Principal’s Message

Dave Grissom/Principal
dgrissom@scusd.net

Students and Parents,

It is my sincerest hope that all of the Santa Clara High School families have had a wonderful Holiday break. It is truly my favorite time of the year. It gives us some time to be close with our families and loved ones. It also gives us time to reflect on the past year and have renewed energy as we enter the new one.

For the first time at Santa Clara High School, the holiday Break is also a true Semester break for our students. As we begin school in January, students will also be starting the second semester. The importance of this is that first semester grades are placed on the transcript and we are beginning anew. Some students will have a different schedule than they had previously, and it is important that the parents receive any new syllabi if their students are in new classes. Please ask your student for a copy of their syllabus for each new class.

Lastly, the end of the first semester allows me to reflect on where we are and where we are going. I am extremely proud of the students, and staff at SCHS. It is a real honor to work with them each and every day. I specifically want to mention the seniors as they enter the final semester of their formal public school education. As I mention to the students when they are freshman, “You will be amazed at how quickly high school passes by.” Well, you are there and it was awfully fast. Seniors, don’t forget to stop and look around once in a while. Soak it in, and don’t forget the experience. It only happens once and it will be over in a flash of an instant. Enjoy the ride and have a wonderful second semester.

OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

If your student is attending Santa Clara High School as part of an Intra District Agreement, now is the time for you to file for Open Enrollment. The intention of an Intra-District transfer is for it to be one year in length. At the conclusion of that year, the student should move back to their home school if they haven’t filed for “open enrollment.” The window to apply for open enrollment is during the month of January. We have enclosed further information in this newsletter regarding Open Enrollment.

http://www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/
January Calendar…

Tuesday, January 4
School Resumes (Schedule Pickup Day)

Wednesday, January 5
Financial Aid Night: 7:00 pm; Theater
School Site Council Meeting: 5:00 pm; Conference Room

Tuesday, January 11
Blood Drive: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm; Science Lecture Hall

Wednesday, January 12
Athletic Booster’s Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room
Freshman Parent Night: 7:00 pm; Theater

Thursday, January 13
District Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room

Friday, January 14
Advanced Art to De Young Museum: 8:30 am – 3:00 pm
Winter Sports Rally: Lunchtime; Quad

Monday, January 17
No School – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (observed)

Wednesday, January 19
PSAT Scores Information: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm; Theater
Night of the Acoustics: 7:00 pm; Multi-Purpose Room
PTSA Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room

Thursday, January 20
Uno Mas Night – Flier page 16

Friday, January 21
Solo and Ensemble Music Night: 7:00 pm; Theater

Saturday, January 22
SAT
Filipino Cultural Night: 7:00 pm; Theater

Wednesday, January 26
FAFSA: 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm; Library Computer Lab

Thursday, January 27
District Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; Theater

Friday, January 28
Lip Sync: 7:00 pm; Main Gym

Monday, January 31
Race to Nowhere, Wilcox Theater – flier page 4

February Calendar…

Tuesday, February 1
CAHSEE (12th Grade Non-Pass): Science Lecture Hall
Race to Nowhere, Wilcox Theater – flier page 4

Wednesday, February 2
CAHSEE (12th Grade Non-Pass): Science Lecture Hall
School Site Council Meeting: 5:00 pm; Conference Room

Saturday, February 5
Crab Feed: 5:30 pm; Napredak Hall

Monday, February 7
Senior Panoramic: SSR; Quad

Tuesday, February 8
Dona Maria’s Night – flier page 17

Wednesday, February 9
Montgomery Bus Boycott Performance: 2nd & 4th; Theater
A.P. Parent Night: 7:00 pm; Theater

Thursday, February 10
Hewlett Packard African-American Student Day: 8am – 3pm
District Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; District Office

Friday, February 11
Black History Assembly: Split Assembly Schedule

Saturday, February 12
ACT

February 21-25
Winter Break

Free Dresses!

SCHS PTSA is starting to coordinate its participation in the Princess Project. Princess Project is the Silicon Valley program that provides free prom dresses to high school girls who wouldn’t be able to attend otherwise because of this cost.

In addition to publicizing this event to our students, we would like to host a dress drive.

Please contact Anna Strauss at annastrauss@comcast.net if you’d like to be part of this project.
President’s Pen
Karen Hovey/PTSA President
bruinsptsa@gmail.com

Dear SCHS Families…

I hope that everyone had a good holiday and is well rested and ready for a great second half of the school year!

Looking back:

- Most of the SCHS PTSA board was able to attend the Council PTSA Scholarship Fundraising Auction and dinner. Our auction contributions brought in $620 towards scholarships for seniors! Total funds raised were over $3000.
- We had a rush of new PTSA members as seniors joined by December 1, to be eligible to apply for PTSA scholarships.
- Our two Reflections participants, Tyler Nguyen and Tai “Jake” Le, were honored at the Council Reflections reception at the District board room on November 22 and both of their entries are continuing to the next level of judging.

