Dear Students and Parents,

I hope that each and every one of you had a wonderful and restful break over the holidays and that your students are coming back refreshed and reinvigorated. For me, this time with family is one of the most cherished times of the year.

As we start our second semester, some of our students will have altered schedules. If your student has a new class or a new teacher, they should be expecting to receive a new syllabus. I encourage parents to ask your student for a copy of this syllabus. The official grades for the first semester will be mailed out in the second week of this new semester.

The new semester is also a time to encourage our students to get more involved in school. This should start with a redoubling of efforts in academic classes, but I hope it also includes joining some of our various school activities as well. Studies have long shown that students who are involved in school-related activities do better academically and emotionally, and we see that on a daily basis here on campus. Whether students join clubs, sports, or our whole-school activities, these connections with other students, mentorships with the adults involved, and ties to the school serve to motivate students. One of the bigger upcoming events is our annual Lip Sync contest, and there are clubs for every interest here on campus.

Finally, this season is also when we start the sign-up process for classes for next year. One of the more exciting academic programs on which we are working this year is our AP Equity project. Through this project, we will be able to better guide all students to selecting the most appropriate level of rigor in their courses with an emphasis on increasing the diversity of students in our junior and senior level AP courses. Supported by the district and guided by a solid group of teacher-leaders, we have been working with a data-analysis group called Equal Opportunity Schools to help us build the tools and information to more thoughtfully counsel students through this course selection. Our goal is to have a wider array of students who are not only college-eligible, but have the academic tools, the grit, the vocabulary, and the mindset to succeed in college and career. I encourage all parents to have frequent conversations with your student to help them select an appropriately rigorous set of courses.

Relatedly, we are going to offer at least three new courses here at SCHS. These are AP Chemistry, American Sign Language, and AP Human Geography.

I hope all of our students have successful and fulfilling semesters, and that parents find ways to get involved (or stay involved).

Go Bruins!
Gregory Shelby

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Students sell food items to raise funds during the December 5 “Holiday in the Quad” club faire.
January Calendar…

Monday, January 5
Furlough Day – No School

Tuesday, January 6
School Resumes (Schedule Pickup Day)

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

Monday, January 12
Representative Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, January 13
Interclub Meeting

Wednesday, January 14
Grad Night Meeting: 6:00pm; Conference Room
Athletic Boosters Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room
Freshman Parent Night: 7:00 pm; Theater

Thursday, January 15
Sports Boosters Meeting

Friday, January 16
Winter Sports Rally: Quad; Extended Lunch Schedule
Lip Sync: 7:00 pm; Main Gym
Food Truck Event 4-9pm, Front school

Monday, January 19
Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School

Tuesday, January 27
Blood Drive: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm; Small Gym

Wednesday, January 21
AP Parent Night
PTSA Meeting: 6:00 pm; Conference Room

Saturday, January 24
SAT
Let’s Eat Out-Jazz Band @ Poor House Bistro 12-2pm

Wednesday, January 28
Panda Express Fundraiser (See Flyer pg 18)

Friday, January 30
Students vs. Staff Football: Lunchtime; Extended Lunch

February Calendar…

Tuesday, February 3
CAHSEE (12 non-pass)

Wednesday, February 4
CAHSEE (12 non-pass)
School Site Council Meeting, 5:00pm; Conference Room

Thursday, February 5
Sports Boosters Meeting

Saturday, February 7
CMEA Jazz Band
ACT
Crab Feed: Mariani’s Restaurant; 5:30pm

February 9-13
Princess Project Dress Drive

Tuesday, February 10
CASH for College Program: 4:00-7:30pm; Library

Wednesday, February 11
Semester Awards Night
Grad Night Meeting: 6:00pm; Conference Room
Athletic Boosters Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room

Friday, February 13
Black History Event: All Day; Theater

February 16-20
Winter Break

Monday, February 23
Representative Assembly Meeting

Tuesday, February 24
Interclub Meeting

Wednesday, February 25
PTSA Meeting: 6:00 pm; Conference Room

Thursday, February 26
Pizza My Heart Fundraiser (See Flyer pg 19)

Friday, February 27
Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Blood Drive - Mark your calendars for January 27!

No School…

January 5, Monday
Furlough Day

January 19, Monday
Martin Luther King Day

February 16-20
Winter Break

Staff Appreciation Luncheon -February 27th

Please join us in thanking our staff and bringing in the New Year with a wonderful luncheon to celebrate on Friday, February 27th.
Watch Schoolloop and your PTSA email for volunteer and donation information.

