Dear Santa Clara High School Community,

I want to welcome everyone back to Santa Clara High school for the 2011-2012 school year. I have to admit that it is hard for me to believe that we are already starting a new school year. It seems like just yesterday that the graduates from the class of 2011 were walking across the stage and receiving their diplomas. And now, we are expecting a brand new set of students that will be experiencing high school for the first time. With that, I would like to welcome the Class of 2015 to SCHS.

I would like to encourage each and every student on campus to get involved. Find your niche on campus and embrace it. Whether your niche is music, drama, athletics or a club on-campus, get involved and enjoy the social aspect of your school. I would also like to remind all of the students that while the social side of the high school setting can be a great experience; we are here first and foremost for the academics. Studies show that students who are connected to school do better academically, so I would like to stress for each student to find that balance in their day.

It appears that much of our budget issues have been settled for this school year. With that said, I am happy to announce that the guidance counselors have returned at the same staffing percentage as last year, and that the librarian at SCHS has returned as well. This is excellent news for our students, and I am extremely pleased that our students will be receiving the same amount of support in these areas as they had previously.

If you haven’t noticed, the school campus has been undergoing some major construction this summer. Starting in late April, the Main Gym was closed for major renovations along with the boys locker room. They will remain under construction until at least January. Along with this work, in June the main building of the campus started its major renovation. The A and B wings are currently being worked on, and it is my expectation that this will last for at least the next two years. Due to this, 16 portable classrooms have been dropped on the tennis courts in the back of the school. These will serve as temporary classrooms until the construction has been completed.

Lastly, as I enter my fifth year as Principal, I want all of you to know how honored I am to be so. I have enjoyed my tenure at SCHS, and look forward to serving the students, staff and parents of this community. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me anytime at dgrissom@scusd.net.

Looking forward to a tremendous year and welcome back!

Go Bruins!
August/September Calendar...

Monday, August 15
School Begins
(makeup pictures for 10th-12th who missed August 2nd)

Tuesday, August 16
Freshmen Pictures – Science Lecture Hall

Wednesday, August 17
Grad Night Parent Meeting: 6 pm; Conference Room
PTSA Meeting: 7 pm; Conference Room

Friday, August 19
Class Meeting Day

Thursday, August 25
Board Meeting: 7:30 pm; District Office

Friday, September 2
Teacher vs. Student Trivia Smackdown: Lunchtime; Quad

Monday, September 5
Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 6
Picture Makeup and Retake Day: 7:30 am – 3:30 pm;
Science Lecture Hall

Wednesday, September 7
Back-to-School Night: 6:30 pm; Theater/Various Locations
PTSA General Association Meeting

Thursday, September 8
Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; District Office

Thursday, September 9
Deadline to order P.E. Sweats
Renaissance Event

Saturday, September 10
ACT Test

Wednesday, September 14
School Site Council Meeting: 5:00 pm; Conference Room
Athletic Boosters Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room
Senior Parent Night: 7:00 pm; Theater

Thursday, September 15
Parent Education – College Affordability: 7 pm; Theater

Friday, September 16
Fall Sports Rally: Lunchtime – Extended Lunch; Quad

Wednesday, September 21
Grad Night Parent Meeting: 6 pm; Conf. room
PTSA Meeting: 7 pm; Conf Room
Sophomore Parent Night: 7 pm; Theater

Thursday, September 22
Board Meeting: 7 pm; District Office

Wednesday, September 28
Junior Parent Night: 7 pm; Theater

Friday, September 30
Club Faire – Extended Lunch

October Calendar...

Saturday, October 1
SAT

Wednesday, October 5
School Site Council Meeting: 5 pm; Conference Room
Harvest Concert: 7:00 pm; Theater

Friday, October 7
Latin Heritage Event

Saturday, October 9
SAT

Wednesday, October 12
PSAT
Athletic Booster’s Meeting: 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 13
Homecoming Float Preparation
Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; District Office

Friday, October 14
End of 1st Quarter
Homecoming – see details below

Saturday, October 15
PSAT

Monday, October 17
SIP Day – No Students

Wednesday, October 19
Grad Night Parent Meeting: 6:00 pm; Conference room
PTSA Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room

Thursday, October 20
Spaghetti Night at Mariani’s (See flier, page 21)

Saturday, October 22
ACT

Tuesday, October 25
Picture Makeup & Retake Day: 7:30 am – 3:15 pm; Science Rm

Wednesday, October 26
Marching Band Pass & Review: 7:00 pm; Theater

Thursday, October 27
Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; District Office

Monday, October 31
Halloween Costume Contest: Lunchtime – Extended Lunch; Quad

Back-to-School Night
At Santa Clara High

Come experience high school once again as you follow your student’s schedule, sit in his or her classrooms and meet their teachers.

Join us Wednesday, September 7 at 6:30 pm in the Theater for a welcome from Principal Dave Grissom, the PTSA and Boosters. We may be voting for new Site Council parent reps (see page 9). The PTSA Silent Auction bidding is 6–9:10 pm in the small gym. Bring a bit of extra cash for the Music Booster’s hotdog BBQ and the PTSA bake sale.

All Parents Encouraged to Attend

Homecoming schedule is on page 14

Silent Auction

Back-to-School Night
September 7 - Bidding from 6 pm to 9:10 pm

Donation Preview list is on page 5 and updated on santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa

If you or your company would like to support the SCHS PTSA volunteer efforts by donating to the auction, please send a note to bruinspta@gmail.com.
President’s Pen
Karen Hovey/PTSA President
bruinsptsa@gmail.com

Dear SCHS Families…

Santa Clara High School PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) is committed to enriching our school community through volunteer efforts.

As we go the extra mile for SCHS, we show our children how important their education is to us. An easy way to become involved is to join SCHS PTSA. Membership dues are $6.00 per person. The membership and volunteer survey form is in your student’s registration packet, on page 6 of this newsletter, and on www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa. Forms can be returned to the blue PTSA box in the office. Seniors who join PTSA by December 1 are eligible to apply for a SCHS PTSA scholarship.

