Dear Santa Clara High School Community,

As I write this, it is hard for me to fathom that we have been in school for 2 months already. It seems like yesterday that we were welcoming our freshmen to SCHS for the first time, and they are now settling in as though they have been here for years.

I will say that it has been a wild couple of months at SCHS, but it has been a good kind of crazy. Since this school year has opened, we have celebrated the academic achievements of the students from last school year, played our first night game “under the lights,” and had our student body, staff and community come to the aid of fellow alum and Fremont Police Officer Todd Young. The support that this community has for the school is awesome; it’s difficult to adequately thank each and every student and adult who has made the start of this school year so special.

With this in mind, it is time to turn to the academics for a moment. By the time that you receive this newsletter, the first quarter will have ended and the second quarter will be well underway. It is important that everyone understands the distinction of these two quarters. Generally speaking, classes at Santa Clara High School are a semester in length. This means that while quarter grades are official, for most classes these grades serve only as a gauge for where your student stands academically in their classes; but, these grades are not placed on the transcript. The only exception to this is the grades for Physical Education. The quarter grades do count in regards to academic eligibility and ineligibility as all students must maintain a GPA of 2.0 to be eligible for interscholastic sports.

I would like to encourage all parents to sign up for School Loop if you haven’t already. It is a wonderful tool for parents to stay “in touch” with the high school. It is amazing at how many things are happening at SCHS, and School Loop will help you stay organized and up to date with your students’ lives. The website will also allow you to keep up to date on your students’ grades and progress in their classes. In order to register, please visit www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/.

Go Bruins!

Dave Grissom
November Calendar…

Monday, November 1
Canned Food Drive Competition Begins: 4th Period Classes

Wednesday, November 3
Angel Island Field Trip: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
School Site Council Meeting: 5:00 pm; Conference Room

Thursday, November 4
Music Boosters Meeting: 7 pm, Staff Lounge

Friday, November 5
Secrets Assembly – SPECIAL SCHEDULE BELOW

Saturday, November 6 SAT

Tuesday, November 9
CAHSEE (11th and 12th Non-Pass)
Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; District Office

Wednesday, November 10
CAHSEE (11th and 12th Non-Pass)
Athletic Boosters Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room

Thursday, November 11 Veteran’s Day – No School

Friday, November 12
Drama: “You Can’t Take It with You:” Time TBA; Theater

Saturday, November 13
Drama: “You Can’t Take It with You:” Time TBA; Theater

Tuesday, November 16
ASVAB: 8:00 am – 11:00 am; Science Lecture Hall

Wednesday, November 17
PTSA Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room
Grad Night Parent Meeting: 8:00 pm; Office

Thursday, November 18
Drama: “You Can’t Take It with You:” Time TBA; Theater

Friday, November 19
Drama: “You Can’t Take It with You:” Time TBA; Theater
Canned Food Drive Ends

Saturday, November 20
Drama: “You Can’t Take It with You:” Time TBA; Theater

Tuesday, November 23
Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; District Office

November 24-26 No School – Thanksgiving Holiday

November 29-December 10
Family Giving Tree
Monday, November 29
Senior Portraits: 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Science Lecture Hall

December Calendar…

Wednesday, December 1
Senior Portraits: 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Science Lecture Hall
School Site Council Meeting: 5:00 pm; Conference Room
Fall Sports Awards Night

Thursday, December 2
Senior Portraits: 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Science Lecture Hall
Music Boosters Meeting: 7 pm, Staff Lounge

December 6-10
Dead Week (no activities week before finals)

Wednesday, December 8
Holiday Concert: 7:00 pm; Theater
Athletic Boosters Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room

Thursday, December 9
Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; District Office

Friday, December 10
Deadline to order Cap & Gown and Graduation Announ.
Holiday Concert: 7:00 pm; Theater

Monday, December 13
Cocoa and Cram (studying for finals): After school; Cafeteria

Tuesday, December 14
Finals

Wednesday, December 15
Finals
Grad Night Parent Meeting: 8 pm; Conference Room

Thursday, December 16
Finals
End of 2nd Quarter

Saturday, December 18
Winter Ball: 8:00 pm – 12:00 am; David’s Restaurant

December 20 – January 2
No School – Winter Break

Monday, January 3
SIP Day (no school)

Tuesday, January 4
School Resumes
Schedule Pickup Day

Secrets Assembly
Friday, November 5

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The flier is on page 18.
Dear SCHS Families…

I hope that many of you were able to enjoy the SCHS festivities as our community celebrated our first Homecoming at “home” made possible by our newly lighted football field. Taking our parade of marching band, cheerleaders, class floats, clubs, convertibles and court members past hundreds of cheering elementary students and Pomeroy and Millikin was a special treat.