Thank you!

Isabel Bermudez
PTSA Staff Appreciation Luncheon Chair
Santa.clara.ptsa@gmail.com

Check out all the news from the school district at http://www.santaclarausd.org

Students perform during December 5 “Holiday in the Quad” club faire.
Dear SCHS Families…

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

Looking back:

- Many of our SCHS PTSA board members attended the Council PTA Scholarship Fundraising auction and dinner in December. Our auction contributions brought in funds towards scholarships for seniors in Santa Clara Unified School District’s high schools! Total events funds raised came to $2500.
- We now have 314 SCHS PTSA members. If you haven’t already done so, we invite you to join us! A membership form can be found in this newsletter. Place your completed form and dues in the blue “PTSA” box in the school office.
- Congratulations to SCHS students who participating in this year’s Reflections art program! Laken Barber, Mark Guevara, and Gromilina Evalina were all invited to show their work at the PTA Council Reflections reception in the District board room in November, and have been forwarded on to the next competition level at District. Copies of their work can be seen on our SCHS PTSA web page.

Looking ahead:

- During our January association meeting, we will form a committee to nominate a slate of officers for the 2015/2016 school year. If you are interested in joining the board, please let us know by emailing santa.clara.ptsa@gmail.com.
- Princess Project is an organization that provides free prom style dresses for girls who have financial need. SCHS PTSA will be working with Princess Project to offer this service to SCHS junior and senior girls. We will also be holding a dress drive to contribute to their inventory the week of February 9-13 – please see the notice on page 8 for details.
- On February 27th, SCHS PTSA will host a luncheon for the staff. If you would like to help, please contact Isabel Bermudez at santa.clara.ptsa@gmail.com.
- SCHS PTSA will be combining with Wilcox, Peterson, and Buchser PTAs to bring a parent education event to our community by showing a presentation of “The Mask You Live In” on March 25th from 7-9pm in the Wilcox Theater with a special presentation by Christopher Glover.
- Our Grad Night planning committee continues to work hard planning the event and organizing fundraisers to pay for it! (Ticket sales pay for only a portion of the cost.) Our Grad Night web address is sANTAclara.schooLoop.com/gradnight.
- Look for us at Lip Sync in January selling water and visit the yummy food trucks 😊

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

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**President’s Pen**

*Shanta Dominguez/PTSA President*

santa.clara.ptsa@gmail.com

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**2nd Semester PTSA Membership Drive**

If you haven’t joined PTSA this school year, it’s not too late! Fill out the form in this newsletter and send it in today. Members receive PTSA emails of volunteer opportunities, education nights, PTSA activities, scholarship deadlines and more.

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**PTSA Calendar**

**January**

14 Grad Night Meeting (6 pm)
Freshman Parent Night (7 pm)
16 Lip Sync – Water sales/Food Truck Event
21 PTSA Board Mtg/General Assoc Mtg (6 pm)
28 Panda Express Fundraiser (page 18)

**February**

7 Crab Feed
9-13 Princess Project Dress Drive
11 Grad Night Meeting (6 pm)
16-20 Winter Break
25 PTSA Board meeting (6 pm)
26 Pizza My Heart Fundraiser (page 19)
27 PTSA Staff Appreciation Luncheon

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**2014/15 SCHS PTSA Officers…**

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If you have a photo or story you’d like published, or would like to be a part of the PTSA newsletter team, please email SCHS PTSA at santa.clara.ptsa@gmail.com.
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.

Please fill out the information below, and return this form, along with $7.00 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.

Name: ___________________________ Email: ____________________ (circle Parent, Student grade _____, Staff, Other)
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Name: ___________________________ Email: ____________________ (circle Parent, Student grade _____, Staff, Other)
Name: ___________________________ Email: ____________________ (circle Parent, Student grade _____, Staff, Other)
Phone: __________________________ Date: __________
Total Membership Fee included ($7 times # of members) __________________ (cash or check made to “SCHS PTSA”)
Optional! Additional PTSA donation ________________ Grad Night donation ________________

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? santa.clara.ptsa@gmail.com or visit www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa

Please return form to the blue “PTSA” box in the school office
Congratulations
SCHS PTSA
Reflections Winners

Our Reflections arts recognition program is growing!

