Dear Santa Clara High School Community,

This has been a great year so far at SCHS. In large part, this is due to our students and the many committed adults (parents, teachers, support staff) who back them. It is also because we’ve been able to work on several large-scale school improvement efforts to help all students gain the skills, knowledge, and grit needed to be college and career ready. I’d like to tell you about three of these projects.

One of our biggest long-term concerns that we’re trying to address here at SCHS is our AP access gap. The good news is that our AP program has grown significantly over the last five years. The issue is that our AP classes do not fully reflect the racial and socioeconomic diversity that makes SCHS great. We want to see students of all backgrounds challenge themselves with rigorous courses, and we must support these students in this new challenge. We’re conducting a massive data analysis to analyze the culture of our school, find ways to break down academics barriers for our underrepresented students, and target students who have untapped AP potential. Through this process, we will simultaneously achieve equity within our AP classrooms while enriching the program for all students.

One of our most successful programs here at SCHS is our AVID program. AVID is a program designed to help students who have college potential but may have something in their lives that would inhibit them from succeeding without support. AVID students have an extra class with a trained teacher who guides them through college exploration, academic and personal support, and weekly tutoring sessions to support success in higher-level courses. We are working to bring several AVID-style techniques to the rest of our teachers. These techniques will help all students of all backgrounds be more capable of succeeding in rigorous courses.

Finally, we are addressing a concerning pattern we see in our graduates. While our high school graduation rate is solid, far too many of our students are one or two classes short of the A-G requirements for college readiness. We are working on a default A-G curriculum so that the majority of students take the extra classes that help them be eligible and more ready for college. Whether students go to a four-year university, a community college, or a trade school, they will be better prepared for success if they take this more rigorous courseload.

I am very excited about all three of these projects. They reflect our collective desire for equity, push our students to challenge themselves, and create a culture of college/career readiness for each of our students.
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The 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.

### Blood Drive - Mark your calendars for January 27!

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**No School...**

- **November 11, Friday:** Veteran’s Day
- **November 26-28:** Thanksgiving
- **December 22–January 4:** No School – Winter Break

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**November 10 thru November 21**

**Canned Food Drive**
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 decorating and 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. Our main fundraiser – the Back-to-School Auction and Bake Sale was very successful, bringing in over $5,000!

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 “The world would be a better place if...” Thank you to the students who participated!

PTSA Grad Night has gotten off to a great start this year. You may have noticed our Grad Night table at the noon Club Fair in September. Students were able to come by to spin our “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 egg rolls, hot chocolate and baked goods. In October, Grad Night held the 5th Annual Mariani’s Pasta Dinner and auction, and drew a winning senior that night to receive a free grad night ticket! Tickets are on sale now, $55 through March. For more Grad Night info check out the info on the grad night page or go to santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight.

If you have any questions about SCHS PTSA, you can contact us at santa.clara.ptsa@gmail.com. For the latest on PTSA go to www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa.

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

To be a part of the PTSA newsletter team, please email PTSA at santa.clara.ptsa@gmail.com.

Looking for a newsletter photographer, please email if interested.

2014/15
SCHS PTSA Officers…

President Shanta Dominguez
1st VP Kim Bettencourt
2nd VP Dani Bonvicino
Treasurer Anna Garcia
Secretary Connie Brasil
Historian Anna Welsh
Auditor Yvonne Loo
Parliamentarian Anna Strauss
Principal Greg Shelby
Teacher Rep OPEN
Student Rep Ryan Isobe

www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa
for PTSA updates
Congratulations

to the SCHS students who participated in the SCHS PTSA Reflections program this year!

The following students have received the SCHS Award of Excellence and will have their work displayed at the PTA Council Reflections Reception at the SCUSD office:

- Laken Barber, literature
- Mark Guevara, photography

We would also like to acknowledge SCHS Award of Merit entries:

- Aliza Siddiqui, literature
- Mark Guevara, photography

Award of Excellence Winners in each category will receive a class at the Triton Art Museum and a certificate for University Art. We wish them good luck at the next contest level!

SCHS Reflections Award of Excellence Literature

The Lost Ones

By Laken Barber

We are the lost boys and girls,
The rejects of the cliques and popular chicks,
The restless, the reckless, the free.

We are the runners.
We don’t seize the day;
The day tries to seize us with outstretched hands that shine brighter than the rising sun.
We escape its gentle grasp with the wind kissing our cheeks,
Our hair flowing behind us in gentle curls and waves,
Our legs trembling with every thud our feet create.
The day’s fingertips graze the hems of our clothing as we sing the songs of the ones before us.

