Dear Santa Clara High School Community,

It is hard for me to believe that we are already completing the second month of school and that fall weather is in the air. It seems like just yesterday that we started school in what felt like the middle of summer. The students have definitely settled into the school year, and the freshmen already appear to be veterans around this place. It is always nice to see the students settle in and schoolwork get completed.

The Fall sports season has been a huge success for SCHS, not only on the playing field, but also in terms of attendance and school spirit. As I write this (October 26), the Varsity Girls Water Polo team is preparing for their final week of the season and eying a possible SCVAL League Championship. This would be the first in school history for the ladies. The Varsity Football team is in the same position on the football field. It would be great to see both teams in the CCS playoffs. At the ticket booth, we have had phenomenal success at the Friday night games, and our contest with Wilcox earlier in the month brought in the largest crowd to ever see a game at SCHS. It is a wonderful atmosphere on Friday night here, and would love to get as many people out as possible.

The support of this community for the school has been awesome, and that couldn’t be more apparent than the Homecoming Week at SCHS. The number of students and adults working together on the floats on the Thursday night prior to Homecoming was just unbelievable to witness. The positive energy and smiles made Homecoming week a real pleasure. The parade on Friday which transverses past two elementary schools (Pomeroy and Millikin) is great to witness, as the younger students are jumping and screaming for the high school students which are led by the SCHS Marching Band.

With this in mind, it is time to turn to 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 SCHS 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. 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…

Tuesday, November 1
Canned Food Drive Competition Begins: 4th Period Classes
CAHSEE (11th and 12th grade non-pass)

Wednesday, November 2
CAHSEE (11th and 12th grade non-pass)
School Site Council Meeting: 5:00 pm; Conference Room

Friday, November 4
Band: West Valley College Jazz Festival; 12:10 pm – 4:30 pm

Wednesday, November 9
Athletic Booster’s Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room

Thursday, November 10
Drama Play “America Idle”: 7:00 pm; Theater
Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; District Office

Friday, November 11
Veteran’s Day Holiday
Drama Play “America Idle”: 7:00 pm; Theater

Saturday, November 12
Drama Play “America Idle”: 7:00 pm; Theater

Wednesday, November 16
Grad Night Parent Meeting: 6 pm; Conference Room
PTSA Meeting: 7 pm; Conference Room

Thursday, November 17
Drama Play “America Idle”: 7:00 pm; Theater

Friday, November 18
Students vs. Teachers Volleyball at lunch
Drama Play “America Idle”: 7:00 pm; Theater
Canned Food Drive ends…

Saturday, November 19
Band: Tournament of Champions; Fairfield, CA
Drama Play “America Idle”: 7:00 pm; Theater

Monday, November 21
CASL (CA Assoc of Student Leaders): 8 am – 1:30 pm
James Logan High School; Hayward

Tuesday, November 22
Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; District Office

November 23-25  Holiday

Monday, November 28
Family Giving Tree Begins Thru December 9

Tuesday, November 29
Cap and Gown and Graduation Announcement visits for ordering in Civics and Econ. Classes

Wednesday, November 30
Fall Sports Awards: 6 pm; Theater, Cafeteria. & Classrooms

No School…

November 11, Friday
Veteran’s Day

November 23-25
Thanksgiving

December 20 – January 2
No School – Winter Break

December Calendar…

Friday, December 2
Holiday in the Quad: Lunchtime

Saturday, December 3
SAT

Wednesday, December 7
Supert’s Council Meeting: 1:30 am – 1 pm; Library
School Site Council Meeting: 5 pm; Conference Room
Holiday Concert: 7 pm; Theater

Saturday, December 10
ACT

Tuesday, December 13
Finals

Wednesday, December 14
Finals

Friday, December 16
End of 2nd Quarter
Finals

Saturday, December 17
Winter Ball: 8 pm – 12 am; Avalon

Blood Drive - Mark your calendars for January 24!

Canned Food Drive

The 5th annual Poinsettia Sale is scheduled for early November. Add to your Holiday Cheer and support your Favorite Musicians! See the Music Booster web page.
www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/musicboosters.

Homecoming 2011
Dear SCHS Families…

I hope that many of you were able to enjoy the Homecoming festivities as the SCHS community celebrated our annual Homecoming week. With hall decorating, quad activities, float building, and our parade of band, cheerleaders, floats, clubs, court and students marching past hundreds of cheering elementary students, there was lots of school spirit on display!