PTSA parent and student volunteers have been very busy over the summer months. We put together approximately 2000 student registration packets, and assisted the office staff with packet distribution and proof of residency. In August, we co-hosted a Welcome to SCHS BBQ for the incoming freshmen and their families, hosted a back-to-school luncheon for the staff and helped with schedule distribution. At the beginning of the school year, we will help with scheduling counseling appointments and library textbook distribution. A huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped get the school year off to a great start!

Be sure to attend our popular Back-to-School Silent Auction on September 7. We have over 100 donations from national and local companies. You can check out our preliminary list on page 5 of this newsletter. Donation updates will be listed on our web page - www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa. If you or your company would like to make a donation, contact the auction committee at bruinsptsa@gmail.com. The Silent Auction is our main fundraiser to support our volunteer activities.

At Back-to-School Night we will also conduct our short General Association Meeting and host a bake sale. We will be voting on our revised bylaws, and approving our 2011-2012 activities and budget and potentially voting on a PTSA school gift.

We hope you’ll join with the hundreds of other parents, staff and students who are members of PTSA. Joining doesn’t mean that you have to attend meetings (though you are welcome to©); but it does mean that you are supporting a worthwhile volunteer organization that supports Santa Clara High School. Members also receive periodic email updates on PTSA and SCHS activities and volunteer opportunities.

Warmest wishes for a terrific school year!

PTSA Calendar

August 17
Grad Night Parent Meeting, 6 pm, Conference Room
Board Meeting, 7 pm, Conference Room

September 7
General Meeting, 6:30 pm, Back-to-School, Theater
(Agenda – audit, bylaws, activities & budget, school gift)

September 15
Parent Education – College Financing, 7 pm, library

September 21
Grad Night Parent Meeting, 6 pm, Conference Room
Board Meeting, 7 pm, Conference Room

October 19
Grad Night Parent Meeting, 6 pm, Conference Room
Board Meeting, 7 pm, Conference Room

October 20
Spaghetti Dinner at Mariani’s, 6 – 9, flier pg. 20

2011/2012
SCHS PTSA Officers & Reps…

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.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa
for PTSA Updates
To be a part of the PTSA newsletter team, please email Karen Hovey at khoveymail@aol.com.

Parent Education Night!
Thursday, September 15
6:30 to 8:30 pm
SCHS Library

Vicki O"Day will present….

College Affordability:
How to find colleges that fit your finances

Learn how college finances work and how you can find colleges that will be an excellent financial fit. Topics: the costs of college; the expected family contribution; federal and state aid; need-based aid and merit aid from colleges; how to save for college; strategies for finding great colleges that also fit your family finances; key dates and application timelines.

Vicki will tailor her presentation for parents of seniors, but all parents are welcome to come, and find out what’s ahead!

Sponsored by SCHS PTSA

2011 Grand Prize Poem

Sister Cities Showcase of Young Artists & Authors

By Ashley Loe
Santa Clara High School Student

“Keeper of the Compost”

A small hill of dirt sits against the fence,
Egg shells, orange peels, bok choy stems,
Throw glimpses of color onto the rotting, days-old decay:
My mother’s pride and joy, the secret to her enchanting garden.

I tell her that, in addition to her green thumb,
She sports a shriveled, blackened pinkie.
Her response: Girlish laughter and glowing pride,
Head thrown back, shovel forgotten.

She revives the earth,
And breathes life back into death,
Turning scraps into wonders of breathtaking beauty,
And reawakening the earth to live again.

My mother smells of freshly mowed lawn,
Of fragrant, heady roses,
Of damp potting soil, and occasionally, a whiff of manure

All heaped into a mound of new beginnings.

She is a mother of nature,
A keeper of compost.

See page 13 for more information on Santa Clara Sister Cities programs for youth.

Thank you to Laura Hovey, student PTSA newsletter photographer, for many of this issue’s photos.

Calendar Items!

Crab Feed
February 4, 2012

Hey new SCHS families! Santa Clara High’s Crab Feed Fundraiser is the big annual parent and alumni 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.

Look for more information in the November newsletter or email Sharon Vignato at sharonvig1@aol.com.
Come to Back-to-School Night on Wednesday, September 7, and participate in the annual PTSA Silent Auction. Bidding opens at 6 pm and closes at 9:10 pm in the Small Gym. Get your holiday gift shopping done early!

Below is a list of organizations who have donated so far. More donations are coming.

If you or your company would like to donate to the auction, email the auction committee at bruinsptsa@gmail.com. For the latest donation list with more details, go to www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa.

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**Academics**
SAT Class - Gary Kuwano
Tutoring - Doumer Liu
College Coaching – Kerlee & Associates

**Adventure/Family Fun**
Santa Clara Paintball
Red & White Fleet
Yosemite Mountain Sugar Pine Railroad
I Fly Indoor Skydiving
Hearst Castle
American River Raft Rentals
Pacific Locomotive Adventures
Mazda Laguna Seca
Ripley’s Believe It or Not
Oakland Zoo
Gilroy Gardens
Laser Quest
Great America
Raging Waters
Happy Hollow Park and Zoo
Disneyland
Golfland
Monterey Bay Whale Watch
Pier 39

**Literature**
John Higham - 360 Degrees
Longitude
Office of Maya Angelo

**Food!**
Neumann’s Own
Nothing Bundt Cakes
Domino Foods
Domino Foods
Auntie Anne’s Pretzels
Gourmet Gift Baskets
Sharon’s Creative Cakes
WorldChefs International

**Grad Night Table**
Boomers
Auntie Anne’s Pretzels
Grissom Grills for Grads!

**Hotels**
Corporate Inn
Atlantis Casino Resort
Asilomar
Avatar Hotel
Madison Street Inn

**Little Kids**
Sesame Street
Build a Bear
Children’s Discovery Museum
Gymboree
Airborne Gymnastics
California Theatre Center
Precious Moment Figurine