We are the wild things,
The singers who hum tunes that leave a sweet taste on our forever hungry tongues.
We are the adrenaline chasers,
Jumping off of bridges with thin cords tied to our ankles.
Sleeping under the stars-
Our hair now stained with the smell of the earth-
Nature’s sounds of howling wolves and chirping crickets filling our ears while the moonlight caresses our faces.

We are the artists.
Paint lives in the creases of our hands,
Our pens and pencils always within reach of paper;
Paper that is blank,
Ready to be written on with no space wasted,
And to have our thoughts and feelings released on its pale surface;
Our voices singing sweet melodies,
Our ears ready to listen,
And our hearts ready to love what to hear.

And finally, we are the survivors.
Scars grace our skin,
Marking us and showing others what battles we’ve walked out of with our faces glazed by sweat from the blazing sun.
Tears stain our cheeks from nights spent alone without someone to wipe them as they stream down from our twinkling eyes.
We scream and we cry our hearts out,
But we do not give up.
Because we are
The Lost Ones.

SCHS Reflections Award of Excellence Photography

By Mark Guevara

Next Year’s Reflections info to be posted on santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa
Consider this...

SIGN UP AT ESCRIP.COM TODAY

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

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

Crab Feed

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 Patrice Anderson at panderson@scusd.net

Special Notice Regarding the SCHS Newsletter

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

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

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.

Please direct your questions to Sara Carvalho 423-2765 or scarvalho@scusd.net.

Wish List

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

Check out Santa Clara High’s terrific web site at santaclara.schoolloop.com
SANTA CLARA HIGH SCHOOL
16th ANNUAL
CRAB FEED
February 7, 2015
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:
MARIANI’S RESTAURANT
2500 EL CAMINO REAL
SAN JOSE, CA 95051

$55 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:

PATRICE ANDERSON
@ 423-2639
sbolady@yahoo.com

Editor’s note…the Crab Feed will be the place to be on February 7! 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 santa.clara.ptsa@gmail.com for an application! Do it soon, before the funds…run out…first come, first served😊

Thank you, SCHS Parents!

This year, SCHS teachers have enjoyed Teacher Supply Giveaways 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

Face painting at Club Faire
Volunteer Activities

We are working hard at raising funds for our sports programs at every chance we get. This year we were given an opportunity to work Levi Stadium concessions as a fundraiser. We kicked off the season with the Earthquakes game at the stadium and have worked every 49er event this year. Athletic Boosters saw the potential of this fundraiser, and invited the Music Boosters to join us. It’s been a fun experience, putting the two parent groups together working for a common cause – our school, our kids!

Concession experts that we’ve become, we offered our services to AT&T for the World Series. A group of us carpooled up there for Games 4 & 5 and were swept up in the excitement of watching our beloved Giants take on the Royals on their road to the third championship in five years.

2015 will see us working the NHL Stadium Series when the San Jose Sharks take on the Los Angeles Kings in a special outdoor event at Levi. And, 2016 will see us working Super Bowl L.

We can use more help at these events – the more volunteers we bring to each game gives us a better chance to run premium stands and earning more funds per game. Come join us! We aren’t looking for people who can commit to every event – we need people who can give us whatever time they have and get into the vibe and energy of our new stadium.

To volunteer contact any board member or email us at schsathleticboosters@gmail.com

Athletic Booster Board

President – Diane Simpson-Baltz
1st VP/Membership – Raul Bermudez
2nd VP/Levi Coordinator – Marina Baltz
Treasurer – Chelsi Konsella
Secretary – Barbara Liu
Parliamentarian – Shanta Dominguez
Super Volunteer – Russ Hernandez

Fall Gives Way to Winter

The days are shorter now, which means a close to another season of Fall Sports: Football, Water Polo, Girls Volleyball, Track, and Girls Tennis. Congratulations to all the athletes and coaches.

Winter sports at Santa Clara High include Basketball, Soccer and Wrestling. Hope everyone makes the time to get out and support our winter athletes at a game or competition this season. Don’t forget we have Booster memberships available that will save you money on all regular season ticketed home games. Proceeds benefit our sports programs.

Thanks to our outstanding gym, Santa Clara High has been awarded CCS Tournaments this winter season. Be sure to come out and catch some awesome Basketball and Volleyball competitions. Also, help support our fund raising efforts by visiting our concession stand while at the games.
Unified Music Department

This school year is off to a great start with lots of change and hard work being done. One of the biggest changes is that the music department has been led by one director, which has led to a unification of the department as a whole. This unification has led to a sense of accountability, commitment and hard work within each musical ensemble, which is truly amazing to witness every day. By introducing fun new lessons such as music theory and “Breathing Gym” throughout all the music ensembles, the department gives off a positive, dedicated vibe that effects each and every person in the music program. This serves as motivation to set goals, which help us musically as well as in our daily lives. Not only does music change us every day, it also creates a close-knit community of individuals who are like family.