The PTSA started the year helping with packet pick-up, the Freshmen BBQ, the staff Welcome Back luncheon, library textbook distribution and student photos. We have also had information tables at the school Parent Nights and hosted a very popular Parent Education Night on College Affordability by college consultant Vickie O’Day. Our main fundraiser – the Back-to-School Auction and Bake Sale brought in a record amount – over $10,000!

We were very pleased to offer Reflections again 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 “Diversity Means.” Thank you to the students who participated!

PTSA Grad Night added a few new activities this year. You may have noticed our Grad Night table at the noon Club Fair in September and at home football games. Parents and students have come by to spin our new “prize wheel” and ask their Grad Night questions. Grad Night was also at the Float Building Night with a food booth selling favorites such as hotdogs, super nachos and watermelon. In October, Grad Night held the 2nd annual Marianis Spaghetti Feast and auction. We are very pleased that 62 seniors have already reserved their spot at Grad Night! Tickets are $55 through March. For more Grad Night info check out the info on pages or go to santacalara.schoolloop.com/gradnight.

In October the PTSA was pleased to present the SCHS with a $6,000 check to go towards the school’s goal of placing document cameras in every classroom. See page 6 for more information on the cameras.

If you have any questions about SCHS PTSA, you can contact us at bruinspts@gmail.com. For the latest on PTSA go to www.santaclaraschoolloop.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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2011/12
SCHS PTSA Officers…

President  Karen Hovey
1st VP  Jackie Vandercook
2nd VP  Anna Strauss
Treasurer  Deb Terry
Secretary  Isabel Bermudez
Historian  Sara Jain
Auditor  Caren Ratermann
Parliamentarian  Shanta Dominguez
Principal  Dave Grissom
Teacher Rep  Emily Burton
Student Leadership Rep  Caitlin Isobe

www.santaclaraschoolloop.com/ptsa
for PTSA updates
Congratulations to the SCHS students who participated in the SCHS PTSA Reflections program this year!
The following students will have their work displayed at the PTA Council Reflections Reception at the SCUSD office:
• Ashley Loe, literature (poetry)
• Katerina Valtcheva, literature (poetry)
• Tyler Nguyen, literature (essay)
• Hieu Pham, visual art
• Julie Chen, visual art

We don’t have room to show all of their work here, please visit santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa for more.

One
By Ashley Loe
A celebration of differences,
Appreciation of uniqueness,
This is diversity.
It flourishes and it runs deep,
Within the mesmerizing lilts and tones of language
Within the deeply rooted cultures,
Within rich oral and written histories.
Is it not evident
Within the mouth-watering, distinct delicacies
Of steaming bowls of pho, fiery curries, fried noodles, and hearty chowders?
Is it not evident
Within the treasured, centuries-old traditional clothing
Of vivid saris, hand-dyed sarongs, brocade robes, and prayer caps?
Is it not evident
Within the significant festivals and special celebrations
Of the gods and goddesses, history, religion, and independence?
Deeply ingrained in our past, present and future,
Diversity is what sets us apart and what brings us together.
We come together to celebrate as one,
For we are all of one race: human.

Soup of Thought
By Katerina Valtcheva
I’ve eaten nothing but turnip soup for the whole of my eighteen years. Having consumed so many of the purple and white, hard root I can distinguish all sorts of details about each one’s past.
The ones that grew lower in the Earth taste like their rock hard home. Those that raise their white heads towards the sun drip with warm light. Those picked too early are small and flavorless, picked too late age quickly to black.
They own their individuality but down to their core, they all taste Same.

Today as I tried to gather my soup’s usual ingredients I discovered I had only two miniscule turnips left. I felt lost and confused—unable to imagine a kitchen without my beloved my dependable my predictable my familiar turnips.

My stomach screamed.
I had to explore the dark, unknown outskirts of Other kitchen cabinets.
My tentative hand shook as it reached out for new foods new flavors new opportunities for new disappointments.
First I found salt—easy enough to understand white and simple, yet always useful But then came the other spices: black pepper, peppercorn, paprika, tarragon, and thyme ginger, garlic, rosemary, sage curry cayenne cumin caraway chili powder chive cilantro cinnamon and saffron basil and bay leaf and mint and mustard seed oregano and orange peel, nutmeg and sugar

To view the rest of Katerina’s poem, visit www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa

All the entries didn’t all fit on the page! See santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa for more...
“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.