**Merchandise**
Walgreens
Stampin’ Up
Pink Calyx
Pet Food Express
American Eagle Outfitters
Groupon
Bed Bath & Beyond
Oriental Trading Co
Yamagami’s Nursery
Mary Kay - Emma Brunner
Your True Nature
www.cittisflorist.com
CVS Pharmacy
Costco
Pink & Harmony
SCHS Logo Shirts

**Museums**
Hiller Aviation Museum
California Academy of Sciences
Asian Art Museum

**Baseball Hall of Fame**
Aquarium of the Bay
Fine Arts Museums of SF
Wax Museum at Fisherman’s Wharf
Triton Museum of Art
Charles M. Schulz Museum
The Tech Museum
The Cartoon Museum
Exploratorium

**Restaurants**
Dona Maria
Home Town Buffet
Aqui Cal-Mex
Round Table Pizza
Sweet Tomatoes
CKE Restaurants
Amici’s Pizza
Hobee’s California
IHOP - Rest.
Frankie, Johnnie & Luigi Too!
Mondo Burrito
Poor House Bistro
In-N-Out Burgers
Birk’s Restaurant
Campo di Bocce
Cheesecake Factory
Pizza Chicago
Jakes Restaurant Group
The Yard House
Vesuvios
The Fountain Restaurant at SJ Fairmont
Piza My Heart
The Fish Market

**Sports/Fitness**
The Fencing Center
Off The Wall Soccer
China Peak Mountain Resort
Kirkwood Ski Resort
Lemans Karting
Winter Lodge
Central YMCA
Planet Granite
Hearst Castle
Snoopy’s Home Ice
Palo Alto Hills Golf and Country Club
Tahoe Cross Country Ski Area
Body Trace
Kayak Connection
Infineon Raceway
Oakland A’s
Yoga@Cindy’s
San Jose Giants
Blackberry Farms Golf Club
Sugar Bowl Skiing

**Theatre/Dance**
American Conservatory Theater
City Lights Theater Co. of SJ
City Arts and Lectures – Colson Whitehead
MV Center for Performing Arts
Theater Works
Santa Clara Players
Celebrity Forum
Children’s Musical Theatre
Comedy Sportz
Symphony Silicon Valley
Arthur Murray Dance Studio
San Jose Repertory Theatre
Berkeley Rep
Broadway by the Bay
Villa Montalvo Arts Center
Ticket Liquidators
Peninsula Youth Theater
Santa Clara Players

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*Get your group together and be ready to bid on “Grissom Grills for Grads” at the Grad Night Table at the Back-to-School Silent Auction. Principal Dave Grissom will serve you and up to 9 of your friends dinner at a mutually agreed upon time and place.*
Join PTSA!

SCHS PTSA

Membership Form and Volunteer Survey

**YES!** I would like to join PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) to support PTSA service activities at Santa Clara High. I understand that I can join PTSA and NOT volunteer. Volunteer opportunities are communicated by email.

Please fill out the information below, and return this form, along with **$6.00 per person**, to the school office in the accompanying envelope or an envelope addressed to “SCHS PTSA.”

*Please note that seniors who join the PTSA by December 1 are eligible to apply for a SCHS PTSA scholarship.*

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Optional! Additional PTSA donation ________________ Grad Night donation ________________

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**PTSA needs volunteers!**

Please indicate if you have a particular volunteer interest below. We will periodically send out PTSA emails letting you know of opportunities. You can decide, when you receive the email, whether or not you would like to sign-up.

We appreciate any amount of time you can give!! *Thank you!*

- **School Newsletter** – write articles, take pictures, format or make copies
- **Parent Education** – give input on speakers, help at event
- **Silent Auction** – help with planning
- **Company Donations** – my company may be able to donate product or certificates to a fundraising auction
- **Hospitality Committee** - help with refreshments at academic awards and other events
- **Staff Appreciation Luncheons** – donate food/cash, set-up, serve and/or clean-up
- **Bake Sales and Water Donations** – donate items
- **Battle of the Classes** – help at event
- **Grad Night** – help plan the all night graduation night party for seniors
- **Princess Project** – help with this event that provides prom dresses to girls with financial need
- **Reflections Program** – help with this National PTSA Art/Literature and Music competition
- **Crab Feed** – not a PTSA sponsored event, but this major school fundraiser needs parent volunteers
- **Office/Library Help** – miscellaneous as needed
- **Other**….this wasn’t mentioned, but I’d like to help with ________________

Questions? bruinsptsa@gmail.com or visit www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa

Please return form to the school office
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Consider this…

**Reflections**

“Diversity Means…”
(2011 Theme)

The National PTSA Reflections Program for the Arts is returning to Santa Clara High

Calling all creative students!

Our National PTA’s Reflections program encourages students to create works of art in dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts. The program provides an opportunity for students to explore their artistic talents as well as to receive positive recognition for their efforts.

Last year, we are proud to say, two Santa Clara High students received awards at both our Council level and then at the PTA District level. Jake Le was recognized for achievement in Film Production and Taylor Nguyen for Literature.

Each year the national PTA chooses a theme for Reflections. The theme this year? “Diversity Means…” You can view past entries at the national level at www.ptareflections.org

Entry forms can be picked up from the Guidance Counselor’s Office starting August 26. Entry forms will also be available on schoolloop under Community/PTSA/PTSA locker.

The deadline for submission of entries is Monday, October 10.

Questions? Contact PTSA Reflections Chair Lisa Lethin at (408) 243-9502 or lisalethin@aol.com

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.

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This summer I had the privilege of attending the California State PTA meeting as a student board member. In California, only 6 students were selected to be part of the California State PTA (CAPTA). CAPTA helps our school and district have a voice at state level.

