Principal’s Message

Dave Grissom/Principal
dgrissom@scusd.net

Dear Students and Parents,

It is my sincerest hope that all of the Santa Clara High School families have had a wonderful Holiday break. It is truly my favorite time of the year. It gives us some time to be close with our families and loved ones. It also gives us time to reflect on the past year and have renewed energy as we enter the new one.

The holiday break is also a true Semester break for our students and staff. As we began school in January, students were also starting the second semester. The importance of this is that first semester grades are placed on the transcript and we are beginning anew. Some students have a different schedule than they had previously, and it is important that the parents receive any new syllabi if their students are in new classes. Please ask your student for a copy of their syllabus in each class, if they are new.

As we opened school for the second semester, you may have noticed some changes that have happened on campus. The construction has been completed on the first two wings in the Main building, as well as the Boy’s Locker Room and the Main Gym. Let me be the first to say that the work that has been completed is nothing short of amazing. Every conversation that I have had with students has ended in their complete awe of how it now looks.

Finally, it always amazes me at how fast the school year goes by. I always like to reflect on the seniors at this time of the year. In August, we (the Administrative team) met with each of the classes to explain rules and procedures for the school year. During the senior meeting, I tried to explain to the seniors how quickly the school year would go. Well, here we are halfway through the school year and it is really hard to believe it. Seniors, enjoy the final semester and don’t forget to look around once in awhile. Soak it all in. The final semester of your senior year can be a very wonderful time in your life, don’t forget to breathe it in and enjoy it.

OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIOD

If your student is attending Santa Clara High School as part of an Intra District Agreement, now is the time for you to file for Open Enrollment. The intention of an Intra-District transfer is for it to be one year in length. At the conclusion of that year, the student should move back to their home school if they have not filed for “open enrollment.” The window to apply for open enrollment is January 12 – February 10. The application can be found on the Santa Clara Unified School District website http://www.santaclarausd.org/ (click on the “ENROLLMENT” tab).

Go Bruins!
Dave Grissom
January Calendar…

Monday, January 2
  Furlough Day – No School
Tuesday, January 3
  School Resumes (Schedule Pickup Day)
Wednesday, January 11
  Financial Aid Workshop: 7:00 pm; Theater
  Athletic Boosters Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room
Thursday, January 12
  Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; District Office
Monday, January 16
  Holiday – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
Tuesday, January 17
  Grad Night Fundraiser – Gugu’s Pizza (page 19)
Wednesday, January 18
  Cash for College FASA Workshop: 4:00 pm; Library, Computer Lab; BR1, E-4
  Freshman Parent Night: 7:00 pm; Theater
  Night of Acoustics: 7:00 pm; Cafeteria
Friday, January 19
  Winter Sports Rally: Quad; Extended Lunch Schedule
  Solo & Ensemble Music: 7:00 pm; Theater
Tuesday, January 24
  Blood Drive: 8:00 am – 2:00 pm; Small Gym
  Lip Sync Rehearsal: After School – 9:00 pm; Main Gym
Wednesday, January 25
  PTSA Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room
Thursday, January 26
  Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; District Office
Friday, January 27
  Lip Sync: 7:00 pm; Main Gym
Saturday, January 28
  SAT

February Calendar…

Wednesday, February 1
  School Site Council Meeting: 5:00 pm; Conference Room
Saturday, February 4
  Band: CMEA Jazz Festival, Santa Teresa High School
  Crab Feed: 5:30 pm; San Jose Scottish Rite Center
Tuesday, February 7
  CAHSEE (12 non-pass)
  Dona Maria Fundraiser (page 20)
Wednesday, February 8
  CAHSEE (12 non-pass)
  Athletic Boosters Meeting: 7:00 pm; Conference Room
Thursday, February 9
  Board Meeting: 7:00 pm; Board Meeting
Friday, February 10
  PTSA Luncheon; Extended Lunch Schedule
  Black History Event: All Day; Theater
  S-Club Dodgeball Tournament: 4:30 pm; Main Gym
Saturday, February 11
  ACT
Thursday, February 16
  Dona Maria Fundraiser (page 20)
Friday, February 17
  Students vs. Staff Football: Lunchtime; Extended Lunch
February 20-24
  Winter Break
Wednesday, February 29
  Semester Awards Night

Staff Appreciation Luncheon - February 10

Please join us in thanking our staff and bringing in the New Year with a wonderful luncheon to celebrate on Friday, February 10. Watch Schoolloop and your PTSA email for volunteer and donation information.