Crab Feed

Hey new SCHS families! Santa Clara High’s Crab Feed is the big annual fundraising event you won’t want to miss!

The Crab Feed features great crab, raffle and auction prizes, music and dancing. Plan now to buy your tickets and support our major fundraiser for student activities.

See the flier in this newsletter for more info, and contact Sharon Vignato for your tickets at sharonvig1@aol.com. See the flier on page 7.

Special Notice Regarding the SCHS Newsletter

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.

Label items “Attn: SCHS Science Department” and drop them off at the office or in Room S11.

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)
6 inch paraffin candles (white emergency candles)
Clorox Wipes
409 Spray Bottles or large refill bottles
Towels (old used)
Playdough (any color)
Food coloring
Borax
Washing Soda (it says so on the box)
Wax paper, Patty paper
Dawn dish soap
Maple syrup
Hydrogen peroxide
Corn starch
Sponges

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
A “ladybug” is a type of document camera that can magnify and project the images of actual 3-dimensional objects and just about anything else that is placed under it.

If a teacher were to write on a sheet of paper, it could be displayed for the whole class to see. There is a YouTube video of the ladybug functions at http://youtu.be/K_ehy7NHogM.

How much is a “ladybug”?
Each ladybug document camera costs about $700. While the PTSA and the School Site Council have become Blue and Gold Ladybug Donors, there are no district funds available in the near future to assist our efforts.

Questions?
Contact: Emily Burton
Grant-Writing /Technology Teacher Leader
eburton@scusd.net
(408) 423-2740

Did you know that...

… Santa Clara High School will have a digital projector in every classroom after building modernization is completed?

In order for students to receive the maximum educational benefit of this modernization, SCHS needs to acquire 45 additional document cameras (also known as “ladybugs”).

What is a “ladybug”?
A “ladybug” is a type of document camera that can magnify and project the images of actual 3-dimensional objects and just about anything else that is placed under it.

How does one become a Ladybug Donor?
Do you work for a company that would match your donation? Want to donate as a group and become joint-family donors? Regardless of the size, all donations will be recognized and appreciated.

There are five levels of ladybug donations:
- **Ladybug Eggs** - Donation of $1-$50
- **Ladybug Larvae** - Donation of $50-$150
- **Ladybug Pupae** - Donation of $150-$350
- **Ladybug Donors** - Donation of $350-$700
- **Flying Ladybug Donors** - Donation of $700-$3,000
- **Blue and Gold Ladybug Donors** - Donation of $3,000 or more

Please contact the bookkeeper, Tran Quach, in the Administration Building to donate.

SCHS Bruins
Ladybug Donors!

How can YOU make a difference in an SCHS classroom?
Become a Ladybug Donor!

Questions?
Contact: Emily Burton
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SCHS PTSA donated $6,000 toward the digital cameras - thank you to all who helped raise the funds!
SANTA CLARA HIGH SCHOOL
13TH ANNUAL
CRAB FEED
February 4, 2012

DINNER INCLUDES ALL YOU CAN EAT:
SALAD, GARLIC BREAD, PASTA, CRAB & DESSERT!

plus

RAFFLE PRIZES, SILENT AUCTION, MUSIC, DANCING AND MORE!

COME JOIN US WITH YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS
OR MAKE IT PART OF YOUR HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

NEW LOCATION:
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2455 MASONIC DRIVE
SAN JOSE, CA  95125

$50 PER PERSON - PAY BY CREDIT CARD, CASH OR CHECK
(NO PURCHASE AT THE DOOR)

FOR MORE INFORMATION,
TABLE RESERVATIONS (FOR 10 OR MORE ONLY),
AND TICKETS CONTACT:

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.Editor’s note…the Crab Feed will be the place to be on February 4! As SCHS’ biggest fundraiser, we hope you’ll come out, join the fun and most importantly help support our student activities’ budget. Everyone is welcome!
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! Do it soon, before the funds run out... first come, first served☺

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Thank you, SCHS Parents!

On October 17, 2011, SCHS teachers enjoyed a Teacher Supply Giveaway in which they were able to obtain valuable classroom necessities!

The teachers want to thank all parents and community members who contributed to the supply drive. Your all your bruin pride- is appreciated!!

Sincerely,

SCHS Teachers

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Students sell food during the club fair in the quad in September.

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DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE LIFE SAVING DEVICES IN OUR SCHOOLS?