During the July meeting there were many things to learn. There are small facts that not many people know about CAPTA. CAPTA has almost a million members, but the number of members has been decreasing for the last few years. We need to help increase the number of members, so we can reach more students and families. CAPTA serves 8 million students. The main goal of the CAPTA comes from the philosophy “every child. one voice.” In other words, the PTA is trying to look out for and represent each and every child.

One of the many goals of CAPTA has is to make sure they have programs for everyone. The number of programs CAPTA has is immense. They have many programs targeted towards supporting student achievement, wellness and safety or empowering members, families and the community. They also provide many scholarships, grants and awards. Every year CAPTA chooses a new slogan to help unify the PTAs. This year’s slogan is “Now, more than ever.”

The National PTA sponsors an art competition called Reflections. Two students from Santa Clara High have competed in the Reflections competition to the state level. This year’s theme for Reflections will be “Diversity means…” Any student can participate in this art competition. They can enter the competition by painting a picture, writing a poem, composing a song, to name a few ways they can participate. Possibilities are endless as long as they keep to the theme “Diversity means…”

One way CAPTA is trying to boost membership is by increasing the amount of student involvement in the PTA. Many PTAs are becoming PTSAs (parent, teacher, student association). Many schools have a large amount of student involvement. Some schools have clubs or meetings that students are encouraged to attend. Santa Clara High is now a PTSA, in order for the students to have a “voice” we need more students to attend the meetings. We encourage students to come to the PTSA meetings or visit www.capta.org to learn more about what they can do to get involved and to make a difference in their school experience.

We are very pleased to have Caitlin as our SCHS PTSA student rep and as a State PTA student board member.

We encourage students to get involved with SCHS PTSA. Students can talk to Caitlin or contact me at bruinsptsa@gmail.com.

Karen Hovey
SCHS PTSA President

Grad Night 2012!

theme...mardi gras!

August/September Special…

Seniors…Pay NOW at the SBO, for the lowest ever price of $45!

Grad Night forms must be turned in with your payment. They can be found in your school Welcome Packet and on santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight. More info, including the next parent planning meeting date, can be found on page 16.
School Site Council looking for parent volunteers

The SCHS School Site Council is looking for 2 parent volunteers to serve two-year terms!

What is SCHS Site Council?
The SCHS School Site Council is an elected group of parents, students, teachers, and staff who check the progress of the school in our efforts to meet our Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) and oversee our School and Library Improvement Program (SLIP) funds.

When are the meetings?
For 2011-2012, the meeting schedule is set to be:

- September 14, 2011
- October 5, 2011
- November 2, 2011
- December 7, 2011
- February 1, 2012
- March 7, 2012
- *March 20, 2012
- April 25, 2012

Meetings begin at 5 p.m., ending usually at 6 p.m.

*Meeting with WASC Visiting Committee at 2:30 p.m.

Where are the meetings?
Main Conference Room in the Administration Building

Who can come?
Anyone can attend and participate in a meeting. We are looking to fill two spots for voting members.

What are the requirements to be a voting member?
You must officially be elected (for parents, this happens at Back To School Night) and you must attend all meetings to the best of your ability.

What do I do if I am interested?
Email Emily Burton at eburton@scusd.net and inform her of your interest. Your name will be put on the ballot at the PTSA Back to School Night Meeting and, hopefully, you'll be our next council member. =)

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Emily Burton
Chairperson
School Site Council
Santa Clara High School

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 label your donations “Attn: SCHS Science Department” and drop them off at the office or 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
- Table salt in large quantities (NaCl – 1 lb or so)
- White vinegar
- Baking Soda
- Small Dixie cups
- 1 gallon Freezer bags
- Ziplock sandwich bags (must be sealable)
- Toothpicks (colored or not)
- Household bleach
- 99% isopropyl alcohol
- Dish sponges
- Drinking straws
- Regular string
- 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)

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.

Students, parents and staff pitch in at the new student orientation BBQ on August 9.
Along with sports, drama, dances and music, our students have the opportunity to join a variety of clubs. Some clubs have been in existence for years and others are new. The following is a partial list of past SCHS clubs. Encourage your student to join a club…or start their own! Students can visit the SBO (Student Body Office) for more information.

3D Animation Club  
ALAS (Assoc. of Lantino American Students)  
Anime & Manga Club  
APB (Activities Programming Board)  
Aqua Bears  
Bay-Destrians Club  
Beach Club  
Black Student Union (BSU)  
Blue Hole  
CA Scholarship Federation (CSF)  
Celtic Club  
Chess Club  
Cult Film Club  
Dance Club  
Digital Media Club  
Fantasy Sports Club  
Filipino American Student Association  
French Club  
Gay Straight Alliance  
Guitar Club  
Hip Hop Club  

History Club  
Indian Student Association (ISA)  
Interact Club  
Israel/Palestine Conflict  
Jewish Culture Club (JCC)  
Jump Smash Club  
Key Club  
Link Crew  
Martial Arts Club  
Mock Trial  
Give a Kid a Muffin Club  
Muslim Student Association  
Polynesian Club  
Sierra Club  
S-Club  
South Bay Steppers  
Sierra Club  
Twilight Saga Fan Club  
Uhop (Urban Hip Hop) Club  
Vietnamese Student Assoc. (VSA)  
Wyldfire Youth Fellowship

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, go to santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa to download an application – funding is considered on a first come, first served basis.

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.

Dress Code Basics

As the school year begins, don’t forget that 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 page 18 of the SCHS Student Parent Handbook for the rest of the dress code...

Check out Santa Clara High’s terrific web site at santaclara.schoolloop.com
A message from the our Booster President…

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE FOR A GREAT 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR AND EXTEND A WELCOME TO OUR RETURNING STUDENT ATHLETES AND THEIR PARENTS AND A VERY SPECIAL WELCOME TO ALL OUR INCOMING STUDENT ATLETES AND THEIR PARENTS, WELCOME TO SANTA CLARA HIGH SCHOOL.