Submitted by Nitsan Schwarz & Arianne Torio

HOMECOMING FUN

Congratulations our Music Dept candidates Chloe Mabanta, Daniel Cerezo and George Kovacevic. It is wonderful to see our Music students represented and we enjoyed watching the guys march our halftime show in their tuxedos. That is dedication!

MARCHING BAND PERFORMANCE

We will hold our final rehearsal on Wednesday November 12th. We would like to invite friends and family to come and watch our final run through of the season. For anyone that has not seen them at halftime or a competition this is a great opportunity to see the results of all their hard work this season.

HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Our Holiday Fundraiser is off to a good start. The Music Department will be selling Yankee Candles, See’s Candy and beautiful Nursery Quality Poinsettias from now until November 21st. If you would like to participate just contact any music student or visit the Music Booster web page at Santaclara.schoolloop.com/musicboosters.

Music Calendar

November
  6  Th  Booster Meeting, 7pm, Staff Room
  12  W   Marching Band Performance, 5:45 pm
  14  F   Football (Senior Night), 7pm, SCHS
  8  Sat  Field Show Competition, TB Indep. HS
  15  Sat  Field Show Competition, TB, Logan HS

December
  10  W   Holiday Concert (Jazz and Vocal), 7pm
        SCHS Theater
  12  F   Holiday Concert (Symphonic and
        Orchestra), 7pm, SCHS Theater

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

Music Director  Mr Johnny Erdman
Marching Program  Jeff Jackman
Booster President Kim Jackman
Booster Email…SCHSMusicBoosters@gmsil.com
Booster Web…Santaclara.schoolloop.com/musicboosters
1st Quarter Report Cards

1st Quarter report cards were mailed home October 20. 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.

2nd Semester Schedule Change Requests

Students will receive their second semester schedules on Tuesday, January 6 in the cafeteria.

Requests for schedule changes will be processed after school, starting Monday, December 15. All schedule change requests must be submitted by Friday, January 9 so they can be addressed prior to Friday, January 16.

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 15 — Friday, January 9

Schedule Change Appointments:
Wednesday, January 7 – Friday, January 16

2nd Semester Schedule Distribution:
Tuesday, January 6
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 7, 2014 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.

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**Seniors**

**PTSA Scholarships!**

Seniors, you need to be a PTSA member by December 1 to be eligible to apply for a PTSA scholarship. Membership is $7 and forms are in the office and at [www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa](http://www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa).

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**Grad Night 2015!**

The **PARTY** will be at

**Boomers in Modesto all NIGHT LONG!**

SCHS Class of 2015 has exclusive use of Boomers the night of June 1...laser tag, climbing wall, bumper boats, mini-golf, Flame Thrower, G0 Karts, arcade games. Plus the committee is bringing in DJ, photo booth, entertainment, 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, 11/12 at 6 pm in the SCHS office.**


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**Seniors**...Pay for Grad Night NOW for the low price of $55! Grad Night forms must be turned in with your payment. They can be found on the ptsa table in the office and at [www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight](http://www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight).
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 testing dates, please talk to your counselor about 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.
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
   ✓ 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

Semester Grades
The semester grades are recorded on a student’s official transcript. First semester ends December 19, 2014. 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
   o All California Colleges (www.californiacolleges.edu)
   o University of California (www.ucop.edu)
   o California State University (www.calstate.edu)
   o Private/Independent Universities (www.aicu.edu)
   o 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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The semester grades (December 19) 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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GAINS
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 14th year during 2014-2015. 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.

FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT
Wednesday, January 14

Freshmen

Homecoming 2014
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!

Contact the SBO to see if there are any more senior portrait sessions on campus!

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 in November to give out information and take cap and gown and graduation announcement orders. Listen to morning announcements for date!

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 27 from 7:30 am – 2:30 pm in the small gym.

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 2014

Ahmed Abdirahman    Mr. Caserta
Lashea Ashford      Mrs. Clarke
Mayah Bess          Ms. Jiang
Gabrielle Blackhurst Mrs. Bae
Ciena Bringuel      Mr. Woodman
Kelly Cella         Ms. Kawamoto
Samuel Clopp        Mrs. Zahidy
Priya Dhillon       Mrs. Couto-Mohamed
Luke Fitting        Ms. Garvin
Holly Franco        Mr. Hakopian
Sophia Gaude        Mrs. Hopp
Travis Hiett
Ryan Isobe
Jeremi Javier
Alan Jiang
Rachel Jones
Michael Kalnok
Tyler Katzman
Sanjay Kumar
Dino Medar
Veronica Menchaca
Linda Nguyen
Angelina Pavao
Frank Perez
Pablo Puchol
Aliza Siddiqui
Saira Singh
Shane Stevenson
Spencer The
Camilla Torda
Zachary Tuttle
Angelina Vuong
Emily Whitten