Santa Clara Unified is now equipped with 68 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) amongst all of our district buildings in alarmed cabinets. Santa Clara High School will have 4 permanent AEDs on campus and 8 AEDs that will travel with the athletic teams. The 4 permanent AEDs are/will be located in the Main Office (Mr. Grissom’s office), Theater, Main Gym (when renovated) and the Teacher Workroom.

An AED is a portable device used to administer an electric shock to the heart and restore the heart’s normal rhythm during sudden cardiac arrest. An AED consists of a small computer (microprocessor), electrical circuitry, and adhesive electrode pads. The electrodes collect information about the heart's rhythm. The microprocessor interprets the rhythm. If the heart is in ventricular fibrillation, the microprocessor recommends a defibrillating shock.

The shock is delivered by way of the electrode pads, through the victim's chest wall, and into the heart. The shock stuns the heart momentarily, stopping all activity. This gives the heart a chance to restart normal electrical activity and resume beating effectively.

While AED and CPR training are available and recommended for those responsible for managing a public access to defibrillation (PAD) program, training is not required to use an AED. Starting 2nd quarter this year, an AED/non-certified Hands Only CPR class is being taught in the high school mandated Health classes.

These machines have voice prompts to easily assist a novice at successfully using the device. It is important for bystanders who witness the collapse of an SCA victim to act quickly. If a person does not need the shock of an AED, the machine will not deliver a shock. It is not possible to hurt someone with an AED; they can only be used to save someone’s life.

It is essential that defibrillation be administered immediately following the cardiac arrest. For every minute that defibrillation is delayed, survival decreases by 7 percent to 10 percent. If it is delayed by more than 10 minutes, the chance of survival in adults is less than 5 percent.
A message from our Booster President...

Let me be the first to say, “Happy Holidays” being this is our Nov/Dec newsletter. I hope you all have a wonderful Holiday Season.

Lots of excitement around the football team this season, as of this writing our J.V. Team is 5-1 and 2-0 in league, they scored 193 points and have only allowed 56 points to be scored on them in all 6 games. Great Job to Coach Bumbaca and his entire J.V. squad. At this rate we have a great shot at a League Championship.

Varsity Football is off to a great season under the expert coaching of Coach Krail and his coaching staff. Varsity is 4-2 and 2-0 in league play. We were honored to have the San Francisco 49ers High School Player of the week. J.T. Towns, what an honor for one of our student athletes and our football program. Congrats go out to J.T. Great Great Job!

The San Jose Mercury did a great story on Coach Krail and the Bruins football program. Be sure to check out the October 12 edition online. Congratulations to Coach Krail and the entire Bruins Football program.

Let’s not forget our other sports! Have you been out to a Girls Volleyball game, how about Tennis or Cross Country and of course Water Polo? Speaking of Water Polo our Bruin Water Polo teams have had a great start to our 2011 season, Boys Varsity is 3-4 in league play and Girls Varsity is 5-2, another great start for one of our sports teams. Congrats to all the coaches and student athletes and remember to check school Loop for your favorite sport and game times and locations. Let’s get out and support our kids - before you know it fall sports will be over.

Don’t forget your Booster membership. We still have basketball, wrestling and boys volleyball coming later this year and they all charge admission unless you have your membership pass. If your student athlete is doing multiple sports, it’s still not too late to buy your membership!

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who have worked the snack bar for the football season. Participation is the best it’s ever been.

Don’t forget our booster meeting are the second Wednesday of every month at 7 pm in the school’s main office. If you have any questions at any time, feel free to contact me either by phone or our booster email.

Randy Rose
SCHS Booster President
408-246-6480, schsathleticboosters@gmail.com
Music Calendar

November
3  Th  Booster Meeting, 7pm, Staff Room
4  F   Jazz Band Field Trip, West Valley College
4  F   Football (Senior Night), 7pm, SCHS
5  Sat  Field Show Competition, TB Indep. HS
19 Sat  Field Show Competition, TB, Fairfield HS

December
7  W    Holiday Concert (Inst), 7pm SCHS Theater
9  F    Holiday Concert (Choral), 7pm, SCHS Theater

For calendar updates check the Booster web site
www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/musicboosters

Music Teacher   Mr. Anderson
Choir/OrchTeacher  Mr. Hibbert
Marching Band Director Jeff Jackman
Booster President   Kim Jackman
Booster Email…SCHSMusicBoosters@comcast.net
Booster Web…Santaclara.schoolloop.com/musicboosters

Mr. A’s Band Update

The Bruin Marching Band and Color Guard have enjoyed performing during all our home games both in the stands and for the halftime show. They just finished their first competition at the Cupertino Tournament of Bands and placed second overall in their division. The band is in a larger more challenging category this year and is excited about their remaining competitions. If you have not had a chance to see them, please join us at a home football game.