I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE WORKERS WHO MADE THIS YEAR’S 4TH OF JULY PANCAKE BREAKFAST A HUGE SUCCESS AND TO EVERYONE WHO CAME OUT AND SUPPORTED THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA AND SANTA CLARA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC BOOSTERS AND ALSO TO THE SANTA CLARA WEEKLY FOR A VERY NICE MENTION OF OUR EVENT.

FALL SPORTS
KICKING OFF THE SCHOOL YEAR WE HAVE A LOT OF GREAT SPORTS FOR YOUR STUDENT ATHLETES, FOOTBALL, CROSS COUNTRY, GIRLS TENNIS, GIRLS VOLLEYBALL AND BOTH GIRLS AND BOYS WATER POLO. WITH ALL THE CONSTRUCTION GOING ON AT THE SCHOOL MAKE SURE YOU CHECK WITH YOUR SPECIFIC COACHES OR THE MAIN OFFICE FOR GAME TIMES AND LOCATIONS. SO LET’S GET OUT AND SUPPORT OUR KIDS AND SHOW SOME BRUIN SPIRIT.

FOOTBALL SEASON,
OUR HOME OPENER IS ON SEPT. 9TH AGAINST LOS ALTOS, IF YOU HAVEN’T SEEN A GAME UNDER THE STADIUM LIGHTS YET IT’S TIME TO GET OUT THERE AND SEE COACH KRAIL AND HIS TEAM, WHAT A GREAT FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS EXPERIENCE AND DON’T FORGET TO STOP BY THE SNACK BAR AND SUPPORT YOUR ATHLETIC BOOSTERS.

BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP
A BOOSTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION WAS SENT HOME IN YOUR BACK TO SCHOOL PACKET, IF YOU MISSED IT FEEL FREE TO EMAIL ME AND I’D BE HAPPY TO GET ONE TO YOU, WE ALSO WILL BE SET UP TO DO MEMBERSHIPS AT OUR BTS BBQ ON AUGUST 20 AND ALSO AT THE FRONT GATE OF OUR FIRST FOOTBALL GAME SEPTEMBER 9.

RANDY R ROSE
SCHS ATHLETIC BOOSTER PRESIDENT
408-246-6480
SCHSATHLETICBOOSTERS@GMAIL.COM
Welcome Mr. Anderson
The SCHS Music Boosters would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Band Director David Ladd Anderson. For those of you that may not be familiar with him, Mr. A has been the Band Director at Buchser Middle School for the past 20 years. He not only teaches the school bands, but also directs several extra-curricular groups including groups focused on Jazz, Symphonic and Special Needs musicians. Mr. Anderson is an acclaimed professional musician, but his priority in teaching is to insure the students are enjoying success and having fun with their music.

Welcome Mr. Hibbert
We would also like to welcome our new Choir and Orchestra Director Mr. Dave Hibbert. Mr. Hibbert has had the opportunity to teach at most of the schools in the SCUSD during his career and we are privileged to have his experience to share with our students. He was most recently the Band and Orchestra director at Cabrillo Middle School.

Booster Volunteers Needed
Much of the success of this program comes from the support of the SCHS Music Boosters. The Boosters is a volunteer parent organization that supports everything it takes to make the program a success for all our musical groups. We look forward to meeting the families of our incoming freshman musicians and welcome them to share their time and talent on behalf of the students.

We are currently seeking some specific volunteers to help with uniforms and food preparation for our 2011 Marching Band season. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer, please email us at schsmusicbooster@gmail.com.

Jazzing Up Marching Band
This season looks to be another exciting year for the Bruin Marching Band. The 2011 Show entitled “Music of Chase” is an upbeat Jazz inspired show that will showcase the unique talents of our young musicians. Their success during last year’s season as well as their trip to Limerick Ireland gives them the momentum they need to start another amazing year. Our Marching Program Director, Jeff Jackman, is holding a camp for current and interested musicians from August 8 – 12 and welcomes any new musicians to try the activity. Any questions regarding the program can be directed to Jeff through the Booster email at schsmusicbooster@gmail.com.

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![August Calendar](image1.png)

![September Calendar](image2.png)

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*Calendar information is subject to change, check santaclara.schoolloop.com/musicboosters for any updates.*

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We Want You to join Colorguard!!

Come check out this fun group! We spin flags, dance and provide visual interest for the Marching Band during football games and at competitions. We are a great group of kids who are looking for more members. This is a great extracurricular activity and looks good on college apps, too!

For more info email us at schsmusicbooster@gmail.com or talk to a colorguard member.
2011-2012 SCA YC Kick-Off Meeting!
Tuesday, September 20, 6:30-8:30 pm

All students welcome! Come to the Headen-Inman House at 1509 Warburton Ave. (behind the Triton Museum). Light snacks served.

What is Sister Cities Youth Commission? What do we do? Where do we go? We will discuss how students and families can participate & applications needed for travel.

SCAYC meetings (starting in October) are held the 1st (6:30pm) and 3rd (3:30pm) Tuesday of each month at the Headen-Inman House, located just behind the Triton Museum of Art. All students are welcome. SCA Board meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at St. Justin’s small hall 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

August 28, 2011: Join us for our 30th Annual Chicken BBQ & Fundraiser with entertainment and cultural games by our SCAYC at the SC Elks Lodge. Hear students speak about their recent exchanges while enjoying music, our famous full ½ chicken dinner and much more. Adults $13, Students $9 kids under 12 $7. For tickets and info - Debi Davis at 408-244-7551 or debid56@comcast.net or www.santaclarasistercities.org.

September 11, 2011- Anniversary Remembrance Ceremony, Tri-Tip BBQ & Music. American Legion Post 419 (at 985 Homestead), along with SCA, SC Police and Fire Depts will host this day of support for our First Responders and Military families. Bring your family to see this special ceremony complete with fire trucks, DARE car, and other surprises. Starts at 10am, Homestead at Lafayette.