Looking ahead:

- January 31 and February 1, SCHS PTSA, along with several other SCUSD PTAs, is hosting screenings of Race for Nowhere at the Wilcox Theater. This film is prompting discussions across the United States regarding the effect of school pressures on students. Attendance is free for PTSA members and $10 for all others. If you would like to RSVP for one of SCHS’ 88 seats, please return the reservation form in this newsletter.
- At our January 19 association meeting, we will form a nominating committee to begin searching for our slate of officers for the 10-11 school year. If you are interested in joining the board, please let us know.
- February 11, PTSA will host a luncheon for the staff. If you would like to help, please contact Brenda Rupel at brendarupel@yahoo.com.
- The Princess Project is an organization that provides prom style dresses for girls who have financial need. PTSA will be working with Princess Project to offer this service to our girls. We will also be holding a dress drive to contribute to their inventory.
- Our Grad Night planning committee continues to work hard as they plan more fundraisers and begin ticket sales - santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight.
- We will be hosting another Parent Ed speaker in March or April. Watch for more information as the date gets closer.

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

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2010/11

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

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PTSA Calendar

January 19
PTSA Board and Association Meeting,
7 pm, conference room

January 20
Dinner Night Out – Uno Mas – Flyer page 16

January 26
Grad Night Parents Meeting, 7 pm, conference room

January 28
Lip Sync Water & Ticket Sales

January 31 & February 1
Race to Nowhere, see page 4

February 8
Dinner Night Out – Dona Maria’s - flier page 17

February 4
Newsletter articles due (March/April edition)

February 11
Staff appreciation luncheon – see page 2

February 16
PTSA Board Meeting, 7 pm, conference room
Grad Night Parents Meeting, 8 pm, conference room

March 1
Sports Basement Event – Flier page 17

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Race to Nowhere - free to PTSA members, page 4
Santa Clara High School PTSA and several other SCUSD parent organizations are hosting *Race to Nowhere* screenings at the Mission City Theater on Monday, January 31 and Tuesday, February 1, at 7pm.

During the January 3 Staff Development Day, 350 SCUSD teachers, administrators and staff viewed *Race to Nowhere*. We want to bring this film to our parents as well. Please join us to learn about the issues presented and continue the conversation within SCUSD to improve our children’s educational experience. Middle & HS students accompanied by an adult are welcome.

*About Race to Nowhere…*

A concerned mother turned filmmaker aims her camera at the high-stakes, high-pressure culture that has invaded our schools and our children's lives.

This remarkable new film shines a light on the price young people pay for this “race to nowhere.” High-stakes testing has replaced meaningful teaching and learning. Cheating is commonplace. Stress-related illness, depression and burnout are rampant. Many young people arrive at college and the workplace unprepared and uninspired.

**Seating is limited; reserve your seat today!**

SCHS PTSA members may reserve a seat **FREE!** Not a PTSA member? Join SCHS PTSA for $6/member and reserve seats at the same time by filling out this form. Don’t want to join Santa Clara PTSA? Seats are $10.

**Make your reservation** ~ mail this flyer to SCHS PTSA, 3000 Benton St, Santa Clara, CA 95051, or bring to the school office by **Friday, January 21, 2011**.

**Indicate Show Date Preference** (mark first (1) and second (2) choice):

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Email Address: ________________________________________________ Phone #: __________________

If applicable, amount enclosed _______ (cash or check payable to **SCHS PTSA**)

*You will receive email confirmation of your reservation.*

**SCHS Student Name/Grade:** ________________________________

**Questions?** Contact SCHS PTSA Parent Education Coordinator Anna Strauss (annastrauss@comcast.net) or President Karen Hovey (bruinsptsa@gmail.com).
Consider this…

Crab Feed

SCHS’ very popular Crab Feed is on February 5. The Crab Feed is a major school fundraiser with proceeds going towards student body activities. Last year the Crab Feed brought in $12,000.

If you have questions, would like to be on the committee, or want to donate an item to the Crab Feed auction, contact Sharon Vignato at 309-8757, 248-8367 or sharonvig1@aol.com.

More info is on page 7

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 experiments conducted in class throughout the school year.

It’s simple – just drop them at the office and label them “Attn: SCHS Science Department” or drop the item at Room S115.

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)
Aluminum 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
Maple syrup
Hydrogen peroxide
Corn starch
Sponges
Thanks for supporting the SCHS Science Program

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.

SIGN UP AT
ESCRIP.COM TODAY

☐ Login to www.escrip.com
☐ Go to “sign up now.”
☐ Register your grocery card #s (Safeway, Albertons). You may also register your credit card #s.
☐ Enter the Group ID #s for the group you wish to support. You can choose up to 3 groups…
   #6598039 Santa Clara High School
   #154772740 Santa Clara Grad Night
   #500017510 Santa Clara Music Boosters
☐ Use your grocery card every time you shop. SCHS will receive funds from escrip.