The Band will also have their “Pass and Review” concert on Wed, October 26. Families and friends will have a chance to see the entire field show right here on our home field. The field show will be followed by a Jazz Band performance in the theater (see the Booster web page for further details).

The SCSH Jazz band will be participating in the West Valley Jazz Festival in November and will have the chance to see special guest Gordon Goodwin in person. Visit the West Valley College website for details.

Choir and Orchestra Update from Mr. Hibbert

The Concert Choir is looking forward to singing the National Anthem and the Alma Mater at the Homecoming rally and football game. In addition, several Concert Choir members (and even some from Beginning Chorus!) have been chosen to sing at the football games this year.

The Orchestra members have taken great interest in next Spring’s Solo/Ensemble festival. We have 2 quartets, a duet and 2 soloists entered in the festival, totaling 10 of the 24 players in Orchestra. We are in need of a piano accompanist for this event (on Saturday, March 24). If this sounds "up your alley", it would save us a bundle of money! Please contact Mr. Hibbert for details.

The Orchestra and Choir perform their Holiday Concert providing the sounds of the season on Friday, December 9. The concert will be held at 7pm in the SCHS Theater, and admission is free! Invite your relatives, neighbors and friends now so they can put the dates on their busy December calendars.

5th Annual Bruin Music Poinsettia Sale.
Info at santaclara.schoolloop.com/musicboosters
IT’S OUR TURN TO HOST FRIENDS FROM PORTUGAL!
Exchange Application Deadline set for November 18, 2011
Applications are being accepted for students wishing to participate in the annual 10 day exchange with Izumo, Japan, OR, to host a student from Coimbra, Portugal this spring, then travel to Coimbra in 2013. Students are encouraged to participate in SCA fundraising activities to support their application. Students chosen will be announced in January 2012.

Sister Cities International Pan Pacific Leadership Conference
3 SCA and 2 SCAYC members along with Ashley Loe of SCHS, Grand Prize winner of the 2011 SCI Showcase of Authors, recently traveled to Riverside, CA for an opportunity to connect with over 200 adults and students from across the US and other countries. Highlights included an invitation for Ashley to recite her poem “Keeper of the Compost” at Riverside City Hall Opening Reception. SCAYC members came back energized and with great ideas to implement and improve our community. Awesome leaders in the making!

SCA Celebrates 25 year relationship with Izumo!
A Gala Celebration will be held at the SC Convention Center to commemorate this historic event. Past & present Mayors, City Council and SCA members will welcome the Mayor of Izumo, Council members and other Izumo dignitaries in town for this very special event. A round of applause for our students Jessica and Rebecca Lai, who will be official English-Japanese translators for our visiting dignitaries.

SAVE THE DATE!
Tuesday, November 29, 2011, is the SCAYC Annual Mariani’s Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert fundraiser. The SCAYC will once again serve as waiters, waitresses and hosts for this growing annual event. Opportunity baskets, slide shows, good food, friends and fun are showcased in this holiday themed event. For tickets contact Debbie Pavao at dpavao.scsca@gmail.com or 408-666-0586. $20 Adults, $15 Students, $17 Seniors over 62. *Students looking for community service hours are welcome to serve, but must RSVP and attend training meeting at Mariani’s, Tuesday, November 15, 3:30-5:30pm. Transportation from school is provided if requested at time of RSVP.

SCI Announces theme for 2012 Showcase of Young Artists and Authors: “Youth as the Catalyst for Change”
What does that mean to you?
The 2012 theme is an opportunity for you to use art and literature to express how communication, technology, and individual initiative can lead to dramatic social change. Submissions can highlight your experience with social media, how you are creating change in your community, or how global communication and exchange has had an impact on your life. Entries due February 2012. Contact your art teacher for guidelines and entry forms or visit www.santaclarasistercities.org starting late October 2011.