PTSA started the year on a run as we helped with packet pick-up, the Freshmen BBQ, the staff Welcome Back Luncheon and grad night chairperson for getting us organized! (For those unfamiliar with Grad Night…it’s an all night “safe and sober” Grad Night Parents Meeting, 7 pm, conference room to 4583114239798299621147133426040095733069297837422718964115470975582622276006836728174144127889972124547190690637622441610786860964141851618679860500189990725415268036656538583040x7311177090249471659426218053431201057579455155330602762240]

We are very pleased to have added Reflections to SCHS PTSA this year. This arts program is sponsored by the National PTA and gives students the opportunity to receive feedback on their video, dance choreography, visual arts, literary, photography or music compositions. This year’s theme is “Together We Can.” Thank you to the students who submitted their work! We’ll be including Reflections next year as well and will publish the theme as soon as it is announced – hopefully before summer break.

At Back to School Night in September, the PTSA General Association voted to include Grad Night as part of our PTSA program. Grad Night has generated a lot of enthusiasm and energy this year. The parent meetings are generally held the 4th Wednesday of the month in the office conference at 7 pm and have been well attended. A Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle was held at Mariani’s Restaurant – it was a fun event and brought in about $1,700. Tickets for Grad Night will be on sale soon. For more Grad Night news visit the web page at www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight. A big thank you Dawn Lucero our grad night chairperson for getting us organized! (For those unfamiliar with Grad Night…it’s an all night “safe and sober” graduation party for seniors the evening of their graduation.)

PTSA jointly sponsors a Parent Education evening with Wilcox HS PTSA twice during the school year. Our first event featured popular speaker Susan Stone Belton who spoke on “The Reality of Raising a Teen Today.” Our next speaker will be after the new year - more information will be coming.

If you have any questions for PTSA, you can contact us at bruinspts@gmail.com. For the latest on PTSA and to find our calendar go to www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa.

And…if you’d like to be more involved in PTSA, you are always welcome to attend a meeting.

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**2010/11 SCHS PTSA Officers…**

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To be a part of the PTSA newsletter team, please email Karen Hovey at khoveyemail@aol.com
Consider this…

**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.

**Crab Feed**

We hope you’ll plan to attend the Crab Feed on February 5.

The Crab Feed is a major school fundraiser for SCHS 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.

**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 the items off at the office and label them “Attn: SCHS Science Department” or drop the item at Room S115.

**Please direct your questions to 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 the label)
- Dish sponges
- Drinking straws
- Regular string
- Styrofoam cups (average size)
- Styrofoam plates
- 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

**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.

Check out Santa Clara High’s terrific web site at santaclara.schoolloop.com
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!

TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC, TRAFFIC!

As most of our parents have noticed, the dropping off and picking up times can get mighty crowded. In order for us to be safe and efficient, here are a few helpful hints.

1. Always stop for pedestrians
2. It helps for us to spread out…
   a. Use the “C” gate loop at the west end of the school
   b. Two routes through the bus circle
   c. Loop by the administration building, gym, and to the exit (not through lot)
3. Please do not stop in the fire lanes
4. Always pull up as far as possible to pick up and drop off
5. Respect the security guards and each other
6. Get to school earlier
7. Only turn RIGHT out of parking lots

Thank you for all of your cooperation thus far. We have had a great start to school and hope to continue our success as a safe Santa Clara High community.

SCHS has a DRESS CODE!

“To promote a positive, safe, and non-disruptive learning environment, proper attire must be worn.

- Your clothing must not be overly revealing (this includes clothing that clearly exposes or draws attention to private body parts or undergarments such as tube tops, halter tops, short tops exposing the navel/belly button, and sleeveless under shirts are not permitted as outer garments).
- Shorts must be as long as your fingertips when arms are held at your side.
- No very short skirts (hem length must be as long as the tips of the fingers when arms are straight down at the sides).
- No sagging (wearing pants/shorts below the waist).
- Clothing may not make reference to sex (i.e. Hooters T-shirts), drugs, tobacco, alcohol, guns or violence.”

