



eLINK Newsletter – August 2011

President's Message

Dear SRVHS Parents,

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year! For incoming freshmen families, we especially want to welcome **you** to the Wolf Pack. San Ramon Valley High is a remarkable community because of the wonderful students, the incredible staff and the involved parent community. I am pleased to be serving for a second term as PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) President, and am thrilled to be joined this year by Karen Schumann, Executive Vice President. Karen has a wealth of PTA experience, and we are fortunate to have her as a part of our leadership team.

One of the things that make San Ramon Valley High such a great place to be is the communication between home and school. San Ramon Valley High is 100% electronic! All communications will be delivered via email or the website. Please be sure you are signed up to receive electronic communications from SRVHS by going to the school website (www.srvhs.net) and accessing the sign up box.

So often, parents think that when their kids go off to high school, parental involvement at the school ends or isn't needed. This is not the case at San Ramon Valley High! We have many opportunities for parents to get involved. Whether it is with the Academic Boosters, Athletic Boosters, Wolf Foundation, Performing Arts Association, Wolftones, Grade Level Representatives or School Site Council, we want you to be an active part of the school community.

We especially want to invite you to become a part of the PTSA here at San Ramon Valley High. We are the largest parent group on campus and value your membership and participation. We meet monthly, generally the first Thursday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in the Career Center. **Our first meeting will be September 1st at 9:00 a.m.** The meetings are well attended and are a valuable source of information about school activities. If all the information weren't enough, we have a fantastic hospitality team whose home-made treats really make it worthwhile!

Welcome back and we wish you a terrific school year!

[Kathy Wraith](#)
PTSA President

[Karen Schumann](#)
Executive Vice President

Principal's Message

Hello San Ramon Valley High School Community,

It is with great enthusiasm that I welcome you back to the 2011 – 2012 school year. Last year was quite a year as we celebrated our 100th anniversary; we look forward to the many great things that are in store as we begin our 101st year.

It is hard to believe, because the summer has flown by, that it is time to turn our attention back to academics and the beginning of school. Here are some highlights of the various items that have happened during the summer break:

1. Solar paneling has been added into our senior parking lot and in the front parking lot; while we are excited about this, we have run into some delays but hope to have everything in place by the start of school.
2. Snack Shack/restroom -- This project is moving along smoothly. Most of the construction has been finished and work has now moved to landscaping the area around the building. The finishing touches are set to be completed by the beginning of September. We look forward to having a permanent Snack Shack and restrooms.
3. Portables -- Another big step forward for us is the removal of one row of portables. The district is taking away seven portables from our campus this week. Those portables housed the PE department while the new gym was being built.
4. Technology -- We are very close to completing the wireless installation on our campus. This will greatly benefit students and teachers alike, as we will have wireless access throughout the campus.
5. Marquee – The new marquee at the front of the campus will be in place during the month of September. We look forward to having a functioning marquee again!

While there is still much uncertainty regarding both our state budget and the budget allotment from the federal government, we, at San Ramon Valley High School, are still preparing for over 2000 students to join us when the school year begins. Regardless of finances or politics, we look forward to opening our doors to our new and returning students as we begin the 2011 - 2012 school year.

Please remember to check the SRVHS website at www.srvhs.org for all the latest information regarding construction, registration, and the start of school.

We look forward to working with you, our community, to enhance the learning opportunities for our students. It is going to be a great year!

Sincerely,

Joseph Ianora

PTA News and Information

WOLF PACK DAYS (REGISTRATION) UPDATE

Packet pick-up will take place August 8, 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the old staff lounge (in the administration building).

Wolf Pack Days (registration) is August 11 and 16 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. All forms for registration will be online this year by grade and **MUST** be downloaded and printed prior to coming to registration. The packet envelope only contains the emergency card, **NO** other forms. All students must attend registration with their parent and have ID photos taken to receive their class schedules.

Please allow extra time for registration this year, as parking will be limited by our construction. Also, please make sure to bring your checkbook to registration, as many of our organizations do not accept credit cards. Finally, the first few hours of the first day of registration are always busiest. In order to avoid long lines, please consider coming to registration later on the 11th or on the 16th.