Note: If you have signed up for eScrip in the past, please make sure to renew your registration annually to make sure your choices are current.

Spotlight!

If you have a favorite group or event to spotlight in this newsletter, please send a photo and short write-up to khoveymail@aol.com.

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

PTSA Reflections Winners Honored

We are proud to announce that our two Reflections participants, Tyler Nguyen and Tai “Jake” Le, were honored at the Council Reflections receptions at the District Board Room on November 22. Tyler wrote a touching story about a man’s relationship with his young daughter and his adoptive father. Jake produced a dynamic film about our Santa Clara High break dancers.

Both entries were designated to go to the next level of judging at the PTA/PTSA District. We learned that Tyler Nguyen’s literature entry two years ago, when he was a student at Peterson, earned him an Award of Excellence at the National level of judging.

Thank you to chairperson, Lisa Lethin, for Introducing the Reflections Program to SCHS this year!

Our reflections participants receiving their awards at both the SCHS PTSA and Council PTA levels.

Hey, Clubs!

The PTSA has designated a portion of our annual budget to assist Santa Clara High School clubs.

If your club would like to be considered for financial assistance, please email us at bruinsptsa@gmail.com for an application!
Santa Clara High School

12th Annual Crab Feed

Sponsored by….SCHS Associated Student Body

Saturday, February 5, 2011
Doors Open At 5:30 pm - Dinner Approximately 6:30 pm

Napredak Hall
770 Montague Expressway, San Jose, CA  95131

Tickets are $40
(Visa or MasterCard accepted)
Make checks payable to: SCHS
Profits directly benefit SCHS students

There are 350 tickets to be sold on a first-come, first-served basis
The last day to purchase tickets is January 22, 2011

Menu (All-You-Can-Eat): Salad, Garlic Bread, Pasta, Fresh Crab
Enjoy Live Entertainment, Dancing, Music, Silent Auction

Mail to:  Sharon Vignato, 1540 Walnut Grove Avenue, San Jose, CA  95126

For tickets, call Sharon Vignato at 248-8367 (Sharonvig1@aol.com), Patrice Anderson, SCHS Student Body Office, 423-2639 (panderson@scusd.net), or Lori Sanchez, 858-4402 (lorimom3x@aol.com)

*Attention Sophomores*

SANTA CLARA HIGH SCHOOL

Course offering:

REGISTER FOR A BIOTECHNOLOGY CLASS

• Have an 80% hands on science experience
• Earn 1 year of UC approved science credit
• Develop skills that could lead to a job in the field of Biotech

For more details see Ms. Gunn in Room S115 or email tgunn@scusd.net

Math and Science Conference Girls!
Take advantage of this terrific opportunity for 6th – 12th grade young women to learn about careers in math and science.

Skylne College - San Bruno
March 19, 2011
8:15 am to 3 pm

Visit the website for program and registration materials. Popular classes fill up fast!

http://skylinecollege.edu/eyh
Open Enrollment/Kindergarten Registration
2011-12 School Year

Open Enrollment Kindergarten – Twelfth Grade
The Open Enrollment program for the 2011-12 school year will be conducted from January 14 to February 11, 2011. Parents of students wishing to attend a school other than their school of residence must first provide proof of residency to their school of residence, receive a permanent student number and then complete the Open Enrollment application on the District website @ www.santaclarausd.org. The link to the application form, school visitation dates and requirements, as well as other important information concerning this process will appear on the District website home page.

Open Enrollment for 5th and 8th Grade Students
Fifth and Eighth grade students must reapply for Open Enrollment when moving from elementary school to middle school or from middle school to high school if they do not live in the attendance area of their school of choice.

2010-11 Intradistrict Transfer Students / Open Enrollment
Students attending a school, other than their school of residence, on an Intradistrict Transfer must apply for the opportunity to continue at that school for the 2011-12 school year through the Open Enrollment process. Only students accepted to a school through the Open Enrollment process are guaranteed placement for the following year. Parents therefore must apply through Open Enrollment if they wish their student to remain at the school of choice. Once a student is accepted through Open Enrollment; the choice school becomes the student’s permanent placement through the grade span served at that school.

Kindergarten Enrollment
Kindergarten Enrollment for the 2011-2012 School year will also begin on January 14, 2011. Parents are encouraged to complete registration for kindergarten students wishing to attend their school of residence by February 11, 2011 in order to ensure placement at district schools with high enrollment. Parents of incoming kindergarten students wishing to apply for a school other than their school of residence, must do so during the Open Enrollment period.

Detailed information concerning the Open Enrollment Program, Kindergarten Enrollment and school and program visitation is available on the District website and will continue to be updated through the commencement of the Open Enrollment program.