There is more - see the SCHS Student Parent Handbook for the rest of the dress code…

Parents and staff at the October PTSA meeting.
A message from our Booster President…

FOOTBALL
WOW!!! WHAT A GREAT START TO OUR SEASON. CONGRATS TO COACH KRAIL AND COACH BUMBACA ON BOTH VARSITY AND J.V GETTING OFF TO A 3 WIN 1 LOSS START.

MADE IT OUT TO A GAME UNDER OUR NEW STADIUM LIGHTS YET?? DON'T MISS OUT, A GREAT FRIDAY NIGHT EXPERIENCE. WE WILL STILL HAVE OUR LAST HOME GAME OF THE SEASON ON 11/12/10 AGAINST FREMONT HIGH SCHOOL AND IT WILL BE SENIOR NIGHT. LET'S GET OUT AND SUPPORT OUR TEAMS AND OUR SENIORS, AND DON'T FORGET TO STOP BY THE SNACK SHACK AND CHECK OUT ALL THE GREAT NEW MENU ITEMS THIS SEASON.

WATER POLO
WE ARE HALF WAY THROUGH THE SEASON BEEN TO A GAME YET? I STOPPED BY AND SAW THE ALUMNI GAME TO START THE SEASON OFF, VERY COOL.

WATER POLO RECORDS
- VARSITY BOYS 2-4
- VARSITY GIRLS 4-2
- F/S BOYS 6-0
- JV GIRLS 3-1

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS
- Varsity boys - goalie Peter Sharifi with 122 saves so far. Captain Taylor James with 11 goals and 19 steals.
- Varsity Girls- goalie Cindy Fursh with 79 saves. Junior Jessi Boyd with 16 Goals. Senior Gaby Arreola with 15 goals
- Frosh/soph boys-goalie Randy Iacovetta with 45 saved. Mahdi Khan with 13 goals
- JV girls- Catherine Thorn with 11 goals, Catherine moved up to varsity last week as a result of her accomplishments on JV. Kate Guevara with 8 goals.

LET'S GET OUT AND SUPPORT WATER POLO.

LOTS GOING ON IN SPORTS THIS TIME OF THE YEAR, GIRLS TENNIS, GIRLS VOLLEYBALL, BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS WATER POLO, CROSS COUNTRY AND FOOTBALL, LET'S GET OUT THERE AND SUPPORT OUR ATHLETES AND SCHS SPORTS.
Music Calendar

November
4 Booster Meeting, 7 pm, Staff Lounge  
4 West Valley College Jazz Festival  
6 Independence Field Competition, Indep. HS  
6 E-Waste Fundraiser, 9am – 3pm, SCHS  
11 San Jose Veteran’s Day Parade  
12 Football vs Fremont (Senior Night), 7:30, SCHS  
20 Fairfield TOC Field Competition, Fairfield HS

December
2 Booster Meeting, 7 pm, Staff Lounge  
5 San Jose Holiday Parade, AM, San Jose  
8 Instrumental Holiday Concert, 7 pm, SCHS Theater  
10 Choral Holiday Concert, 7 pm, SCHS Theater

January
6 Booster Meeting, 7 pm, Staff Lounge  
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@comcast.net  
Web…santaclara.schoolloop.com/musicboosters

Orchestra – Choir – Percussion  
Concert Band - Marching Band  
Jazz Band – Color Guard

The Santa Clara Bruin Marching Band and Color Guard are off to an exciting start this year! The band and guard have recently competed in the Cupertino Tournament of Bands and Foothill Band Review field show competitions. They were very proud to bring home an overall 1st and 2nd Place trophy for their efforts outperforming several other groups in their division. The Percussion and Color Guard also won 2nd and 1st place (respectively) in their captions at the Cupertino Show.

The new show this year is entitled “Cirque du Soleil – Ka” and is an exciting mix of melody and percussion accented by our Color Guard’s visual accents to the performance. The band will compete in two more field show events this year. The first performance will be on Nov. 6 at Independence HS and the second on Nov. 20 in Fairfield (see the Music Booster Calendar for details). The Band is hard at work adding new effects and visual accents to continue to improve their performance for the remainder of the season.

If you have not had the opportunity to see them perform, their final Football game performance will be here at SCHS on Friday Nov. 12 and we invite you all to come support our hard working musicians. After the game they will be shifting gears to prepare for their March 2011 trip to Limerick, Ireland where they will represent SCHS in an International Music Festival.