Thank you!

Tedra Nikolai
PTSA Staff Appreciation Luncheon Chair
bruinspts@gmail.com

Check out SCUSD superintendent, Bobbie Plough’s, new blog, along with all the news from the school district at http://www.santaclarausd.org/.

Blood Drive – Mark your calendars for January 24!

No School…
  January 2, Monday
  Furlough Day
  January 16, Monday
  Martin Luther King Day
  February 20-24
  Winter Break

Students sell food items to raise funds during the December 2 “Holiday in the Quad” club faire.
President’s Pen:
Karen Hovey/PTSA President
bruinsptsa@gmail.com

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 $570 towards scholarships for seniors in Santa Clara Unified School District’s alternative high schools! Total events funds raised came to $2900.
- We now have 337 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. Katrina Valtcheva, Ashley Loë, Tyler Nguyen, Hieu Pham and Julie Chen were all invited to show their work at the PTA Council Reflections reception in the District board room in November. Copies of their work can be seen on our SCHS PTSA web page.
- SCHS PTSA combined with Wilcox on December 14 to bring another Cyberbullying education event to our community. Ann Solorio Brownell presented her family’s experience with the devastating effects of cyberbullying.

Looking ahead:
- During our January 25 association meeting, we will form a committee to nominate a slate of officers for the 2012/2013 school year. If you are interested in joining the board, please let us know by emailing bruinsptsa@gmail.com.
- On February 10, SCHS PTSA will host a luncheon for the staff. If you would like to help, please contact Tedra Nicholai at bruinsptsa@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 13-17 – please see the notice on page 8 for details.
- 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.schoolloop.com/gradnight.
- We will be hosting another Parent Ed speaker in March or April. Watch for more information as the date gets closer.
- Look for us at Lip Sync in January selling water😊

If you have any questions for SCHS PTSA, you can contact us at bruinsptsa@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!

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.

2011/12

SCHS PTSA Officers…

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

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 Karen Hovey at khoveymail@aol.com.

PTSA Calendar

January
17 GuGu’s Pizza Night Out Fundraiser (page 19)
18 Freshman Parent Night (7 pm)
25 Grad Night Meeting (6 pm)
27 PTSA Board Mtg/General Assoc Mtg (7 pm)

February
3 Newsletter deadline (March/April)
7 Dona Maria Night Out Fundraiser (page 20)
10 PTSA sponsored staff appreciation luncheon
13-17 Princess Project Dress Drive
15 Grad Night Meeting (6 pm)
16 PTSA Board meeting (7 pm)
17 Dona Maria Night Out Fundraiser (page 20)
20-24 Winter Break
29 Semester Awards Night – refreshments
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 $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.

Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________ (circle Parent, Student grade _____, Staff, Other)
Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________ (circle Parent, Student grade _____, Staff, Other)
Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________ (circle Parent, Student grade _____, Staff, Other)
Name: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________ (circle Parent, Student grade _____, Staff, Other)

Phone: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Total Membership Fee included ($6 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? bruinsptsa@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 four Santa Clara High students were winners at the Santa Clara Unified Council PTA level. They were honored on November 28 at a reception in the District Board Room, and their arts entries will now move on to PTA District 6 for judging.

Katerina Valtcheva, Ashley Loe, and Tyler Nguyen received Awards of Excellence in the Literature category; Julie Chen won an Award of Excellence in Visual Arts.