Musical Beat

January
- 6 Booster Meeting, 7 pm, Staff Lounge
- 21 Solo Ensemble Night, 7 pm, SCHS Theater
- 28 Lip Sync, 7 pm, SCHS Gym

February
- 3 Booster Meeting, 7 pm, Staff Lounge
- 4 Basketball Quad Games, SCHS Gym
- 4-5 CMEA Jazz Festival
- 11 Basketball Quad Games, SCHS Gym
- 18 Basketball Quad Games, SCHS Gym

March
- 3 Booster Meeting, 7 pm, Staff Lounge
- 9 Spring Instrumental Concert 7 pm SCHS

For calendar updates check the Booster Web Site
www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/musicboosters

Music Teacher Drew Erickson, 423-2675
Chorus Director Emily Chiet
Booster President Roddy Magallanes
Email Address SCHSMusicBoosters@gmail.com
Web…santaclara.schoolloop.com/musicboosters

The SCHS Band marches in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown San Jose in November.

Good luck to the Marching Band as they finish their preparations for Limerick!
A message from our Booster President…

SCHS SPORTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR FALL ATHLETES AND COACHES, AND WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR WINTER ATHLETES AND COACHES, WE ARE ALL LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT WINTER SPORTS SEASON.

WINTER SPORTS ARE UPON US LETS ALL GET OUT AND SUPPORT OUR STUDENT-ATHLETES, SCHEDULES OF ALL WINTER SPORTS GAMES AND TOURNAMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON SCHOOL LOOP UNDER THERE RESPECTIVE SPORT PAGE.

CONGRATULATIONS TO COACH MARK KRAIL AND HIS FOOTBALL STAFF FOR MAKING US ALL PROUD IN HIS FIRST SEASON AT SANTA CLARA, HOPEFULLY YOU WERE ABLE TO GET OUT AND EXPERIENCE A GAME UNDER OUR NEW STADIUM LIGHTS, WHAT A GREAT FRIDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE. HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR SEASON:

TEAM RECORDS-VARSITY-6-4,4-2 FROSH-SOPH-5-4,4-2 TEAM MVP’S-VARSITY HECTOR BEJERANO (LEAGUE JUNIOR OF THE YEAR) AND FROSH-SOPH-ADRIAN GUTIERREZ

1ST TEAM ALL LEAGUE-MATT OVERTY, JESSE DURAN AND JETHRO HERRERA

SPECIAL COACHES AWARDS-VARSITY-SEBASTIAN CUSTODIA AND RAYMOND REMO, FROSH-SOPH-DION PERRY.

GET OUT AND GET INVOLVED AT SANTA CLARA HIGH SCHOOL, BESIDES SCHOOL EVENTS WE DO OTHER EVENTS WITH THE CITY. ON DECEMBER 4 ATHLETIC BOOSTERS DID BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT THE SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER, COORDINATED WITH PARKS AND REC WE DO THIS EVERY YEAR. WE SERVED BREAKFAST FOR 150 SANTA CLARA FAMILIES AND THE KIDS GOT TO SPEND THE MORNING WITH SANTA.

ATTENTION-THERE WILL BE NO JANUARY BOOSTER MEETING, THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY FEB. 9, 2011.

WISHING EVERYONE A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON.

THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING

is the second Wednesday of each month in the school’s main office, come by and join us! (Please note, there is no January meeting.)

Athletic Booster President
Randy Rose/408-246-6480
SCHSATHLETICBOOSTERS@GMAIL.COM

Booster members Randy Rose, Jim Dickerson & Kevin Baltz cooking one of their specialties.

Spring Sports

Try-outs are around the corner. Check in the locker rooms for dates and times. Spring Sports Season runs February – May.

Spring Sports offered at Santa Clara High are….

Baseball    Tennis (boys)
Softball    Golf (boys/girls)
Swimming (boys)    Badminton (boys/girls)
Swimming (girls)    Volleyball (boys)
Diving (boys/girls)    Track & Field (boys/girls)

See the SCHS Sports Sheet in your Registration Packet for more information.
Santa Clara Sister Cities Association is an all volunteer organization working together to promote the educational enhancement of Santa Clara’s High School youth about other cultures of the world, particularly relationships and cultural exchanges with Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. SCA has an extensive calendar of activities throughout the year and encourages all Santa Claran's to join in our upcoming events and potlucks. See our website at www.santaclarasistercities.org or see our Facebook pages and become a friend to receive updates about activities and events.

The applications are in! Students that applied for 2011 Exchanges with Japan and Portugal are being interviewed. Soon they will be on their way to experiencing the cultures of our Sister Cities and making memories of a lifetime. Look for our Japanese friends to visit Santa Clara in late March, and wish our students well as they travel to Coimbra, Portugal in early April, 2011.

Coming soon… The first annual SCA Tea Party Fundraiser, to be held Saturday, January 29 at the Santa Clara Senior Center. Come and let us pamper you for an afternoon of tea and sandwiches with friends in a festive atmosphere. Get your friends together for this one! Tickets are $20 each or $160 for a table of 8. We are putting together raffle baskets now and gladly accepting donations! Contact Debi Davis at debid56@yahoo.com for tickets.