Congratulations to the Bruin Marching Band and Color Guard and all their instructors on a very successful start to your season!
YOUTH COMMISSION SETTING UP FOR FUN!
SCSCAYC hosted “Suika Wari” or Watermelon Smashing fun at the SCA 29th Annual Chicken BBQ, along with other games like pumpkin croquet, volleyball and horseshoes. This annual event has been transformed by our current SCA YC members as they bring their ideas for fun while enjoying great food, music and hearing about our ambassadors recent travels.

AMBASSADORS REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL; “IMPRESSIVE”
Addie Gingold was first up at the September 28 City Council meeting. Wearing Japanese attire and carrying a fan, Addie referred to her power point photos while reporting on her July trip to stay with her Japanese hosts. Next up: Alexandra Kuwano, SCAYC Treasurer. Quiet and shy by nature, Alex gave an exemplary speech about the SCI Youth Conference in Albuquerque, NM, commenting on all she experienced, suggesting that everyone should go if possible. Ian Hower, SCAYC President, was a powerful speaker impressing city council members with his enthusiasm as he shared details of this life changing experience. Now that’s what we’re talking about!!

APPLICATIONS DUE DEC 15. TIME TO START TALKING WITH MOM AND DAD NOW...
Santa Clara Sister Cities has 2 Sister Cities; Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. Each year we offer opportunities for students to experience a 10 day exchange and/or hosting, traveling to the annual 5 day, Sister Cities International Youth Conference, and learning about other cultures while earning community service hours.

SCSCA offers scholarships to cover airfare. Applications are accepted through December 15, 2010 from all students residing in or going to a SCUSD school, however, we encourage students to be involved in the SCSCA YC and other fund raising activities.

Want to know more? SCHS has a Sister Cities Club! We are looking for more interested students at Wilcox High School to start a club as well. See our new Facebook pages, or go to our website at www.santaclarasistercities.org. OR, come to one of our SCA YC meetings, held the first and third Tuesdays, of each month at the Headen-Inman House, located just behind the Triton Museum. Bring a friend!

Parents are welcome to come to SCA meetings held the third Wednesday of each month. New members always welcome!

MAKING HISTORY & Creating Community Ties
SCA & SCAYC members will soon be moving into a new office at the Headen-Inman House, working with the Santa Clara Arts and Historical Consortium. Students will learn local history and work as docents. So, as they make history traveling, they will have knowledge & experience sharing our local culture with visitors from near and far.

INTERNSHIPS & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE
Guest Speaker topics on our calendar include; Microsoft Office Publisher- Learn how to document your travels! How Do SCA Exchanges Work? And, Japanese Exchange Protocol- presented by Ricky Matsuno and Brian Lowery.

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...to promote peace through mutual respect, understanding, and cooperation one individual, one community at a time.
1ST QUARTER REPORT CARDS
1st Quarter report cards are being mailed home October 22. For Physical Education classes that are only a quarter long, these grades are their final grades for the 1st Quarter and will be on their permanent record. For semester long courses, this report card is a helpful indicator of your student’s progress. It is important to note that for semester courses only the SEMESTER grade (given December 17) will appear on your student’s permanent record. For all of your student’s classes there is still time to improve their grades! (Remember, all semester “F’s” must be re-taken, and colleges do not consider “D’s” as passing grades.) Here are some hints on how to help your students:
- **Communicate with Teachers:** Talk to your student’s teachers to gain a better understanding of your student’s grade. Teachers can be reached by phone (408) 423-2600 or email [http://santaclara.schoolloop.com](http://santaclara.schoolloop.com)
- **Monitor Progress:** Check your student’s progress on School Loop. The web address for School Loop is [http://santaclara.schoolloop.com](http://santaclara.schoolloop.com). Weekly Progress Check sheets are also available every Friday morning to help keep you better informed of your student’s daily assignments and grade updates. (It is your student’s responsibility to pick these up from the counseling office and to get a signature from each of their teachers.)
- **Dedicate “Academic Time” at Home:** Set aside at least 1-2 hours of “academic time” each night for students to complete homework. If they do not have homework, they should be studying class notes or reading a book.

SEMMESTER SCHEDULE CHANGE REQUESTS
Students will receive their second semester schedules on Tuesday, January 4 in the Cafeteria. Requests for schedule changes will be processed after school, starting Monday, December 13. All schedule change requests must be submitted by Friday, January 7 so they can be addressed prior to Friday, January 14. Most courses at SCHS are year-long courses and are at their student maximum, so not many schedule changes will occur. The counselors will do their best to make necessary accommodations.