Mr. caserta
Ms. clarke
Ms. jiang
Mrs. bae
Mr. woodman
Ms. kawamoto
Mrs. zahidy
Mrs. couto-mohamed
Ms. garvin
Mr. hakopian
Mrs. hopp
Ms. prabha
Ms. schofield
Ms. kiraly
Mrs. kong
Mr. jacquard
Ms. lane
Ms. kiyota
Mr. j. wilson
Mr. costa
Ms. adauto
Mrs. ansaldo
Mrs. s. williams
Mr. wylam
Mrs. kashanian
Mrs. haedtler
Mrs. haedtler
Ms. mehl
Mrs. miniello
Mrs. carvalho
Ms. nguyen
Mr. m. wilson
Mr. parker
Congratulations to the Homecoming Court!

Queens and Escorts:
Lily Hang and Timothy Tran
Chloe Mabanta and Danyal Naeem
Jasmin Taypan and Erik Skerlep
Shana Vu and Marzuq Khan
Dallol Woldu and Yosef Mahdere

Kings and Escorts:
Daniel Cerezo and Megan Sablan
Mitchell Gelbach and Yasmine Nassar
Primo Ines and Natalie Kochanowski
George Kovacevic and Kathy Nguyen
Adrian Uphoff and Sara Bettencourt

Congrats to the Class of 2014 Homecoming King and Queen: George Kovacevic & Dallol Woldu!

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

Frontier Ford, 3701 Stevens Creek Boulevard, Santa Clara - For providing the Ford Edges for the court – check out the new Ford fleet at Frontier Ford.

Ford Drivers: Tina Rainbolt, Krista Keneman, Sara Carvalho, Kathy Hopp, Lindsey Couto-Mohamed, Dan Skapinsky

Santa Clara Police Department - For Parade Assistance

Class parents for their time and support of the floats

Mr. Erdman and the Santa Clara High School Marching Band

Diana Sauceda, Derek Sauceda, Sydney Fenton, and Andrea Correa, and the Santa Clara High School Spirit Squad

Last year’s king and queen for coming back to crown the new winners- Damont Hardnett and Mary Rasooli

Clubs and all of the parade participants

Mrs. Rainbolt for all of her help with everything

Class advisors: Freshmen – Mrs. Carvalho, Sophomores – Mrs. Ansaldo, Juniors – Mrs. Kashanian, Seniors – Mrs. Couto-Mohanned and Mrs. Palasky

All of the wonderful people who provided trailers and drivers

Mrs. Sonia Martin – Your M. C.

Chris Pence and Ethan Miller – Sound Tech.

Brandon Vandercook for spotlight and chain gang

Tuxedo Wearhouse Westgate Mall for court tuxedos

Teachers who judged skits and halls

Mr. Jerry Cintas and Mr. Fery for helping with the float building

Rich Casem and staff with the Santa Clara Teen Center – hosting the dance!

Devoting their weekend to evaluate candidate questionnaires:
Staff: Paul Fuller, Sara Carvalho, Virginia Rios, Anthony Butler and Junior Students: Vy Nguyen, Katie Patterson and Isabella Bruno

Float Judging: District Office - Nora Dipko, Peg Tushak, Paul Fuller, and Brad Syth, Patrick Ahrens and Rich Casem

Mrs. Henry for all of the extra hours she spent on float building, rally, football game, etc.

All of you special students who jumped in and helped – too many to mention, but you know who you are!
Santa Clara High PTSA Grad Night

PRESENTS A FUNDRAISER EVENT AT

the Habit
BURGER GRILL

2000 El Camino Real
Santa Clara, CA 95050

Tuesday, November 18th, 2014
4-9pm

JOIN US AND ENJOY DELICIOUS CHARBURGERS,
SANDWICHES, SALADS AND SHAKES

PRESENT THIS FLYER WHEN YOU ORDER AND WE WILL DONATE 20% OF THE RECEIPTS GENERATED TO YOUR ORGANIZATION!
Grad Night 2015!

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...

- Food & Dessert Trucks
- Photo Booth
- Caricatures
- Magician/Balloon Artist
- Henna & Glitter Tattoo
- Candy Buffett
- Goody Bags & More

LOW Ticket Prices!

- $55...thru March 30
- $65...thru June 4

Drop forms and payment in the PTSA Blue Box in the office

santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight

For up-to-date info and schedule of parent meetings
Who’s who in the school office...

Main Number
Principal
School Secretary
VP Curriculum/Discipline
  Last name A-L
  Last name M-Z
VP Activities
Counseling Office Sec.
Attendance Answering Machine

423-2600
423-2601
423-2610
423-2602
423-2660
423-2648
423-2634
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.