Shaping Your Community by Going Green”, is the theme of the 2011 Showcase of Young Artists & Authors. Our local showcase offers Santa Clara Jr. High and High school students the opportunity to express themselves through written word or 2 dimensional media to create thoughtful artwork. One winner is chosen to represent Santa Clara at the Sister Cities International Showcase in Washington DC. While the showcase artwork travels to various Sister Cities around the world, showcase winners are awarded $1,000 cash along with a scholarship to the 4 day annual SCI Youth Conference. Entries are due no later than March 11, 2011. Contact Debbie Pavao at dpavao.scsca@gmail.com.

SCAYC… Sister Cities has its own Youth Commission with activities and events all year and all students are welcome. While they meet at SCHS on various Tuesdays during lunch, they also meet regularly at the Headen-Inman House located just behind the Triton Museum of Art. First Tuesdays of the month meetings are 6:30-8:30pm, while the 3rd Tuesday of each month is held right after school 3:30 – 5:50pm. Look for the Mariani’s shuttle approx. 3:15pm at SCHS to bring students to these meetings. Thank you Mariani’s for being such a good corporate sponsor!!

Did you know Santa Clara earned the title “Greenest City in the US”? Silicon Valley Power is working on a program to partner with our SCAYC students that promotes opportunities and insight for our future leaders. As more information is available it will be posted on our website @ www.santaclarasistercities.org and Facebook pages.

**CALENDAR…**

January 4: SCAYC Meeting 6:30 – 8:30pm @ Headen-Inman House
January 18: SCAYC Meeting 3:30- 5:30pm @ Headen-Inman House.
Look for Mariani’s Shuttle at SCHS & Wilcox HS
January 29: SCA Tea Party Fundraiser at SC Senior Center
February 1: SCAYC Meeting 6:30 – 8:30pm @ Headen-Inman House
February 15: SCAYC Meeting 3:30- 5:30pm @ Headen-Inman House.
Look for Mariani’s Shuttle at SCHS & Wilcox HS

**All students welcome!**

**Sister Cities Mission…**

to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation one individual, one community at a time.
General Information
Lynne Ewald & Jenny Baldwin
lewald@scusd.net & jbaldwin@scusd.net
Guidance Vice Principals

1st Semester Grades
Semester report cards will be mailed January 7. These grades are final and are recorded on your student’s official transcript. If your student has failed a required class must make this up as soon as possible. How can courses be made-up?

1. Learning Center (Night School): Students may make up English, Math, Science, or History through the Learning Center, located at Wilson High School. Classes meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30pm – 6:30pm. Students must complete 48 hours of class time and complete the required coursework to earn 5 units (1 semester). “Night School” is currently open to Juniors and Seniors. Students can obtain an application in the Counseling Office.

2. Summer School: Students may make up 1 year-long class or 2 semester-long classes by attending the full 6 weeks of summer school. It is important to note, however, that enrollment and course offerings are not guaranteed in summer school. Details regarding dates and applications will come at a later date.

3. Community College: High school students are allowed to take courses at our local community colleges at no cost. If your student would like to enroll, he/she must complete an application (located in the Career Center) and must obtain a signature from his/her high school counselor.

It is imperative that you and your student make plans to remedy his/her course or credit deficiency. Please contact your student’s counselor if you have further questions, or if you would like to take advantage of any of the above opportunities.

California High School Exit Exam
The California High School Exit Exam will be administered three times during the 2nd Semester. Seniors that have not passed one or more sections will take the exam on February 1 and 2. All Sophomores, and Junior and Senior students that have not passed one or more sections will take the exam on March 8 and 9. Seniors that still haven’t passed the test will be given another opportunity to take the test on May 10 and 11.

Counselors by the letter…

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Registration
Registration for classes for 2010-2011 will begin in March. Counselors will visit classrooms to present information on graduation requirements, course offerings, college requirements, and have students complete a course request sheet. We will do our best to honor students’ requests but make no promises about course availability.

The tentative registration schedule is:
- Current 9th graders during PE classes
- Current 10th/11th graders during World/US History or English
- Current 8th graders attending Peterson, Cabrillo, Buchser, and Don Callejon will be registering at their schools in March
- Private school students will register at the SCHS Open House on Wednesday, April 6.