FRESHMEN PARENT NIGHT
On Wednesday, January 12, Elena Mikhailova, counselor, will present Freshman Parent Night at 7:00 pm in the Theatre. The evening will include an explanation of report cards, graduation and college requirements and offer suggestions on improving your student’s grades and habits. This should be an informative evening and offers a way for you to get more involved your student’s education.
As we are nearing the close of the semester, it is imperative to note that senior grades are extremely important. Colleges will scrutinize the final transcript in July and deny admittance to any students who have not completed their senior year with college recommending grades.

- The third quarter of the senior year will be focused on completing financial aid forms. We are hoping that all students planning on attending either a two or a four-year college or a technical school will participate in this process. To this end we are hosting a Financial Aid Night on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at 7:00 pm. A financial aid officer will be there to guide parents and students through the financial aid forms.

- There have been several questions regarding the CSU applications. Seniors were sent information via Schoolloop to hopefully clear up these questions. Seniors are encouraged to check with their counselors before submitting their application.

- The second semester we will also be working on applications to 2-year colleges. Mrs. Rainbolt in the Career Center will be organizing the applications, campus visits, and the English and Math Placement Tests on the SCHS campus.

- Those students taking courses in night school should be nearing completion of the required 48 hours.

- Students are reminded to keep track of their graduation status. There are four components that must be completed for graduation:
  - earn credits (230)
  - pass both the English and math sections of the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)
  - pass required courses
  - and complete the community service requirement (20 hours).

- With the holiday season fast approaching, there are many opportunities to complete the community service requirement. See your counselor if you need help with an idea of how to fulfill this requirement. The due date for community service hours is May 13.

- Any student who still has their PE uniform and has completed PE requirements can donate their uniform to a needy student through the counseling office. We will be collecting uniforms throughout the second semester.

- The deadline for applying to CSU’s and UC’s is November 30. Don’t wait until the last minute to apply. See your counselor if you need help with the application process.

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PTSA Scholarships! Seniors, don’t forget that you need to be a PTSA member by December 1 in order to be eligible to apply for a PTSA scholarship. Membership is $6 and forms are in the office and at www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/pts.

Grad Night tickets go on sale November 15 in the SBO…get yours before the price goes up. See all the Grad Night info on page 11 or www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight.
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.

For Grad Night to be successful, parent volunteers are crucial! Parents meet throughout the school year to plan. Parents of seniors as well as parents of non-seniors are invited to attend the planning meetings. Fundraisers are held to make Grad Night more affordable.

Dawn Lucero is our Grad Night committee chairperson and Debbie Sloan is the treasurer. You can contact Dawn or Debbie at schsgradnight@gmail.com.

www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight

Please join us!

Attend a parent meeting
- Wednesday, November 17 at 8 pm, office conference room
- Wednesday, December 15 at 7 pm, office conference room

Participate in a Fundraiser
- Armadillo Willy’s – November 16 – The flier on page 18.
- World’s Finest Chocolate - pick up a catalog in the office - orders due by December 2. Visit http://www.worldsfinestfundraising.com
- A spring BBQ and more Dinner Night Out events will be coming – check the January newsletter or visit www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight

Grad Night Tickets…
Tickets go on sale November 15 in the SBO. The Grad Night location will be announced at that time.
- November 15 to the end of January ticket price is $75. Special Group rate of 6 tickets for $390.
- After January the ticket price will increase.

Grad Night Report…
We’ve had 3 great planning meetings with enthusiastic parents ready to help with fundraising, poster making and other Grad Night duties. Our Grissom for Grads BBQ dinner (Principal Grissom will be serving) brought in $1,000 at the Back-to-School auction, we are expecting about $3,000 from our Art and Wine Faire volunteering, $1,700 from the Marianni’s Spaghetti Dinner and Raffle evening, plus several hundred more from Jamba sales, Dinner-Night-Out events and personal and corporate donations. Thanks to everyone who has participated!
**Juniors**

**Report Cards:** You should have received your student’s first quarter report card. This was a progress report, and with the semester grades approaching at the end of December, your student still has an opportunity to improve if necessary. Please encourage your student to act now and get the assistance he/she needs to excel academically. If you have a question about a grade or how a student can improve, please contact the teacher directly by phone, email or through Schoolloop at www.santaclara.schoolloop.com. Teachers are the best source of information regarding how a student can improve in an individual class. If you would like an update on your student’s graduation status, please call their counselor.