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

2012 PTA Reflections

The 2012 theme has been announced…
“The Magic of a Moment”
http://www.ptareflections.org/

Santa Clara Relay for Life
American Cancer Society
Fundraising Event

Date: April 28-29th 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 check out www.relayforlife.org or contact…

Isabel Bermudez
Relay for Life Volunteer and SCHS Parent
(408) 239-9693

Hey, Clubs!

The PTSA has designated a portion of our annual budget to assist Santa Clara High School clubs.

If your club would like to be considered for financial assistance, please email us at bruinsptsa@gmail.com for an application!

SC Sister City News...

As we welcome 2012 we suggest getting ready for an exciting couple of months!

Fundraser & Community Service Hours: SCA 2nd Annual Tea Party January 21 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 13 Jr. High students visiting from Izumo, Japan. Families are asked to host March 27 through the morning of April 2. 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 July 2012, while others will be chosen to host students from Coimbra, Portugal the week of April 13-22.

Activities: SCA 2012 Showcase of Young Artists and Authors “Youth as the Catalyst for Change” deadline is February 17.

SCA Board Meetings: ARE NOW ON TUESDAYS @ 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 Tuesday 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: January 17 at 3:30pm- 5:30pm at Headen Inman House. Mariani’s shuttle will pick up students from SCHS at 3:15pm. Students are planning ongoing leadership projects and getting ready for our incoming Japanese and Portuguese guests. Regular meetings are the first Tuesday at 6:30pm- 8:30pm and 3rd Tuesday from 3:30pm – 5:30pm. All students are welcome!

For more information, please contact Debbie Pavao at dpavao.scsca@gmail.com or 408-666-0586. Or, visit our website at www.santaclarasistercities.org.
SANTA CLARA HIGH SCHOOL
13TH ANNUAL CRAB FEED
February 4, 2012

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

plus

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

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

NEW LOCATION:
SAN JOSE SCOTTISH RITE CENTER
2455 MASONIC DRIVE
SAN JOSE, CA  95125

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

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

SHARON VIGNATO  PATRICE ANDERSON
309-8757 OR 248-8367  423-2639
SHARONVIG1@AOL.COM  sbolady@yahoo.com

Editor’s note…the Crab Feed is the place to be on February 4! 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!
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**SCUSD AED Project Update**

**Automated External Defibrillator – a Life Saving Device for use in sudden Cardiac Arrest**

We only have four AEDs left to place and we will be in the maintenance stage of our AED program. This means that every two years we will need to replace pads for 59 out of 69 AEDs. The other 10 AEDs fall under a partnership with the City of SC’s Fire Department, and they will maintain those units. It costs is about $7,100 every two years for replacement pads. The batteries need to be changed every 4-5 years at a cost of about $17,250. It will cost about $8,000/year to maintain the program.

**I am continuously looking for and writing grants for the program.** I have been recently certified by the AHA to train people in CPR/AED. Captain Rick Harsh and I are teaching a two day class to students in the Health classes at Wilcox and Santa Clara - Hands Only CPR and AED Orientation. We are always looking for opportunities to expand the knowledge of AEDs locations within the district and how to use them.

Angie Scott
SCUSD AED Project
ascott@scusd.net

**Special Notice Regarding the SCHS Newsletter**

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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.

**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**

**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.

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

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 13-17, 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, Ana Aguilar at bruinsptsa@gmail.com.

Princess Project

Dress Donation Guidelines

We DO accept:

- Dresses MUST be current styles from 2006 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.

Free Prom Dresses!

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 17, 2012

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

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

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

Did you know that...

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

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

What is a “ladybug”?

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

How does one become a Ladybug Donor?

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

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

Donate by sending your tax-deductible gift with the memo “Document Camera” to Tran Quach, the Bookkeeper, in the Administration Office.

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

SCHS Bruins Ladybug Donors!

How can YOU make a difference in an SCHS classroom?

Become a Ladybug Donor!

Did you know that...

Each ladybug document camera costs about $700.

SCHS has no district funds available in the near future to assist our efforts.