IZUMO
Welcome back to our SCAYC Izumo exchange students, Jessica Lai, Rebecca Lai, and Elizabeth Ramos! Along with their SCA chaperone Lynn Hoang, these students represented Santa Clara very well during their 10 day stay in Izumo, Japan, where they met the Mayor, City Council and other dignitaries. During their home stays, they visited high school and cultural sites, including a castle during a typhoon... and of course shopping! This delegation has continued their friendships with the students that were hosted in Santa Clara this past March while making new friends and learning about Japanese culture firsthand.

WELCOME YEONGCHEON, KOREA
SCA and the City of Santa Clara have just added a new Sister City: Yeongcheon, South Korea! We are proud to announce this first ever in the world, exchange program with a focus on students with special needs. Santa Clara received a delegation last year from Yeongcheon, including special needs students that performed with the “Magic Makers” of Santa Clara. The bond between our local hosts and guests was immediate. Soon preparations were being made to make this a very special relationship. A delegation that included members from our City Council, SCA, IEC and Business Leaders went to Korea to learn more. After a presentation to SC City Council in July, an official agreement was signed! We look forward to developing this dynamic relationship.

Sister Cities International Announces 2011 Showcase of Young Artists & Authors Winners.
And the Grand Prize goes to: Ashley Loe of Santa Clara High School for her poem “Keeper of the Compost.” Ashley received $1,000 and will attend the SCI Youth Leadership Conference this September in Riverside, CA with a delegation of other SCAYC and SCA members. (Ashley’s poem is published on page 4 of this newsletter.) See 2011 SCA entries at www.santaclarasistercities.org.

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 March 2012.

For more information about our upcoming events, please see our website at www.santaclarasistercities.org or our FACEBOOK pages!

WHAT IS “Santa Clara Sister Cities”?
Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCSCA http://santaclarasistercities.org) is a Non-Profit organization dedicated to bringing cultures together through people to people relationships. Our objective is to enrich the lives of our students & families through host family exchanges to build strong leadership skills, and to enhance good will and global understanding.

SCSCA has three Sister Cities: Coimbra, Portugal, established August 4, 1972, Izumo, Japan, established October 11, 1986 and as of July 2011, Yeongcheon, South Korea! We have high school student exchange programs, a junior high exchange program with Izumo, Japan, music and art exchange programs and now, a dynamic program with Korea that also involves students with special needs. We involve student leaders through our Youth Commission that works under the SCA Board of Directors.

Exchange students meet city council members and enjoy their time with Izumo students.
Once again the week of spirit, competition, and memories is coming - it’s Homecoming Week! Please help us celebrate on Friday, October 15 as we watch our Bruins take on Gunn High School. See you there!

Girls Achieving In Non-traditional Subjects (GAINS), a unique program focused on motivating girls in 6th-12th grade to enter science, technology engineering and math fields is starting its 11th year during 2011-2012. Started back in 2000 with a $20,000 grant from the Engineering Foundation, GAINS has grown from 20 girls at one school to over 250 girls in seven secondary schools.

The GAINS program is a program where girls from all ethnic, socio-economic, and academic backgrounds come together to focus and receive support for their future plans. The aim of the GAINS program is to help these students fulfill their goals of graduating from high school and college and going on to a career in a math or science-related field. Along with monthly speakers of successful women in non-traditional careers, GAINS offers its members, college counseling, assistance with career exploration, a free 3-day Success Camp held over the February vacation, multiple fieldtrips to local colleges and industry sites, and many other opportunities to explore new areas and receive support for their educational and career-related goals. GAINS is privately funded through the generosity of industry partners, local foundations, and individual donors.

If you would like more information about the GAINS program or wish to volunteer or donate to the program, please contact Tabitha Kappeler-Hurley, the GAINS coordinator at (408) 423-2109.

Girls Achieving In Non-traditional Subjects Program
11 years of Motivating young women in SCUSD

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Friday, October 14: (times subject to change)

1. Blue & Gold Day
2. Rally - Time TBA
3. Float Activities
   a. Judging 8:00 am - 12:00 noon
   b. Parade of Floats and Court - Time TBA Due to New Schedule
   b. Floats are presented and winners announced between the JV and Varsity football games
4. Court Activities
   a. Court will not attend school on this day
   b. Court presented to school during Homecoming Rally
   c. Court meets at Central Park for pictures
   d. Voting for King and Queen for entire school
   e. Court meets at SCHS (new schedule due to new bell schedule and route TBA)
   f. Homecoming King and Queen are crowned between JV and Varsity games
5. Parade Assembly: (new schedule due to new bell schedule and route TBA)
6. Football Game - vs. Gunn
   a. JV - 4:15 pm
   b. Varsity - 7:15 pm

Homecoming Dance- 9:30 pm - 12:00 midnight tentatively @ The Teen Center (corner of Cabrillo and San Tomas - TBA)

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Upper classmen help welcome new students during freshman orientation day.
Welcome Back to School!

Ms. Baldwin and Mrs. Ewald are the Guidance Vice Principals. This year they will continue to split the guidance responsibilities. Mrs. Ewald will assist students whose last names begin with the letters A – L and Ms. Baldwin will assist the students whose last names begin with the letters M – Z. Their role is to support your student’s achievement so they can be successful at Santa Clara High School.

This year we are welcoming back April Anderson to the Counseling Office. April was a counselor at Santa Clara High School before she took a middle school counseling position. She is excited to be working with high school students again. She will be replacing Elena Mikhailova. Due to these changes, the alphabet assignment for each counselor has been slightly modified. Please make note of the changes in the box at right.

This year SCHS will continue to use School Loop as a tool to increase communication between student, parents, teachers, administration and the community. We have found this program to be a great benefit to both students and parents. For those of you who aren’t familiar with School Loop, it is an internet based interactive school achievement system. Through School Loop you can view student grades, assignment due dates, the school's Daily Announcements as well as receive important information from administration and staff members. School Loop will also enable your students to take personal responsibility and monitor their academic status. Although our high school students are becoming more independent, they still need the guidance and accountability that School Loop can provide.