**Community Service:** The holidays are a great time to begin working on 20 hours of community service! Please have your student come in to the counseling office and ask about the community service projects currently available. Please turn in your completed community service hours by May 13.

**Testing!** (ACT, SAT 1, SAT 2): All students who wish to apply directly to a 4-year university must take either the ACT OR the SAT. Students take these tests in their junior year. (If your student is taking a SAT Prep Course, it is best for them to register for the test that most closely follows their course to maximize their scores.) Students who plan on applying to a UC school must also take two SAT 2 Subject Tests of their choice. It is recommended that they take these tests in May or June after they have completed these subjects in school. Below is a list of dates and registration deadlines.

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**SAT Prep:** Missed the fall SAT Prep course? Check in the Counseling Office for the latest information.

**PSAT Results:** Revolution Prep is sponsoring a score back night January 19, 2011. Students will receive their PSAT results on that night. Revolution Prep will explain the scores as well as offer strategies for SAT preparation.

**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.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/
- CSU system: www.csumentor.edu
- All California Colleges: www.californiacolleges.edu
- Private/Independent Universities: www.aiccu.edu
- Other: www.career cruising.com (Used in the freshman computer literacy class. Login information is available in the Career and College Resource Center)
- Other resources can be found in our Career and College Resource 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 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.

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

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

*The Junior Class chose “San Francisco” for their big city float for Homecoming 2010.*
**SEMESTER GRADES**
The semester grades are recorded on a student’s official transcript. First semester ends December 17, 2010. It is important that your student makes every effort to improve his/her grades by this date, especially in courses required for high school graduation. If your student is struggling in a class, the following opportunities are available:

- **Contact teachers by phone (423-2600) or email** ([www.santaclara.schoolloop.com](http://www.santaclara.schoolloop.com)) to discuss progress
- Utilize teacher “Office Hours” for help
- Utilize “Weekly Grade Check” from Counseling Office to stay current on student’s grades
- Set aside 1-2 hours of academic time each night for students to complete **Homework, Read, and Study**.

**COLLEGE**
It is not too early to start thinking about college! What can students do to prepare for admission to a university?

- Maintain C’s or above in all classes (universities do not accept D’s)
- Arrange to make-up any F’s or D’s in college prep classes
- Explore college websites
  - All California Colleges ([www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu))
  - University of California ([www.ucop.edu](http://www.ucop.edu))
  - California State University ([www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu))
  - Private/Independent Universities ([www.aiccu.edu](http://www.aiccu.edu))
  - Other: [www.careercruising.com](http://www.careercruising.com) (Used in the freshman computer literacy class. Login information is available in the Career and College Resource Center)
- Visit local college campuses over Winter Break!

**HELPFUL HINTS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

1. **Check Organization**
   - Check ALL homework for completion (ask to see all completed homework, even if student has completed it at school).
   - Check your student’s “Daily Planner” to make sure that they have written assignments for every class.
   - 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 student’s progress weekly on School Loop
   - Ask to see returned tests/homework
   - Utilize “Weekly Grade Check” (students pick up from counseling office on Fridays)
   - Contact teachers to check progress

3. **Schedule “Academic Time” at home**
   - Set aside 1-2 hours each night in a clean, quiet area for “academic time.” (It is advisable that students break up this academic time into smaller 40-minute “chunks” of time, taking a break to stretch or snack when needed.)
   - Students should use this time for:
     - Homework
     - Studying notes/vocabulary from that day’s lesson
     - Reading
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.

Senior Portraits
Prestige by Lifetouch Photographers will be on campus one last time from November 29 - December 2 in the Science Lecture Hall. If you have questions, or need to make an appointment, please call 1-888-898-GRAD or come to the SBO for more information. In order to be in the senior section of the yearbook, your picture must be taken by Lifetouch.

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

It’s not too late to order. If you liked 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.

P.E. Sweats
If you ordered P. E. sweats, they have arrived and can be picked up in the SBO during lunch only.