SCHS PTSA donated $6,000 toward the digital cameras - thank you to all who helped raise the funds!
A message from our Booster President…

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and Wishing a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

We are now in the Winter Sports Season but I have to start out by Congratulating our Fall Sports Teams, especially our Boys Varsity Football Team who went 6-0 in league play and 8-2 overall to win the El Camino League Championship, making the Division 1 CCS playoffs, Congratulations go out to all the student athletes and Coach Krail and his entire staff also to Coach Bumbaca and our J.V. Football Team who went 6-2-1 for the season.

And huge congratulations to our Girls Water Polo team who also won their League Championship and went to the CCS playoffs, Great!!! Job to Coach Bumbaca and all her Girls.

We had our fall Sports Banquet on Nov. 30 starting at 6pm in the cafeteria for dinner and then on to the theater for the awards ceremony. Athletic Boosters furnished dinner and we had about 250 athletes and their parents attend. Our Winter sports banquet is scheduled for Wednesday March 14, 2012 and all winter athletes and their parents are invited to attend.

Let’s Talk Winter Sports, Wrestling, Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and remember Girls basketball made CCS last year and so did a group of our Wrestlers, let’s get out and Cheer our Winter Sports Programs on!!!!!!!! Check School Loop for Times and Locations.

Make This Date, Friday January 6, 2012, it is the scheduled date for the reopening of our newly remodeled Gym, come out on the date and see the new Gym and support both our Girls and Boys basketball teams. We have a Quad game that day and the Boys game is even against Wilcox. Come out and show your Blue and Gold Spirit.

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

Girls Water Polo and Cross Country team members stand on the theater stage to be recognized during the full sports awards above. The boys varsity basketball team has their first game in the newly renovated gym to the right.

If you have a sports photo you’d like to have published, please email Karen Hovey at khoveymail@aol.com.
**Music Calendar**

**January**
- 20  F  Orch & Choir Solo Ensemble, 7 pm, Theater

**February**
-  2  Th  Booster Meeting, 7pm, Staff Lounge
-  4  S  CMEA Jazz Festival, Santa Teresa HS
-  4  F  Lip Sync, 7pm, SCHS

**March**
-  1  Th  Booster Meeting, 7pm, Staff Room
-  7  W  Spring Concert (Inst), 7pm, Theater
-  9  F  Spring Concert (Choral), 7pm, Theater

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

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**Winter Guard Calendar**

**January**
- 28  Sat - Competition: Logan High School

**February**
- 11  Sat - Ceres Regional Competition
- 18  Sat - Competition: Leigh High School

**March**
-  3  Sat - Competition: Oak Grove High School
- 10  Sat - Competition: Independence High School
- 17  Sat - Competition: Union City Regional

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

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**Congratulations to our Drum Majors, Marching Band, and Winter Guard for their excellent season!**

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**Congratulations Bruin Marching Band and Color Guard**
We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the band and color guard on all their hard work! Their efforts paid off awarding them a trophy in EVERY competition this year and the crowning jewel was a 1st Place Trophy at the Fairfield Tournament of Champions to end their season. Our Field Drum Major, Michael Jones took 2nd place out of all 16 groups (which included bands in four higher divisions than ours). Great Job Michael, you deserve it! None of this would have been possible without our talented directors and staff. Mr. Anderson and Mr. Jackman put together an amazing show and with an incredible staff were able to allow the musicians and guard to experience a very successful season.

**Pass and Review gets Jazzed Up**
Our annual Pass in Review was very well received this year. We started outside in the stadium led by our Parade Drum Major, Jennifer Konicek followed by a Field Show performance by the entire Marching Band and Color Guard. Since so many of our talented musicians play in both the Marching Band and Jazz Band, the show then moved indoors for a few Pep Band songs followed by a performance by our wonderful Jazz Band. Family and friends enjoyed a magnificent show and we are so proud of all our wonderful musicians.

**Winter Concerts a Success**
The Winter Instrumental and Choir concerts were held in the SCHS Theater before the break. Now that the Marching Band season is over, we were able to enjoy concerts from both the Jazz Band and Symphonic band. Mr. Hibbert held the Choir and Orchestra concert the following week. All performances were a great success and a wonderful way to ring in the Holiday Season.