We are proud to announce that three Santa Clara High students were winners at the Santa Clara Unified Council PTA level. They were honored on November 17th at a reception in the District Board Room, and their arts entries will now move on to PTA Sixth District for judging.

Laken Barber received an Award of Excellence in the Literature category, Mark Guevara won an Award of Excellence in Photography and Gromolina Evalina won an Award of Excellence in Visual Arts.

Go to santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa to see their work.

2015 PTA Reflections
The 2015 theme has been announced…
“Let Your Imagination Fly”
http://www.ptareflections.org/

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!

SC Sister City News...
AS we welcome 2015 we suggest getting ready for an exciting couple of months!

FUNDraiser & Community Service Hours: SCA 5th Annual Tea Party January 10 from 1-4pm at the Senior Center on Fremont St, SC. This fun yet elegant or outlandish event is complete with fancy décor, yummy treats, tea and live music! Tickets are $25 and funds directly support exchange activities.

HOSTING: SCA is looking for host families for Middle School and High students visiting from Izumo, Japan. Families are asked to host March 26-31. THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO INTRODUCE YOUR YOUNGER STUDENTS TO SISTER CITIES!

EXCHANGES: Potential exchange students from Santa Clara will be interviewed and chosen to travel to Izumo, Japan in June 2015, while others will be chosen to travel to Coimbra, Portugal in April 2015.

SCA Board meetings: ARE NOW ON WEDNESDAYS @ the Historical Headen-Inman House! If you’ve always wanted to know more about SCA, please come to an open meeting- Now on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Headen Inman House located at 1509 Warburton Ave., just behind the Triton Museum of Art. SCA welcomes all parents, volunteers and community support!

SCA Youth Commission meetings: The SCSCA Youth Commission is open to all high school students living in or going to a school in Santa Clara. High school students participate in cultural-exchange and fund-raising events through SCSCA, meet other students and members of the community interested in new cultures, get involved in community service, and gain opportunity for internships! Youth Commissioners facilitate planning and hosting of our guests from our sister cities – Izumo (Japan) and Coimbra (Portugal). The SCSCA Youth Commission meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Headen-Inman House, these meetings give opportunity to the youth to develop their leadership skills.

For more information, please contact visit our website at www.santaclarasistercities.org.
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
sbo1ady@yahoo.com

Editor’s note…the Crab Feed is the place to be on February 7! As SCHS biggest fundraiser, we hope you’ll come out, join the fun and help support our student activities budget. Everyone is welcome…but, purchase your ticket soon before they sell out!
**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) and 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
  - #50017510 Santa Clara Music Boosters
- Use your grocery card every time you shop. SCHS will receive funds from escrip.

**Note:** Please make sure to renew your registration annually to make sure your choices are current.

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**Santa Clara Relay for Life**

*American Cancer Society*

**Date:** May 2-3 from 10am to 10am  
**Where:** Townsend Field at Buchser Middle School

Volunteers are needed for the following:
- Event entertainment (45 minute slots).
- Event volunteers (community service hours for students!)
- New teams to walk and fundraise

We hope you’ll join us at this important event to educate and fundraise for cancer research. If you have questions please contact relayforlife_sc-2015@yahoo.com

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**T-Shirt Contest Announced!**

Santa Clara High Boosters will be holding a T-shirt Design Contest in February-March for a new design for 2015!

All SCHS students are eligible to enter, contest rules and flyers will be posted in February and will be available in the office and online. Keep a lookout for this opportunity to help update the Bruins gear and win a great prize!

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**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 access to the internet, 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.

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**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)
- 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

Thanks for supporting the SCHS Science Program

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**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.

www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/ptsa

for PTSA updates

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Check out Santa Clara High’s web site at santaclara.schoolloop.com
Princess Project

**Princess Project** is a Silicon Valley program that provides free prom dresses to high school girls who wouldn’t be able to attend the prom because of this cost. SCHS PTSA participates in the Princess Project by both hosting a dress drive and sponsoring junior and senior SCHS girls to receive a dress at the dress boutique.

**Dress Drive**...

The week of February 9-13, we will have dress collection boxes in the administration office and the SBO. Bring your gently used party dresses and accessories to donate to this wonderful cause. Please encourage your friends to participate as well.

**Dress Boutique**...

Girls! If your family budget is too tight for a prom dress this year, let Patrice in the SBO know that you would like to receive a Princess Project dress. Patrice will give the PTSA your name and contact information. The Princess Project dress boutique is in mid-March. Qualifying girls will be sponsored by the SCHS PTSA to visit the boutique on our assigned day to choose a dress and an accessory.