For more information about our upcoming events and programs, please see our website at: www.santaclarasistercities.org or our FACEBOOK pages!
**Counselors’ Corner**

**General Information**
Lynne Ewald & Jenny Baldwin  
lewald@scusd.net & jbaldwin@scusd.net  
Guidance Vice Principals

**1st Quarter Report Cards**
1st Quarter report cards were mailed home October 21. For Physical Education classes that are only a quarter long, these grades are final for the 1st Quarter and will be on the 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 16) will appear on the 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. The best way to contact teachers is through Schoolloop email (http://santaclara.schoolloop.com). You can also leave a voicemail message for the teacher by dialing (408) 423-2634.

- **Monitor Progress:** Check your student’s progress on School Loop. The web address for School Loop is http://santaclara.schoolloop.com. Weekly Progress Check sheets are also available every Friday morning to help keep you better informed regarding your student’s daily assignments and grade updates. (It is your student’s responsibility to pick forms 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.

**Counselors by the letter…**

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**2nd Semester Schedule**

**Change Requests**
Students will receive their second semester schedules on Tuesday, January 3 in the cafeteria.

Requests for schedule changes will be processed after school, starting **Monday, December 12**. All schedule change requests must be submitted by **Friday, January 6** so they can be addressed prior to **Friday, January 13**.

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.

**Schedule Change Requests:**
Monday, December 12 – Friday, January 6

**Schedule Change Appointments:**
Wednesday, January 4 – Friday, January 13

**2nd Semester Schedule Distribution:**
Tuesday, January 3

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Club members wait for the Homecoming parade to begin!
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 to attend 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 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm. A financial aid officer will be there to guide parents and students through the financial aid forms.

- The 2nd 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 15.

- 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. Seniors are encouraged to check with their counselor before submitting their applications.

Be sure to check out the SBO info for seniors on page 16.

**Grad Night 2012!**

The PARTY will be at

**Boomers in Modesto all NIGHT LONG!**

SCHS Class of 2012 has exclusive use of Boomers the night of June 1…laser tag, climbing wall, bumper boats, mini-golf, Flame Thrower, Go Karts, arcade games. Plus the committee is bringing in a hypnotist show, great food, and more!

Grad Night is committed to being a safe and sober party for our graduates – no drugs or alcohol, just friends and fun!

Next parent meeting, **Wednesday, 11/16 at 6 pm in the SCHS office.**

santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight.

**Seniors**…Pay for Grad Night NOW at the SBO, for the low price of $55!

Grad Night forms must be turned in with your payment. They can be found in your school Welcome Packet and at santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight.

63 Seniors have already signed up!
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.

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 through Schoolloop email at www.santaclara.schoolloop.com or leave a voice message at (408) 423-2634. 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 15.

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.) If students are planning on taking any SAT 2 subject tests 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 in January. Students will receive their PSAT results on that night. Revolution Prep will explain the scores as well as offer strategies for SAT preparation. College Board (www.collegeboard.org) also provides a direct online SAT tutorial once the student receives the PSAT results.

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.careercruising.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.

Floatmaking Night!
**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 Binder for organization (Are notes in order? Is there a clear place for each section? Is all homework turned in?)

2. **Monitor Progress Regularly**
   - Ask to see returned tests/homework
   - Check student’s grades on [www.santaclara.schoolloop.com](http://www.santaclara.schoolloop.com)
   - 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

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**SEMESTER GRADES**

The semester grades are recorded on a student’s official transcript. First semester ends December 16, 2011. 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 email (www.santaclara.schoolloop.com) or leave a voice message (408-423-2634) 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)
  - University of California (www.ucop.edu)
  - California State University (www.calstate.edu)
  - Private/Independent Universities (www.aiccu.edu)
  - Other: 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!

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**Sophomores**

All students must complete **20 hours of community service** before graduating. Service report forms are in the counseling office.
SEMESTER GRADES
The semester grades (December 16) are the grades that go on a student’s official transcript (with the exception of PE, which is graded quarterly). 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:

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Setting the Stage for College and Career Readiness
SPECIAL FOR 9TH GRADE PARENTS
Parent Support + Career Exploration + Four Year Planning for Your Students = SUCCESS

Santa Clara Unified invites you to be partners in an exciting, new District wide initiative that will benefit your student’s future. SCUSD has embarked on career exploration and high school course planning with your students. Students who begin career exploration early have the greatest academic success in high school and are most successful in post high school options.

Kuder Navigator is the key online tool for this career exploration and planning. Navigator is used in schools nationwide and provides online career assessments that measure your student’s interests and skills. Results suggest good career matches and help plot the classes needed for those careers. Navigator also provides job outlook and salary information on careers, a planning timeline, military career options, links to college search and scholarship information, financial aid resources, job search tips, and a resume builder. Students have lifetime access to their Navigator accounts.

