcements. They are $10 for 20.

Senior Graduation Photos

Congratulations, Graduates! GradImages™ will be photographing all graduates at the upcoming graduation ceremony.

Visit our website, www.gradimages.com, and click on PRE-EVENT REGISTRATION. Enter your email and up to 6 emails of loved ones who would like to share in your accomplishment by viewing and ordering your photos. By submitting your information to us early, you can rest assured that photo samples will be quickly and conveniently provided to you and all others registered as soon as they are available after the event. Get $5 off on orders of $25 or more just by registering your information with us before your event!

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Blood Drive

Attention students, staff, parents, family and community members...

Are you 16 years or older and do you weigh at least 110 lbs? Then you can donate blood at the Santa Clara High School Annual Spring Blood drive on Monday, May 16, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm, location TBA. Sixteen-year old students will need a parent permission slip which can be picked up in the SBO. Sixteen-year olds will not be allowed to donate without this permission slip.

Sign up with a Student Council member or come to the SBO. Donors will enjoy ice cream, cookies, pretzels and juice and will receive a free movie pass. The community is welcome to donate. For more information or to sign up, come to the SBO or phone 423-2639.

Students of the Month

April 2011

Mrs. Ansaldo-Hatter         Rajvinder Kaur
Mrs. Ansaldo-Hatter         Luan Nguyen
Mrs. Britton                Jahmaad Tolson
Ms. Brown                  Andrew Vu
Mr. Bumbaca                Jahmaad Tolson
Mr. Caserta                Yujin Hwang
Mr. Cortes                 Estefany Martinez-Hyde
Ms. Couto                  Liberty Vazquez
Mr. Dold                    Mayumi Atanacio
Ms. Frazier                 Danielle Strauss
Mr. Fuller                  Elisabeth Cohn
Ms. Garvin                 Vicky Hoang
Ms. Glick                   Karla Hernandez
Mrs. Haedtler              Krizza Salas
Mrs. Haedtler              Angelyn Nepacena
Mr. Jacquard                Brittany Kendall
Ms. Kawamoto               Ranvijay Singh
Ms. Kiraly                  Erin Toomey
Ms. Kiyota                Alina Bermudez
Mr. Kraintz                Carissa Katzman
Ms. Lynn                  Chris Gremich
Mrs. Mendoza              Estefany Hyde
Miss Palasky              Marquis Alexander
Mr. Parker                  Stella Chung
Ms. Ravo                   David Rios
Mr. Rylee                   Spencer Davis
Mr. Skapinsky             Lorica Subida
Mr. Smedley                Luis Tellez
Ms. Sorto                  Lucero Reyes-Salas
Ms. Williams              Adam Garza
Mr. Wylam                   Phuong Vo

Congratulations! Grad Night Info page 4!
Archived copies of the SCHS newsletter are at www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa. Items for the August/September edition are due July 15. Email submissions to Karen Hovey at khoveymail@aol.com.

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For teacher email and school info, check out the SCHS website at www.santaclarahigh.org or sign up for School Loop at www.santaclara.schoolloop.com.