Questions? Please contact the PTSA Princess Project Coordination, Isabel Bermudez at santa.clara.ptsa@gmail.com.

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**Princess Project**

**Dress Donation Guidelines**

We **DO** accept:

- Dresses MUST be current styles from 2008 to present
- Dresses MUST be dry-cleaned and on hangers
- Dresses MUST be prom dresses, formal gowns, or fancy party dresses, short and long, appropriate for teenagers, sizes 0-30

We **CANNOT** accept:

- out of style garments
- garments that have not been dry cleaned
- accessories, shoes or purses
- make-up
- casual dresses
- wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses
- tuxedos or men's clothing
- dresses your mother would wear!

Your dress donation is tax-deductible! Please ask your Donation Drive host for a receipt when donating to Princess Project.

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**Free Prom Dresses!**

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**Math and Science Conference**

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

**Skyline College - San Bruno**
March 15, 2015

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

http://skylinecollege.edu/eyh
Make money for your team through the SCHS Athletic Boosters Raffle at the SCHS Crab Feed on Saturday, February 7, 2015 @ Mariani’s, Santa Clara

The Athletic Boosters is taking over the raffle at the biggest fundraiser for SCHS, and we are looking to share the profits with sports teams. Teams will earn shares of the profits by buying tickets to the event and finding someone to donate items for the raffle. Tickets are $55 each, and we will be sitting in tables of 10. Donations can be merchandise, coupons, or anything else companies want to share. Companies that donate items will get publicity at the event.

Sell 10 tickets & Get $100 of donations = 1 Share of the profits

To participate or get more details, contact Diane Simpson @ (408) 547-7377-- or schsathleticboosters@gmail.com

Ticket orders and donations are due by Saturday, January 31, 2015

THE ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING IS THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN THE SCHOOL’S MAIN OFFICE, COME BY AND JOIN US!

SCHS Athletic Boosters schsathleticboosters@gmail.com

Winter Sports Season is here!

Basketball (Boys & Girls)
Soccer (Boys & Girls)
Wrestling (Boys & Girls)
Congratulation to our new Music Director-Johnny Erdman, Our Marching Program Director-Jeff Jackman, and our Drum Major Adam Strauss another successful Fall Marching Band Season. We are now in the process of transitioning into Winter Guard and after holding audition clinics they are well on their way to an exciting season. Their evaluation show will be held at Logan High School on January 10th and they have five more shows for the season (see calendar for details). Come out and cheer on our Bruin Color Guard as they perform their 2015 show “Jitterbug”.

Before Break we held our Choral and Jazz Concert as well as our Orchestra and Band Concert. Both performances were a great success and well attended by family and friends. Being the sole Music instructor Mr. Erdman was able to easily combine groups for joint selections each evening. The result of the unified department was especially obvious during the Symphonic Orchestra finale where musicians literally covered the stage.

We will be holding several Let’s Eat Out events this year. Please refer to the calendar on our Music Page for details.

Music Calendar

January
15 Th Booster Meeting
24 S Let’s Eat Out- Jazz Band @ Poor House Bistro 12-2pm

February
5 Th Booster Meeting
7 S CMEA Jazz Band

March
4 W Spring Concert (Jazz & Choral)
5 Th Booster Meeting
6 F Spring Concert (Bans & Orchestra)
14 W CMEA Concert Choir

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

Winter Guard Calendar

January
10 Sat – Evaluation Show: Logan High School
31 Sat – Competition: Logan High School

February
14 Sat - Competition: Independence High School

March
14 Sat - Competition: Oak Grove High School
21 Sat - Competition: Fremont High School
28 Sat – Winter Guard Championships--Independence High School

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 Semester Grades

Semester report cards will be mailed January 6. These grades are final and are recorded on your student’s official transcript. If your student has failed a required class they must make this up as soon as possible. How can courses be made-up?

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

2. **Summer School:** Summer school will not be offered this year.

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

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

California High School Exit Exam

The California High School Exit Exam will be administered three times during the 2nd Semester. Seniors that have not passed one or more sections will take the exam on February 3 and 4. All Sophomores, and Junior and Senior students that have not passed one or more sections will take the exam on March 17 and 18. Seniors who still haven’t passed the test will be given another opportunity to take the test on May 12 and 13.