We still need extra help, so if you would like to volunteer for Registration please contact Debbi Griffin at dgrif10@aol.com or Laurie Wolfe at ljwolfe@pacbell.net.

2011 PRIMO'S RUN FOR EDUCATION



Register now to participate in the Primo's Run for Education on October 9, 2011.

Come join over 7,400 runners this year and support your schools! The Primo's Run for Education has been a tradition in the San Ramon Valley for 28 years, and was voted "**Best Local Competitive Run**" by *Diablo* magazine. It is the primary fund-raising activity for the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation, a non-profit organization that supports and promotes education in our community in partnership with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. SRVEF supports district-wide projects and provides monetary grants to teachers and schools within the SRVUSD.

You can support SRVHS by running or walking a 5K or ½ Marathon course. Or you can volunteer to help with the race in a variety of ways. As a runner or a volunteer you help SRVHS get credits that will be used to determine an incentive payout for the PTSA.

Don't forget the Carboload (for everyone, not just runners!) on October 8 and Spirit Days from Sunday, September 25 – Wednesday, September 28 (Bib & T-shirt pick-up from 5pm - 7:30pm).

Registration is already open online at www.primosrun.com.

SRVHS SKI & SNOWBOARD SWAP

Mark your calendars for November 5th & 6th. The SRVHS Ski & Snowboard Swap is back!

This is the PTSA's major fundraiser and the proceeds go directly to SRVHS teachers, staff, and clubs on campus. Funds are given as grants that help purchase books, equipment, teaching aids, and computer software. Over \$35,000 has been raised in prior years, which directly benefits your student.

WE NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS. We need approximately 200 volunteers to run our event. Our volunteer form is in your registration packet. Grab a friend and we will schedule you together! NO SKI OR SNOWBOARD EXPERIENCE NECESSARY! Become involved at one of SRVHS's first major events of the year.

If you would like to help with the organizing committee (Hospitality, Vendor Check-In, Public Equipment Check-in, Event Equipment Racking Set-up/Take Down, Security, Computer/Sales Data Entry), please contact Molly Brazeale (missmollyr@yahoo.com) or Sandy Garcia (srvswap@aol.com). Your help is appreciated! Thank you!

Parent/Teen Education and EPIC/Healthy Choices

We would like to take a moment to welcome you to the 2011-2012 school year and to introduce ourselves to the incoming freshman parents. We are Carol Moore, Vice President of Parent Education, and Carrie Paulus, EPIC/Healthy Choices Chairperson. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for parents to connect to one another around parenting, family and adolescent issues, throughout the school year.

Here at SRVHS, Dads play an integral part in campus life, therefore, the "Dads On Campus" has already put these dates on the calendar: September 20th, November 8th, January 17th, March 13th and May 8th. In addition, they will kick off the new school year with coffee and treats, between 7:00 and 9:00AM on the first day of school, Wednesday, August 24th.

Last year we introduced "Mom's Night". These were well received and a great opportunity for Moms to connect, share and learn. Mark your calendars and join us on the evenings of September 28th, November 9th, January 25th and March 28th. We generally meet from 7-9PM on Wednesday evenings in the New Staff Lounge.

The Brown Bag Lunches are another great venue for parents to take a break and meet other SRVHS parents. Bring your lunch and join us on September 14th, November 16th, January 11th, March 14th, and May 16th. Topics for these one hour events include "transitions", "internet safety", and other teen related issues. The environment is casual and friendly.

Parent Education Evenings are another wonderful learning opportunity. Keep checking back each month for dates, topics and speakers.

We look forward to seeing you at many of our upcoming events.

[Carol Moore](#)

Vice President - Parent Education

[Carrie Paulus](#)

Chairperson - EPIC/Healthy Choices

Tip of the Month

Did you know that we have a Parent Resource Library in the Career Center??!! It contains videos from past Parent Ed. speakers, and a great selection of books on parenting teenagers and other family issues.