The address for School Loop is http://santaclara.schoolloop.com. Click on “Register Now” and follow the instructions. You will need to know your student’s ID number. This ID number can be found on your student’s schedule. After following the instructions, you will be able to view your student’s homework information. To safeguard your student’s information, you need to be approved before you will be able to view your student’s grades. This is a simple procedure that your student’s counselor can quickly complete for you. Contact information for the counselors is listed in the box above. We strongly encourage you to sign up and become an informed member of Santa Clara High School’s learning community.

First Quarter Progress Reports: 1st Quarter Progress Reports will be mailed home on September 16 for all students who have earned a D or an F in one or more of their classes. Your student will not receive a Progress Report if all of their grades were C or better. If you have questions regarding the Progress Reports, please contact your student’s counselor. For specific questions regarding why your student received a grade in a class, please contact the teacher directly. Another good resource for checking on your student’s progress is to log onto School Loop. School Loop can be used to view your student’s assignments and grades. Find out what is happening on campus by reading the daily announcements that are posted on this site. The web address for School Loop is http://santaclara.schoolloop.com.

Parent Involvement: We look forward to working with you this year and encourage you to become involved in your student’s high school experience. While your student’s success in high school is ultimately his/her responsibility, as parents/guardians you still play a vital role in your student’s education. How can you help your student be successful? Contact his/her teachers if you have questions about a particular class. In addition to using School Loop, you can also monitor your student’s progress using the Weekly Progress Checks and/or Daily Homework Checks available in the counseling office. Set aside 2 hours of “academic time” each night for homework, studying and reading. Together we can make this year a positive one!

California High School Exit Exam: All students must pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) in order to receive a diploma from a public high school in the state of California. All students have the opportunity to take the exam once in their sophomore year, twice in their junior year and four times their senior year. There are two parts to the exam, English/Language Arts and Mathematics. Once a student has passed a section of the exam they won’t need to take that section again. The test dates this year are as follows:

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Parents…check out PSAT info on page 18
As we begin this new 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.

- **California State Universities (CSU’s)** and the **University of California (UC’s)** are accepting applications through November 30.
- There will be an application workshop in October for students applying to California State Universities (CSU’s) or University of California (UC’s). Dates and times for these workshops will be posted in the Counseling Office and the Career Center.
- Students applying to 4-year colleges must complete their SAT and ACT testing by the December testing date.
- 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. We are hosting a **Financial Aid Night** on January 11, 2012. A financial aid officer from West Valley College will be there to guide parents and students through the financial aid forms.
- 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 and campus visits.
- Students who need to take classes at **night school** to make up deficit credits need to come to the counseling office to pick up the needed forms.
- Students are reminded to keep track of their **graduation status**. There are four components that must be completed for graduation; credits (230), required courses, pass the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) and the community service requirement (20 hours). Please turn in your community service hours as you complete them. **All community service hours are due on May 15.**
- There are many opportunities to complete the community service requirement posted in the counseling office. See your counselor if you need help with an idea for how to fulfill this requirement.
- Any student who still has their PE uniform and has completed their PE requirements can donate their uniform to a needy student through the counseling office.

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**SENIOR PARENT NIGHT**

On **Wednesday, September 14**, Jeanne Mustille, Counselor, will present Senior Parent Night at 7 pm in the Theatre. The presentation will address graduation requirements, the four phases of the senior year, common pitfalls, what we expect of the students, methods of communication, the college application process, and financial aid. We look forward to many of you attending and answering all your questions!

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 Grad Night committee is bringing in a hypnotist show, great food, and more (depending of funds raised)! Travel from SCHS to Modesto will be by luxury buses.

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

Parents, you are invited to attend the next meeting on **Wednesday, August 17 at 6 pm in the SCHS office conference room.** Parents of younger students are welcome. First three fundraisers – Grad Night Table at PTSA Back-to-School Auction (9/7), Santa Clara Art and Wine (9/17 & 9/18) and Mariani’s Spaghetti Dinner (10/20).

The Grad Night packet was in the summer registration packet and copies can be downloaded at [www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight](http://www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight). Tickets are on sale in the SBO now...**August/September special price...$45!**

Caren Ratermann and Sara Juin are our PTSA Grad Night chairs. You can contact Caren and Sara at schsgradnight@gmail.com. Info is updated on the web page.
PSAT Test – October 15 – The Preliminary SAT will be given at Santa Clara High School on Saturday, October 15. This test should be taken by all Juniors planning on attending a 4-year college. This test provides practice for the SAT Reasoning Test and enters students into the competition for scholarships from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. The fee for this test is $18 and can be paid to the bookkeeper beginning October 1.

Community Service: There are many community service opportunities posted in the counseling office. Now is a great time to work on completing your 20 hours of community service! Please turn in your community service hours as you complete them.

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 I. Students take this test 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: Stop by the counseling office to get information on SAT Prep Classes.

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.californiacolleges.edu
- Private/Independent Universities www.aiccu.edu

Other resources can be found in our 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 offer students the opportunity to spend the night on campus and “shadow” a college student for a day.

Graduation and Beyond: We will meet with all junior students to review graduation requirements and explore post graduation opportunities next semester.

Junior Parent/College Night...

On Wednesday, September 28, Dave Fernandez, Counselor, will present Junior Parent/College Night at 7 pm in the Theatre. Don’t miss this great opportunity to get your questions about colleges answered.
FIRST QUARTER PROGRESS REPORTS
The first quarter ends on October 14. Progress reports will be issued to all students earning a D or an F at the halfway point in the quarter. Progress reports will be mailed home on September 16. If your student receives a progress report you can:

- Contact teachers by email (http://santaclara.schoolloop.com) to discuss progress
- Contact counselor
- Have your student utilize teacher “Office Hours” for help
- Set aside 1-2 hours of academic time each night for students to complete Homework, Read, and Study.