Students get in extra study time for finals at Cocoa ‘n’ Cram and enjoy the music and dancing at Winter Ball.
Seniors

Congratulations to the Senior class – only one more semester to go!! College acceptances will be arriving soon, remember that all acceptances are provisional; contingent upon the successful completion of your eighth semester. Seniors should note the following items:

1. Students going to 4-year colleges should be looking into housing for next year.
2. Now is the time to start working on community college choices. The College and Career Center will be sponsoring speakers from the various community colleges in our area. See Mrs. Rainbolt in the College and Career Center for more information or call her at 423-2616.
3. The financial aid form (FAFSA) must be mailed (or hopefully completed online) by March 1, 2011 – do not delay!! There will be a financial aid officer at Santa Clara High School on Wednesday, January 5 at 6:30 pm in the theater. He will walk students and parents through the FAFSA and answer all questions.
4. There are numerous scholarships available to seniors. Information is in the College and Career Center. Scholarship information is also posted on our school website; www.santaclara.schoolloop.com. To find scholarships, go the College and Career Center link which is listed under “About SCHS”.
5. Students who are planning to attend a four-year college next year and who earned a D or F in an academic course this fall should see their counselor immediately.
6. Community service hours are due May 13. Community service hours must be completed to be eligible to attend the Senior Prom, to complete graduation requirements, and to participate in graduation on June 3. Students should turn in their completed hours immediately to the counseling office.
7. We are collecting PE uniforms from anyone who has completed their PE requirements and who would like to donate them to students in need. Bring your uniforms into the counseling office.

Senior Grad Night 2011

Ticket Sales begin in January!
Watch schoolloop and listen to the morning announcements for details!

Get Your Group Together!
Ticket Price is $75 for 1 person or $390 for a group of 6 (only $65 each!)

Parent Meetings – parents join the fun of planning.
- January 26, 7 pm, conference room
- February 16, 8 pm, conference room

Upcoming Fundraisers
- January 20 Uno Mas, Dinner Night Out, the flier is on page 16
- January 28 Lip Sync Water & Ticket Sales
- February Dona María’s, Dinner Night Out, the flier is on page 17
- March 1 Sports Basement Event, the flier is on page 18
- April BBQ and Auction, more info coming

Grad Night 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.

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
Juniors

1st semester grades: Juniors should have 150 credits by the end of the 1st semester, which ends December 17, 2010. If your student has failed a course, there is a good chance that he/she is off-track for graduation. It is essential that your student make up these failed courses as soon as possible. Students should contact their counselor to discuss their options for making up any failed courses.

2011-2012 Registration: Registration for next year’s schedule will begin in March. Take some time to sit down with your student to ensure that he/she is registering for the courses needed for high school graduation and/or college acceptance.

Community Service: All students must complete 20 hours of community service in order to graduate. Information about opportunities to serve in the community is available in the counseling office. Summer is a good time to complete community service hours. Please turn in any completed community service hours by May 13.

PSAT Results: Results from the PSAT will be returned January 19 at 7 pm in the Theater. Revolution Prep will be on hand to explain the scores.

Testing! (ACT, SAT 1, SAT 2): All students applying to a 4-year college or university MUST take either the ACT or the SAT I. Students should take this test this year. (If your student is taking an SAT Prep Course, it is best for them to register for the test that most closely follows their course to maximize their scores). We recommend taking the SAT no earlier than the March 2011 test date.

The University of California system no longer requires SAT 2 Subject Tests. However, check the Admission Site at each school for details. Certain schools and certain majors may require the tests.

Below is a list of dates and registration deadlines. Registration for the SAT can be done online at www.collegeboard.com and the ACT at www.act.org.

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SAT Prep: Missed the fall SAT Prep course? The E- Group Learning Program and Revolution Prep will be offering SAT Prep Classes this spring. Registration forms are available in the Counseling Office or online at www.egrouplearning.com or www.revolutionprep.com.

College Search: Now is the time for students to begin searching for colleges. Students may access websites which can give them a good idea as to what each campus has to offer including virtual tours. Recommended websites include:

- UC system: www.ucop.edu/pathways
- CSU system: www.csumentor.edu
- All California Colleges: www.california_colleges.edu
- Private/Independent Universities www.aiccu.edu or visit individual school websites

Other resources can be found in our College and Career Center and in the Counseling Office.

College Visits: Once your student has identified colleges he/she is interested in, it is important that they attempt to visit these campuses in order to ensure that they are a good “fit.” February Break and Spring Break are great opportunities for students to make college visits. College campuses can arrange for tours for interested students, and some even have the opportunity for students to spend the night on campus and “shadow” a college student for a day. Summer is also a good time to take a road trip to visit colleges of interest.

Post Graduate Options: We would like to encourage all of our Juniors to meet with their counselor to discuss their post graduate interests and options.

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

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

1st semester grades
Sophomores should have 90 credits by the end of the first semester. Typically, students earn 30 credits per semester. If your student has failed a course, there is a good chance that he/she is off-track for graduation. It is essential that your student make up these failed courses as soon as possible. Please see the “General Information” section for more information.

College
It’s not too early to start thinking about college! In fact, sophomore year is one of the most critical to the college application process. What should your student do to prepare?