By December 15, all ninth grade students will take skill and interest surveys to learn potential career fields and the post-high school education options necessary for them. Counselors will eventually discuss career field and necessary high school course support.

Look for more information soon about this exciting process, updates on how assessments are proceeding, career exploration tips and family career events via School Loop, your PTSA newsletters and meetings, and at school events.

ALL FRESHMAN STUDENTS WILL HAVE COMPLETED ASSESSMENTS BY 12/15.

“One third of the hours of your waking time is spent at work, why not find an occupation you enjoy.”
From Take Hold of Your Future by Dr. JoAnn Harris-Bowlsbey
411 from the SBO

Patrice Anderson/Student Body Office
panderson@scusd.net

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

If you have not yet scheduled your senior portrait for the yearbook, please call 1-888-898-GRAD to make an appointment, 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.

Last Senior Portraits on campus!

Monday, November 14
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm; Science Lecture Hall

Tuesday, November 15
3:00 pm – 8:00 pm; Science Lecture Hall

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 29 to give out information and take cap and gown and graduation announcement orders.

Blood Drive - Mark your calendars for January 24!

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 24 from 8 am – 2 pm in the field house.

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!

Students of the Month

September 2011

Savannah Aguirre  Ms. Kawamoto
Annie Blaskovich Ms. Baldwin
Ilana Boldin Ms. Sorto
Ali Burney Ms. Suryaraman
Victor Moreno Camacho Mr. Fery
Eric Colbert Ms. Kiraly
Andrea Correa Mr. Fuller
Ahmed Genidy Ms. Ravo
Vanessa Gonzales Ms. Kiyota
Robert Gomez Mrs. Hatter-Ansaldo
Christopher Haskell Mr. Basquez
Michael Jones Mr. D. Anderson
Jason Katsaros Ms. Couto
Cecile Kliatchko Mr. Wilson
Almira Krysha Ms. Frazier
Megan Lipari Ms. Garvin
Fredy Lopez Ms. Clarke
Brian Loya Mrs. Ewald
Hannah Luftke Mr. Costa
Claudia (Chloe) Mabanta Mr. J. Williams
Spencer Molina Ms. Frazier
Leslie Montano Ms. P. Anderson
Renee Mariant Mrs. McGeachy
Ray Murillo Mrs. Britton
Tyler Nguyen Mr. Parker
Laura North Mrs. Kong
Brandy Ortiz Ms. Mendoza
Ivan Pandev Mr. Shelby
Justin Penfield Mr. Skapinsky
 & Mr. Woodman

Jasmine Perez
Ferdinand Swedi
Desirai Tayama
Alicia Terry
Nathanett Walmonit
Joseph Wang
Chloe Ybarra
Ryan Young
Abdullah Zabir

Ms. Glick
Ms. Gutierrez
Ms. S. Williams
Mr. Caserta
Mr. Hibbert
Mr. Wylam
Mr. McGilvery
Ms. Burton

Students of the Month
Congratulations to the Homecoming Court!

Queens and Escorts:
Michele Gleit and Michael Jones
Desiree Guerrero and Patrick Maningo
Laura Hovey and R. J Singh
Kelly Hoang and Kyle Casil
Alicia Terry and Kingsley Okakpu

Kings and Escorts:
Jinoo Jain and Mikaela Ebner
Daniel La and and Regan Dyer
Randy Lin and Christine Yu
Paulo Santos and Miranda Honnoll
Bond Torda and Patricia Alger

Congrats to the Class of 2012 Homecoming King and Queen: Paulo Santos & Desiree Guerrero!

Congrats to the JV and Varsity football teams for their Homecoming wins!

Homecoming Court 2011!
Grad Night 2012!

The Party’s at
Boomers

Graduation Night
ALL NIGHT LONG!!!

Boomers features...

• Flame Thrower
• Miniature Golf
• Go Karts
• Bumper Boats
• Laser Tag
• Game Room

Plus...

• Fabulous food
• Hypnotist show
• Prizes
• More (depending on fundraising success!)

LOW Ticket Prices!
$55…thru March 30
$65…thru May 21
Bring forms and payment to the SBO

Laissez les bon temps rouler
Let the good times roll...

santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight

For up-to-date info and schedule of parent meetings
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.