STAYING INFORMED ON STUDENT PROGRESS
There are a variety of ways to stay informed on your student’s academic progress! What can parents do to make sure they are aware of their student’s current progress?

- Check your student’s progress weekly on School Loop
- Make an appointment with your son’s or daughter’s counselor
- E-mail or phone teachers for questions/concerns on specific classes
- Utilize “Weekly Progress Checks,” available in Counseling Office
- Review homework and daily planner with student

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 (colleges 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.csumentor.edu)
  - Private/Independent Universities (www.aiccu.edu)
- Take the PSAT on October 15 at Santa Clara High School. The fee for this test is $18 and can be paid to the bookkeeper beginning October 1.
- Visit local college campuses whenever possible and distant college campuses during Winter Break!

SOPHOMORE PARENT NIGHT
On Wednesday, September 21, Katy Weeks, Counselor, will present Sophomore Parent Night at 7:00 pm in the Theatre. The presentation will address graduation requirements, successful study habits, how parents can stay informed regarding their student’s current academic progress, and tips on preparing for college admittance. We look forward to many of you attending and answering all your questions!

PSAT/NMSQT:
The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) is a program cosponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). It’s a standardized test that provides firsthand practice for the SAT®. It also gives you a chance to enter NMSC scholarship programs and gain access to college and career planning tools.

The PSAT/NMSQT measures:
- Critical reading skills
- Math problem-solving skills
- Writing skills

You have developed these skills over many years, both in and out of school. This test doesn’t require you to recall specific facts from your classes.

The most common reasons for taking the PSAT/NMSQT are to:
- Receive feedback on your strengths and weaknesses on skills necessary for college study. You can then focus your preparation on those areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice.
- See how your performance on an admissions test might compare with that of others applying to college.
- Enter the competition for scholarships from NMSC (grade 11).
- Help prepare for the SAT. You can become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions you will see on the SAT.
- Receive information from colleges when you check "yes" to Student Search Service.

The PSAT/NMSQT test will be given at Santa Clara High School on Saturday, October 15. The fee for this test is $18 and can be paid to the bookkeeper beginning October 1. We encourage 9th and 10th graders to take this test as well as all 11th graders planning to attend a 4-year college.
FIRST QUARTER REPORT CARDS
Progress Reports for the first quarter will be issued to all students that earned a D or an F for the first half of this quarter. These progress reports will be mailed home on September 16. The first quarter of the year will come to an end on October 14. Expect a report card to arrive at your home by October 27. The PE grades are final because PE has a quarter-long grading period. PE grades will be on your child’s official transcript.

All other grades on the quarter report card will indicate how your child is doing as of October 14. If need be, it is important that your student makes every effort to improve his/her grades by the end of the semester (December 16). All of the academic courses your 9th grade student is enrolled in are required for high school graduation. If your child is struggling in a class, we recommend that you try some of the following options. If you have already done so and are still having difficulties in a class call a counselor for further guidance:

- Check your student’s progress weekly on School Loop
- Make an appointment with your son’s or daughter’s counselor
- E-mail or phone teachers for questions/concerns on specific classes
- Utilize “Weekly Progress Checks,” available in Counseling Office
- Review homework and daily planner with student
- (see Helpful Hints for Student Success below).

FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT
On Wednesday, January 18, April Anderson, 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.

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

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

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411 from the SBO

Patrice Anderson/Student Body Office
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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, come to the SBO to receive your sticker. Thanks for your support!

Morning Announcements

To view the morning announcements, check out santaclara.schoolloop.com

Parking Permits

Student parking permits are available in the SBO. Permits are free, but replacement permits are $5. Student parking is allowed in the student parking lots only. Students may park in student-designated areas, in the church parking lot across the street and along Benton Street. The staff lot in the “C” gate is for staff only. To receive a parking permit, students must:

1. Possess a valid California driver’s license
2. Show (upon request) adequate insurance coverage
3. Observe all laws as outlined in the California Vehicle Code

Cap and Gown and Graduation Announcements

Herff Jones, the official supplier of Santa Clara High School’s cap and gown and graduation announcements, will be visiting the Civics and Economics classes at a date to be announced in November. The deadline to order will be before Christmas break. Stay tuned seniors!

Senior Portraits

Prestige by Lifetouch Photographers will be taking your senior portraits at their local studio. If you have questions, or for 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

Picture makeup and retake dates are Tuesday, September 6 and Tuesday, October 25. If you want a retake, please bring your picture package to return. Pictures will be taken through the P.E. classes in the Main Gym Foyer.

Note: Tuesday, October 25 is the last day to receive the free I.D. card. After this picture day, the charge for an I.D. card will be $5.

Click on the link below to pre-purchase many of the picture programs offered by Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch throughout the year. It will also allow you to purchase before and after the picture day. If you have any questions regarding Senior Portraits this site will also allow you to ask questions and schedule an appointment. Please bookmark this site as a favorite, it will also provide access to customer service.

www.orderschoolportraits.com/SantaClaraHighSchool

Lockers, tours, pictures, schedule pick-up and school purchases are all part of getting ready for the 2011/2012 school year to start.
Join Us for an Evening of Food, Family, and Friends
Experience a City of Santa Clara Classic

Enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner
Thursday October 20, 2011
6:00PM to 9:00PM
At
Mariani’s
Inn & Restaurant
2500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara
$20 adults, $15 students
Includes all-you-can-eat spaghetti, meatballs, garlic bread, salad, and dessert
Proceeds benefit Santa Clara High School Grad Night 2012

For tickets or questions contact: Caren Ratermann
schsgradnight@gmail.com or (408) 244-4548
Check Schoolloop for more information.

**We will also be holding a raffle benefiting Grad Night. If you have any items to donate please contact us.
Thank you for your support.
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Santa Clara High School Newsletter

Who’s who in the school office...

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