- **Maintain C’s or above in all classes:** If your child has received a “D” in a college prep class he/she must make plans to re-take that class to achieve a higher grade because colleges do not accept D’s. We suggest that they attend summer school. College prep subjects are English, Math, Science, History and Visual/Performing Art (VPA).
- **2011-2012 Registration:** Registration for next school year’s schedule will begin in March. Take some time to sit down with your student to ensure that he/she is registering for the courses needed for college acceptance. (Are you enrolled in challenging courses? Have you completed your year-long VPA requirement? Are you on track to take at least two years of a foreign language?)
- **Exploration:** Now is the time to explore what your skills and interests are. Utilize www.careercruiser.com (College and Career Center) to identify possible career interests. Explore college websites (www.californiacolleges.edu) to get a feel for what colleges have to offer. Sign up for college speakers in the College and Career Center.

Freshmen

With the first semester of high school under their belts, now is a good time for freshmen to reflect upon what worked and what didn’t in terms of achieving their academic goals. We encourage you to sit down with your student and set some new academic goals for the current semester.

Goals should be specific, realistic, and measurable. (Ex: I will earn a “B” or higher in Science for my 3rd quarter grade.) More importantly, goals must be accompanied by some “sub-goals” or steps to achieve those goals. (Ex: “I will use my daily planner to keep track of homework assignments” or “I will attend tutoring sessions twice a week.”) Also, encourage students to have a regularly scheduled time every day when they can sit and do their homework. Setting a weekly time to check-in with your student and his or her progress towards these goals is important. See the goal setting ideas in the box below.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

1. **Organization**
   - Use a “Daily Planner” to record assignments for each period.
   - Check Binder for organization (Are notes in order? Is there a clear place for each section? Is all homework turned in?)

2. **Monitor Progress Regularly**
   - Check your grades and assignments on www.santaclara.schoolloop.com or utilize “Weekly Grade Check” forms (students pick up from counseling office on Fridays)
   - Meet with teachers once a week

3. **Schedule “Academic Time” at home**
   - Set aside 2 hours each night in a clean, quiet area for “academic time.”
   - Students should use this time for:
     - Homework
     - Studying notes/vocabulary from that day’s lesson
     - Reading
Lip Sync

Get your act together!

Need money for your organized group, club, sports team, class? Then Lip! The 15th Annual Lip Sync will be held on Friday, January 28. Profits from tickets sold will go to the first, second and third place winner’s school account. The percentage is as follows: First Place (50%), Second Place (30%), Third Place (20%). School groups have earned up to $1,000 for their school account. This is an easy fundraiser and fun for all!

Start preparing your act now. There is a seven-minute limit.

A.S.B. Cards...

The cost of the A.S.B. card is $20. The A.S.B. card (distinguished on the I.D. card with an A.S.B. sticker) gets the student into games, dances and activities at a discount. With an A.S.B. card, students get in free to home gym games. The A.S.B. card supports the student body and school activities. Students also need to purchase an A.S.B. card to receive their block for sports or academics. If you purchased an A.S.B. card and do not have a sticker on your card, bring in your receipt to receive your sticker. Thanks for your support! Students are responsible for bringing their card to the games and events. The Student Body Office will not supply a temporary A.S.B. card in the event the student forgets to bring it to the event, or issue refunds.

School Pictures

There are still many picture packages that have not been picked. School pictures can be picked up in the SBO during lunch.

It’s not too late to order. If you like your I.D. card, you can order school pictures all year long at the Lifetouch website, www.orderschoolportraits.com/ordernow or call customer service at (888) 898-4723.

You can also order Winter Ball pictures and any other Lifetouch pictures on the Lifetouch website.

Blood Drive

Student Council, along with the Stanford Medical School Blood Center will again be sponsoring our fall blood drive which will be held on Tuesday, January 11 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm in the small gym.

We would like to invite students, parents, staff and community members to donate. YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

For more information, or to sign up, contact Patrice Anderson in the Student Body Office at 423-2639. Thanks for your support!

Second Harvest Canned Food Drive

Thanks to all who participated in the Second Harvest Canned Food Drive. This year, we collected 1581 items. This will help provide food for people in need in our community. SC students, staff and parents are awesome!

Seniors...Graduation information...

The deadline to order your cap and gown and graduation announcements was Friday, December 10. If you have not yet ordered, please report to the SBO immediately.

Family Giving Tree

Also, thanks to the students, parents and staff who participated in the Family Giving Tree...As of this writing, we have 200 cards to fill and the donations have been flowing in. You are all awesome! Thanks for brightening many children, families and homeless in the Bay Area. You have put smiles on faces of those who would otherwise have gone without for the holidays!

Special Thanks...

A special thanks goes out to Marcie Cerezo and Amzi Maya, the Student Council Community Service Chairs, who worked hard on the Blood Drive, Second Harvest Food Bank and Family Giving Tree and are now preparing for our next Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 11.

Some of the 1581 items donated during our Second Harvest Canned Food Drive. Thank you to everyone who participated!
Santa Clara High School Grad Night Fundraiser

2376 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, CA 95050
(Corner of El Camino & San Tomas)

*** Thursday, January 20, 2011 ***
10 am to 9 pm

15% of purchase goes directly to SCHS Grad Night

Please present this flyer with your order
Bring your family and join SCHS friends at the
Newest Mexican Restaurant in Santa Clara!