Seniors…Graduation information…
The representative from Herff Jones, Santa Clara’s official cap and gown and graduation announcement provider, will be visiting the Civics and Econ classes on Tuesday, November 30 to give out information and take cap and gown and graduation announcement orders. The postmark deadline to order is Friday, December 10.
Blood Drive
for SCHS Alumni Todd Young

Thank you to all who came out to support our emergency blood drive for Officer Young. This is an update…

Wednesday, September 1 brought over 250 hopeful participants in an emergency blood drive at Santa Clara High School in response to the emergency situation of Officer Todd Young of the Fremont Police Department. Officer Young is an alumnus of SCHS and his mother retired from a career at Santa Clara High School as the school secretary to the principal. Principal, David Grissom, out of respect for the family and the desire to have the students be able to “do something” for this important cause, allowed a blood drive for students during the afternoon hours of the school day and then opened the blood drive to the community after the last bell rang. Response was immediate and overwhelming.

Over 13 Santa Clara High School leadership students worked long hours when called on, immediately jumping into action on September 1. The students greeted donors, helped nurses with bandaging and escorted donors to the canteen area. Their hard work helped when over 250 people responded with students making up the bulk of the blood donors. One hundred eighty-nine actual participants gave over 130 productive units of blood. Sixty-eight donors were giving blood for the first time and undoubtedly, were inspired to do so by Officer Young’s critical condition and connection to the school.

Santa Clara and San Jose police officers, the SCUSD superintendent and staff, teachers, students, parents and community members supported Officer Young by donating blood. Although the blood drive was scheduled to end by 6:00 pm, the last donor didn’t leave until 8:30 pm due to the large response.

We apologize to those willing donors who had to wait so long or be turned away due to the overwhelming response. Although this may have seemed unfortunate, this was a positive response to the cause and we appreciate each and every one of you. This should not be the case at our January blood drive, however, there are some limitations to the number of beds due to the small gym renovation and the relocation to the Science Lecture Hall.

Santa Clara High School thanks its students, staff and community for their outstanding support on this important effort. Also, a special thanks to Stanford Medical Center for pulling this together on such quick notice.

As of this writing, we would like to report that Officer Young is still recovering at the hospital. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

January Blood Drive

Student Council, along with the Stanford Medical School Blood Center will again be sponsoring our blood drive which will be held on **Tuesday, January 11 from 8 am – 2 pm** in the Science Lecture Hall. We would like to invite students, parents, staff members 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!

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On September 1, more than 250 students and community members showed up to donate blood on behalf of Officer Todd Young, a SCHS alumnus. See article above.

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Blood Drive - Mark your calendars for January 11!
Congratulations to the Homecoming Court!

Queens and Escorts:
Marcie Cerezo and Kingston Ngo
Vanessa Hernandez and Daniel Duarte
Kristi Kusa and Joey Gagarin
Danielle Nguyen and Mason Everett
Katie Rupel and Jalal Mustafa

Kings and Escorts:
J. T. Gagarin and Vanan Nguyen
Nick Garcia and Lindsay Derby
Sean Oswald and Gheed Saeed
Dex Sabio and Michelle Shortt
Cyrus Sinai and Danielle Cordova

Thank You...

- Frontier Ford, 3701 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Santa Clara - For providing the Mustang convertibles for the court – check out the new Ford Fiesta at Frontier Ford. The Fiesta was premiered at the Santa Clara High School Quad last month!
- Santa Clara Police Department - For Parade Assistance
- Class parents for their time and support of the floats
- Mr. Erickson and The Santa Clara High School Marching Band
- Angie Garcia, Erica Fuller and Kristina Ravo and the Santa Clara High School Spirit Squad
- Clubs and all of the parade participants
- Class advisors:
  Freshmen – Ms. Glick
  Sophomores – Mrs. Hatter-Ansaldo
  Juniors – Ms. Anderson and Mrs. Smith
  Seniors – Ms. Keneman
- All of the wonderful people who provided trailers and drivers
- Ms. Chandra Frazier – Your M. C.
- Adeeb Chowdhury and Matt Vandercook – Programs
- Tuxedo Wearhouse Westgate Mall for court tuxedos
- Jason Azevedo – for being Jason
- Dave Fitsemons – for providing the freshmen trailer and driving and for many, many years of parade assistance
- Teachers who judged posters, skits and halls
- Rich Casem and staff with the Santa Clara Teen Center – hosting flower parties, lunchtime support and the dance!
- Devoting their weekend to evaluate candidate questionnaires:
  Staff: Jeanne Mustille, Amanda Palasky, Lynne Ewald, Peg Tushak and Junior Students: Jinoo Jain, Caitlin Isobe and Desiree Guerrero.
- District Office, Wilcox, and Herff Jones for float judging: Steve Stavis, Brad Syth, Kathleen MacDonald, Diane Lash, Dick Wescott and Roger Barnes.
FREE Electronic Waste Recycling

Benefits
SANTA CLARA HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS

WHEN
SATURDAY
November 6, 2010
9am to 3pm

WHERE
Santa Clara High School
3000 Benton St. front bus circle
Santa Clara, CA 95051

EARTHCARE RECYCLING ACCEPTS...