**Winter Guard on the Move**
Our Winter Guard has been hard at work preparing for their evaluation performance on Saturday January 7 at Logan HS. We would like to congratulate them on taking the initiative to apply for the Pepsi Refresh Project and becoming finalists in the $10,000 division. Using email, text, Facebook, even door to door notes with sweets attached they were able to attain enough votes to make the finals and help fund their 2012 Season. Great Job Winter Guard!

**Winter Percussion Workshops**
Although we will not have a performing Winter Percussion Unit this year, we are fortunate enough to be holding Marching Percussion workshops throughout the remainder of the year. These workshops will open to current music students interested in Marching Percussion and will be held every other Thursday beginning January 19 at 6pm. Please see the Booster Web Page for further details.
General Information
Lynne Ewald & Jenny Baldwin
lewald@scusd.net & jbaldwin@scusd.net
Guidance Vice Principals

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 7 and 8.

All Sophomores, and Junior and Senior students that have not passed one or more sections will take the exam on March 13 and 14. Seniors who still haven’t passed the test will be given another opportunity to take the test on May 8 and 9.

Counselors by the letter…

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Registration
Registration for classes for 2012-2013 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 Open House on Wednesday, April 4.

Seniors visiting on the curb in front of the administration office at the end of the school day.
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, February 15th
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, 2012 – do not delay!! Santa Clara High School will be hosting two events to help parents with the FAFSA:
   a. On Wednesday, January 11 at 7:00 pm in the theater, there will be a financial aid officer at Santa Clara High School. He will walk students and parents through the FAFSA and answer all questions.
   b. On Wednesday, January 18, 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 1. 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.

Be sure to check out the SBO info for seniors on page 18.

Grad Night 2012! mardi gras!

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 25, 6 pm, admin office
- February 15, 6 pm, admin office

Upcoming Fundraisers
- January 17 GuGu’s Pizza, page 19
- January 27 Lip Sync Water Sales
- February 7 & 16 Dona Maria, page 20
- April BBQ and Auction

T-Shirt Contest! Design the winning t-shirt and get a free ticket to Grad Night! Look for the contest flier at santaclaraschoolloop.com/gradnight. Designs due by Jan 31.

Get on the List! Caren Ratermann, our Grad Night committee chairperson, emails Grad Night updates. Get on the distribution list by contacting her at schsgradnight@gmail.com.

www.santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight

63 Seniors have already signed up!
Juniors

1st semester grades: Juniors should have 150 credits by the end of the 1st semester, which ends December 16, 2011. 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.

2012-2013 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.
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 re-take 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).

- **2012-2013 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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*Attention Sophomores*

SANTA CLARA HIGH SCHOOL

**course offering:**

REGISTER FOR A BIOTECHNOLOGY CLASS

- Have an 80% hands on science experience
- Earn 1 year of UC approved science credit
- Develop skills that could lead to a job in the field of Biotech

For more details see Ms. Gunn in Room S115 or email tgunn@scusd.net

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Welcome to Amy Larsen our new attendance secretary!

Renovated classrooms, the Student Body Office and hallways were all ready for students, teachers and staff to move in after the holiday break.
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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**FRESHMAN PARENT NIGHT**

Wednesday, January 18

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**SPECIAL FOR 9TH GRADER PARENTS**

**Setting the Stage for College and Career Readiness**

Parent Support + Career Exploration + Four Year Planning for Your Students = SUCCESS

By December 15, all freshman will have taken online career assessments that will aid in four year high school planning on www.kudernavigator.com. Counselors will eventually discuss career fields and necessary high school support classes with students.

NOW PARENTS CAN ACCESS ASSESSMENT RESULTS OF THEIR STUDENTS.