Dona Maria’s

2605 Homestead Road, Santa Clara
Next to the city library

Tuesday, February 8, 2011
4 pm to 9 pm

Homestyle food made
with fresh ingredients
Delicious salsas made on site

15% of your meal cost will be donated to SCHS PTSA Grad Night!

Bring this flier to give to your server
Get ready to Party!

What:
- Santa Clara High School, Grad Night Fundraiser!
- 10% Off Everything *
- FREE Beverages & snacks

When:
- Tuesday, March 1, 2011 from 6 to 8 PM

Where:
- Sports Basement - Sunnyvale
  1177 Kern Ave., Sunnyvale, CA 94085

How:
- RSVPs to Cheryl at cmhergart@sbcglobal.net
  ...not your typical store.
  Best Brands. Basement Prices.
  * does not include gift certificates or ski lift tickets

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www.sportsbasement.com

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1177 Kern Avenue
Sunnyvale, CA 94085
(408) 732-0300
January 6, 2011

Dear Members of the Don Callejon Educational Community:

BOUNDARIES AND GRANDFATHERING AT CALLEJON:

In reviewing its decision of November 9th regarding boundaries for Don Callejon School, the Board modified the "grandfathering" component of the decision by limiting "grandfathering" to only sixth and seventh grade students. All students currently in kindergarten through fifth grade residing outside the newly defined Callejon attendance area will be assigned to Montague Elementary and Buchser Middle Schools.

Residences east of Lick Mill Blvd. and south of Garrity Way (Hansen Park); residences south of Moreland Way, and residences west of Apgar Rd., become part of the Montague Elementary and Buchser Middle School attendance areas. In essence, students living in Mansion Grove, Miraval, 550 Moreland, and River Terrace will attend Montague Elementary and Buchser Middle Schools.

OPEN ENROLLMENT POSSIBILITIES FOR STUDENTS OUTSIDE THE NEW CALLEJON ATTENDANCE AREA:

Newly reassigned students are eligible to apply for Open Enrollment. Priority lottery status to Callejon School for those who have been reassigned will be given to students in grades K-8 who attended Callejon on November 9, 2010.

After all registered students who reside within the school's boundaries, including those who may have been reassigned to other schools, are placed, students who attended Callejon from Mansion Grove, Miraval, 550 Moreland, and River Terrace on November 9, 2010 will be considered for placement. Lottery will determine the order.

Overloaded students will have priority over Open Enrollment applicants when space becomes available at Callejon.

Kindergarten through fifth grade siblings of grandfathered sixth and seventh grade students who attended Callejon on November 9, 2010 will then be considered for enrollment. Again, lottery will determine the order.

Parents of students who requested Open Enrollment will be notified by the District of the student's lottery status by March 21, 2011. It is unlikely all spots at Callejon will be filled until after school starts in late August.

"The mission of Santa Clara Unified School District is to prepare students of all ages and abilities to succeed in an ever-changing world."

THE LOTTERY FOR SIBLINGS AND STUDENTS IN PREVIOUS ATTENDANCE:

Parents who wish to have their children's names placed in the lottery for Callejon must complete an Open Enrollment form. Open Enrollment is to be completed online by going to the District's website and completing the form between January 14, 2011 and 4:30 PM on February 11, 2011.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR STUDENTS WITHIN THE CALLEJON ATTENDANCE AREA:

Registration for Kindergarten 2011-2012 begins at all schools on January 14, 2011. This includes Callejon. After the doors open for registration at Callejon at 9:00 AM on the 14th, parents will need to show proof of residence and will then be given an appointment date and time for a subsequent meeting to complete the registration process.

Parents who reside within the newly defined Callejon attendance area on November 9, 2010 are guaranteed enrollment for their kindergarten children at Callejon for the 2011-2012 school year. This includes siblings of current students as well as families new to Callejon. There will be no need for these parents to "camp out" the night of January 13th and morning of the 14th. Proof of residency on November 9, 2010 will be required and the District will maintain the right to verify the documentation. These practices shall remain in effect for this year only and will be reviewed annually.

Kindergarten students for 2011-2012 whose families moved or will move into the newly defined Callejon attendance area after November 9, 2010 will be enrolled on a first come, first served basis, and may be overloaded to other campuses should Callejon become full.

REGISTRATION AT MONTAUGE:

Parents seeking to enroll kindergarteners at Montague for the next school year may do so beginning January 14, 2011. Parents of students being transferred to Montague from Callejon will be notified by mail during the summer of the dates and times to pick up registration packets.

Events and activities are being planned by the Montague staff for students being reassigned from Callejon. Visitations to the campus by students and their families will assist in making the transition as smooth as possible.

Sincerely,

Steve Stavis
Superintendent
Archived copies of the SCHS newsletter are at www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa.

Items for the March/April edition are due February 4. Email submissions to Karen Hovey at khoveymail@aol.com.

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.

Who’s who in the school office...

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