Registration

Registration for classes for 2015-2016 will begin in February. Counselors will visit classrooms to present information on graduation requirements, course offerings, college requirements, and have students complete a course request sheet. We will do our best to honor students’ requests but make no promises about course availability.

The tentative registration schedule is:

- Current 9th graders - during PE classes
- Current 10th/11th graders - during English classes
- Current 8th graders attending Peterson, Cabrillo, Buchser, and Don Callejon will be registering at their schools in March.
- Private schools will register at the SCHS Counseling and Coffee Event on Wednesday, April 1.
AP (ADVANCED PLACEMENT)
PARENT / STUDENT NIGHT

Come learn about the AP program at SCHS:

- Overview of the AP program
- Advantages/disadvantages of taking AP classes
- Frequently Asked Questions about AP classes and exams
- Listen to the AP Teachers talk about their classes

Date: Wednesday, January 21st
Time: 6:15 - Foyer of theater - Students choose AP classes to visit
       6:30 - Theater - AP Presentation
       7:00 - 8:00 - Visit AP classes
Congratulations to the Senior class – only one more semester to go!! College acceptances will be arriving soon, remember that all acceptances are provisional, contingent upon the successful completion of your eighth semester. Seniors should note the following items:

1. Students going to 4-year colleges should be looking into housing for next year.
2. Now is the time to start working on community college choices. The College and Career Center will be sponsoring speakers from the various community colleges in our area. See Mrs. Rainbolt in the College and Career Center for more information or call her at 423-2616.
3. The financial aid form (FAFSA) must be mailed (or hopefully completed online) by March 2, 2015 – do not delay!! Santa Clara High School will be hosting two events to help parents with the FAFSA:
   a. On Wednesday, January 7th at 7:00 pm in the theater, there will be a financial aid class at Santa Clara High School. College representatives will walk students and parents through the FAFSA and answer all questions.
   b. On Wednesday, February 10th, the CASH for College Program will be at Santa Clara High School to help parents fill out and submit the FAFSA. Help will be offered in the library computer labs and will be available between 4:00pm – 7:30pm.
4. There are numerous scholarships available to seniors. Information is in the College and Career Center. Scholarship information is also posted on our school website; www.santaclara.schoolloop.com. To find scholarships, go the College and Career Center link which is listed under “About SCHS”.
5. Students who are planning to attend a four-year college next year and who earned a D or F in an academic course this fall should see their counselor immediately.
6. Community service hours are due May 15. Community service hours must be completed to be eligible to attend the Senior Prom, to complete graduation requirements, and to participate in graduation on June 5th. Students should turn in their completed hours immediately to the counseling office.
7. We are collecting PE uniforms from anyone who has completed their PE requirements and who would like to donate them to students in need. Bring your uniforms into the counseling office.

**Grad Night 2015!**

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, G0 Karts, arcade games, hypnotist show, great food, and more!

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

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

Grad Night forms must be turned in with your payment. Forms can be downloaded at santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight. The ticket price goes up after March 30.

**Parent Planning Meetings**
- January 14, 6 pm, admin office
- February 11, 6 pm, admin office

**Upcoming Fundraisers**
- January 17 Panda Express, page 18
- January 16 Lip Sync Food Truck Event & Water Sales
- February 26 Pizza My Heart, page 19

**T-Shirt Contest!** Design the winning t-shirt and get a free ticket to Grad Night! Look for the contest flyer at santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight. Designs due by Feb 27th (See Flyer pg 20).

**Get on the List!** Our Grad Night committee emails Grad Night updates. Get on the distribution list by contacting her at schsgradnight@gmail.com.

www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight

Have you signed up?
1st semester grades: Juniors should have 150 credits by the end of the 1st semester, which ends December 19, 2014. If your student has failed a course, there is a good chance that he/she is off-track for graduation. It is essential that your student make up these failed courses as soon as possible. Students should contact their counselor to discuss their options for making up any failed courses.

2015-2016 Registration: Registration for next year’s schedule will begin in February. Take some time to sit down with your student to ensure that he/she is registering for the courses needed for high school graduation and/or college acceptance.

Community Service: All students must complete 20 hours of community service in order to graduate. Information about opportunities to serve in the community is available in the counseling office. Summer is a good time to complete community service hours. Please turn in any completed community service hours by May 15.

PSAT Results: Results from the PSAT will be returned to students at the beginning of January.