REGISTER FOR A PARENT ACCOUNT ON KUDER NAVIGATOR

1. Go to www.kudernavigator.com
2. Click on “New Users Register Here” in upper right hand corner.
3. On “New User” page select “Parent of a student under the age of 18.” and “Continue”.
4. On “Create an Account page” complete sections marked with an asterisk *. Cell phone # is NOT required.
5. Important notes: PLEASE do not opt out of email. Counselors want to contact you about your student and relay information about opportunities related to career and education during and after high school. You will not receive spam from Navigator. None of your information is sold. If you have no email address enter “NONE”.
6. You will have to create a user name and password and select a secret question.
7. Agree to “terms and conditions”. Select “Register”.
8. Congratulations! You are signed up. Jot down your user name and password and take a quick tour of the Navigator system by clicking on the Sample Information tab at the top of your Navigator home page.
9. To see if your student has taken assessments, from the parent home page, click on Student Portfolio. You need your student’s Navigator USER NAME**.
10. Once you have accessed their portfolio, click on Assessments to view results.

** If your student can’t remember his/her user name, (usually a combination of their first name or first initial, last name and birth date), log on to www.kudernavigator.com and select “Forgot your log in Information”. Students can have user name (and password) emailed to them. You can also contact your student’s counselor or school College and Career Center Tech for that information.

Take a look at those results with your student. The high school years go by in a flash and the importance of family career talk early on pays huge benefits. Parents are the number one influence in student choices for education and careers. Partner with SCUSD to help your student succeed.

- Look for more information soon about this exciting process, career exploration tips and family career events via School Loop, your PTSA newsletters and meetings, and at school events.
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. This year, we collected 2,155 items. This 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…As of this writing, we have 200 cards to fill and the 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.

January Blood Drive
The Student Council, along with Stanford Medical School Blood Center, will be sponsoring a blood drive on Tuesday, January 24 from 8 am – 2 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!

Lip Sync
Get your act together!
Need money for your organized group, club, sports team, class? Then Lip! The 15th Annual Lip Sync will be held on Friday, January 27. Profits from tickets sold will go to the first, second and third place winner’s school account. The percentage is as follows: First Place (50%), Second Place (30%), Third Place (20%). School groups have earned up to $1,000 for their school account. This is an easy fundraiser and fun for all!

Start preparing your act now. There is a seven-minute limit.

Special Thanks…
Special thanks goes out to Amzi Maya and Kelsee Katsanes, the Student Council Community Service Chairs, who worked hard on the Second Harvest Food Drive and Family Giving Tree and are now preparing for our next Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 24.

Patrice Anderson at her desk in the new SBO
Dining for Dollars $$

Bring your family and join SCHS friends at the

1998 Homestead Road | Santa Clara, CA 95050
408-261-3661 | Free Wi-Fi

Gugu's Pizza & Pasta
Santa Clara, California

Pizza | Calzone | Pasta | Sandwiches | Salads | Misc

Gugu's has hand crafted pizzas, calzones, pasta, sandwiches, salads, garlic bread, desserts, Italian soda, beer, wine... and more!

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

4 pm to 9 pm

15% will be donated to SCHS PTSA Grad Night!

Either present this flyer or mention Santa Clara High School at the Cash register.
Bring your family and join SCHS friends at the

Doña Maria

Mexican Restaurant

2605 Homestead Road, Santa Clara
Next to the city library

Tuesday, February 7, 2012
Thursday, February 16, 2012
All Day…9 am to 9 pm! Take out included

Homestyle food made
with fresh ingredients
*Delicious salsas* made on site

20% of your meal cost will be donated to SCHS PTSA Grad Night!

*Bring this flier to give to your server*

http://www.dona-maria-restaurant.com/
Graduation Night 2012!

The Party’s at Boomers

Graduation Night
ALL NIGHT LONG!!

Boomers features...

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

Plus...

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

LOW Ticket Prices!

$55...thru March 30
$65...thru May 21

Bring forms and payment to the SBO

santaclara.schoolloop.com/gradnight

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

Laissez les bon temps rouler
Let the good times roll...
Who’s who in the school office...

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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.