- Batteries
- Cables, Ribbons, Wire of any length and size
- Cartridges (Inkjet & Laser
- CD Drives/Disks
- CPUs
- DVD Drives/Disk
- Desktop Computers
- Fans
- Floppy Drives/Disk
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- Heat Sinks
- ISA Boards
- Keyboards
- Laptop Computers
- Media
- Mice
- Modems/Cards
- Monitors (Flat Screens, LCDs, CRTs)
- Mother Boards
- Network Cards
- PC Boards
- PCI Boards
- PDAs
- Palm Accessories
- Peripherals
- Power Supplies
- Printers
- RAM Chips
- Scanners
- Servers
- Sound Cards
- Speakers
- Video Cards
- UPS Back-Up Units
- Zip Drives/Disk

Other items we recycle include...

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- Amplifiers
- Boom Boxes
- CD's and DVD Movies
- Cell Phones
- Copiers
- Cordless Phones
- Digital Cameras
- Fax Machines
- MP3 Players
- Meters
- Paper Shredders
- Pencil Sharpeners
- Power Tools
- Radios
- Receivers
- Satellite Dishes
- Scanners
- Sound Systems
- Speakers
- Staplers
- Stereos
- Telephone Systems
- Headsets
- Televisions (Any size model)
- Typewriters (Manual-Electric)
- VCRs and Tapes
- Video Cameras
- Video Game Systems

SMALL APPLIANCES

- Blenders
- Blow Dryers
- Curling Irons
- Clocks
- Electric Can Openers
- Electric Shavers
- Electric Toothbrushes
- Fans
- Kitchen cookers
- Lamps
- Microwaves
- Ovens
- Sewing Machines
- Toasters
- Vacuum Cleaners
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SCHS Music Fundraiser

Poinsettias

Beautiful florist-quality poinsettias in 6” wrapped pots from Moran Nurseries of Watsonville are offered at only $10 each.

Orders for this special holiday tradition can be submitted to the SCHS office until November 19th. Delivery of the flowers will be at SCHS after Thanksgiving (Date and Time TBA) you will be notified by phone or email when the flowers arrive.

To Order: Please fill out the form below, attach a check payable to “SCHS Music Boosters”, and deposit in the Music Booster box in the office by Friday Nov. 19th

Please reserve _______(quantity) plant(s) for me

I am enclosing check/cash for $______(quantity x $10)

Name: ____________________________________

When the flowers arrive, you can reach me at:

Daytime Phone number (____)____________

Email address: ____________________________

Music Student name: _______________________

Funds raised will benefit Music Students at SCHS
If you have any questions, please contact Kim Jackman at 408.802.5983 or via email kimmbos@sbcglobal.net
Dining for Dollars

Happening At:
2624 Homestead Rd
Santa Clara
408 247-1100

Supporting:
Santa Clara High School Grad Night

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Present this flyer or identify yourself as a "Santa Clara High School Grad Night Supporter"
20% of your purchases will be donated to help support this very special organization.

The 20% donation will be for food and beverage items only, and cannot be used with any other coupon, certificate discount, or for catering, banquets or retail items.

HOURS: 5pm to 9pm
Archived copies of the SCHS newsletter are at www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa.
Items for the January/February edition are due December 3. Email submissions to Karen Hovey at khoveymail@aol.com.

Who’s who in the school office...

- Main Number: 423-2600
- Principal: Dave Grissom 423-2601
- School Secretary: Peg Tushak 423-2610
- VP Curriculum/Discipline:
  - Last name A-L: Lynne Ewald 423-2602
  - Last name M-Z: Jennifer Baldwin 423-2660
- VP Attendance: Gilbert Montiel 423-2603
- VP Activities: Gregory Shelby 423-2648
- Counseling Office Sec.: Sylvia Iwanaga 423-2634
- Bookkeeper: Noell Busby 423-2608
- Health Clerk: Nelly DeLaCruz 423-2642
- Attendance Answering Machine: 423-2605

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.