Testing! (ACT, SAT 1, SAT 2): All students applying to a 4-year college or university MUST take either the ACT or the SAT I. Students should take this test this year. (If your student is taking an SAT Prep Course, it is best for them to register for the test that most closely follows their course to maximize their scores). We recommend taking the SAT no earlier than the March 2012 test date.

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

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

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

College Search: Now is the time for students to begin searching for colleges. Students may access websites which can give them a good idea as to what each campus has to offer including virtual tours. Recommended websites include:
- UC system: www.ucop.edu/pathways
- CSU system: www.csumentor.edu
- All California Colleges: www.californiacolleges.edu
- Private/Independent Universities www.aiccu.edu or visit individual school websites

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Sophomores**

**1st SEMESTER GRADES**

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

**COLLEGE**

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

- **Maintain C’s or above in all classes:** If your child has received a “D” in a college prep class he/she must make plans to retake that class to achieve a higher grade because colleges do not accept D’s. College prep subjects are English, Math, Science, History and Visual/Performing Art (VPA).
- **2015-2016 Registration:** Registration for next school year’s schedule will begin in February. Take some time to sit down with your student to ensure that he/she is registering for the courses needed for college acceptance. (Are they enrolled in challenging courses? Have they completed their year-long VPA requirement? Are they on track to take at least two years of a foreign language?)
- **Exploration:** Now is the time for you student to explore their skills and career interests. Explore college websites (www.californiacolleges.edu) to get a feel for what colleges have to offer. Sign up to hear college speakers in the College and Career Center.

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**Freshmen**

**FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT**

Wednesday, January 14
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.

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

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

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

Seniors…Graduation information…
Your cap and gown and graduation announcement orders were due before the holiday break. If you have not yet ordered, please report to the SBO immediately.
**EVENT FOR:**

**SANTA CLARA HIGH PTSA GRAD NIGHT**

**EVENT DATE**
Wednesday, January 28, 2015

**AT THIS PANDA LOCATION**

**EVENT TIME**
12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

STEVENS CREEK PX
5180 Stevens Creek Road #e
San Jose, CA 95129
(p) 408-296-2718

Participating fundraiser guests are required to present a valid fundraiser flyer (hard copy or smart phone) with each order to receive credit for the fundraiser. Flyers may not be distributed inside or within vicinity of restaurant including, without limitation to, the restaurant parking lot before or during your fundraiser. Panda Restaurant Group reserves the right to cancel any and all fundraiser events for any reason and/or withhold payment of associated donation funds if the Panda Restaurant Group Fundraiser Guidelines are not followed.

**Bruin Feast**

Friday
1/16/14
3pm to 8pm

In Front of Administration Office

Presented by Grad Night 2014
Santa Clara High PTSA Grad Night invites you to attend our fundraising

WHERE?
Santa Clara University
700 Bellomy Street
(408) 241-0000

WHEN?
Wednesday, February 26th 4-9pm

HOW?
All that you have to do is enjoy great food at PIZZA MY HEART and 30% of your purchase will be donated to our organization.

There is no need to bring this flyer. All you have to do is mention you are supporting our organization.

***Dine In, Take Out and Delivery***
2015 Grad Night Commemorative

T-Shirt Design Contest

Contest Rules:
1. You must be a senior to enter this contest:
2. Artwork theme must include the following:
   a) The year “2015”
   b) The word “Seniors” and “Santa Clara High” or “SCHS”
   c) A maximum of 3 Colors
   d) An original design
3. Artwork must adhere to school policy.
4. Please make sure your entry is clearly marked with ONLY your student ID# and not your name.

If any questions email
SCHSgradnight@gmail.com
or visit us at
santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight

Entries are Due by February 27, 2015 by email
or in slot in the Blue Box in the office

Winner will receive a FREE Grad Night ticket!
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 Buffet
• Goody Bags & More

LOW Ticket Prices!
$55...thru March 30
$65...thru June 4
Drop forms and payment in the PTSA

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

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School Secretary Fernanda Wilson 423-2610
VP Curriculum/Discipline
  Last name A-L Tony Lam 423-2602
  Last name M-Z Antonio Vela 423-2660
VP Activities Chandra Henry 423-2648
Counseling Office Sec. Sylvia Iwanaga 423-2634
Attendance Answering Machine 423-2605

For teacher email and school info, check out the SCHS website at www.santaclarahigh.org or sign up for School Loop at www.santaclara.schoolloop.com.