Academic Boosters

In the craziness that is known as registration, trying to get all of the forms for all of the organizations on campus to the 1000+ families at San Ramon can be challenging and something inevitably happens. Depending on when or where you downloaded your “Other Important Forms” from the website, you may have encountered an outdated SRVHS Academic Boosters Donation Form. If you did, this form is all right to use for registration and to make your donation, but please note that we no longer use the email address listed on this form. Our email address is srvhsab@hotmail.com. (We no longer use the Comcast email address.) Also, please add your email address under the parent information. It will not be published in the directory, but rather used to contact you if we have questions regarding any information on your form or your payment as we have found in recent years that email is the most effective way to communicate with our parent community.

I look forward to your support for the 2011-2012 school year. We offer many ways to donate. You can donate through paypal by following the link below:

http://www.srvhs.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=75688&type=d

We accept VISA, MasterCard, American Express and Discover, which can be processed through the above link.

We also are happy to split our suggested donation of \$300.00 into two or three payments; just let us know what will work for your budget.

I am excited that we are funding 19 sections this year as well as continuing our support of the Career Center, Senior Scholarships and Award Night, and other academic support services.

Our first meeting of the new school year will be on Wednesday, September 14th at 10:30 in the Career Center.

If you have any questions, please contact me at sticca@pacbell.net or 925-855-4684.

Susan Tricca

Academic Boosters President 2011-2012

ESCRIP

Thank you to the many families who have already signed up to support the Wolf Foundation through eScrip. We are asking all families to change groups – remove SRVHS and add SRVHS Wolf Foundation.

To sign up for eScrip and/or to make the switch, please complete the brief information needed at the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/P62G7NW>.

Up to \$25,000 in eScrip contributions will be lost beginning this month if all our families do not make the switch. Please sign up now!

If you have any questions, please contact our eScrip Coordinator, Kathy Dye at dyefamily4@sbcglobal.net or 820-7598.

Thank you for your support!

10% Goes Back to Schools starts August 10th!



San Ramon Valley High School supporters can earn 10% purchase amounts on thousands of participating products from **August 10 - September 13, 2011**.

Get Groceries that Give Back to Schools.

Here's How:

Look for the **yellow School Bus tag** between **August 10th and September 13th, 2011***. This year there are over 2,000 participating products!

Athletic Boosters

Get involved and help keep SRVHS Athletics strong!

The San Ramon Valley High School Athletic Boosters is dedicated to supporting our athletic programs in both men's and women's sports. This year, we will contribute over \$150,000 to subsidize the funding necessary to provide a quality athletic program for the student athletes at SRVHS.

We support all 22 athletic teams at SRVHS and every dollar we raise goes back into SRV Athletics!!

Our single largest source of revenue is membership and we strongly encourage you to consider joining for the 2011-2012 School year. Last year we had nearly 500 families become members of the Athletic Booster program. We will be at Registration on August 11th and August 16th, so please stop by and see us to get your Athletic Boosters Membership. The cost of becoming an Athletic Booster member is a **fully tax deductible contribution** of \$200. As part of our commitment to make sure your particular athlete(s)

are directly affected by your contribution, \$50 of your fee goes directly to each sport that your athlete(s) participate in at SRVHS. This will result in a significant amount of money that will be paid directly to each Athletic Team. In addition, you will receive two Booster Cards entitling each adult card holder and two "pre high school age children" to attend all regular season home games for each of the "gated" sports.

We are constantly looking for new ideas as well as help with various programs. We encourage you to participate in some form by becoming involved. Come to one of our monthly meetings and let us know how you can help. Our first meeting of the 2011-2012 School Year will be on Monday, September 12th at 7:00 in the Career Center. We look forward to having you as a part of this effort.

Additionally, we have several advertising spots around the football/track and baseball fields available. Please contact Mike Pimenti at Michael.pimenti@workflowone.com for more information.

Thank you for your support of SRVHS Athletics and GO WOLVES!!

Mike Pimenti
Athletic Boosters Club of SRVHS

Performing Arts Association

The Performing Arts Association will no longer be selling PAA passes. Instead, families will be able to buy tickets or ticket packages from each of the individual performing arts disciplines of Dance, Theater Arts and Vocal Music.

PAA would like to wish each discipline continued success in their endeavors, and encourage all SRV families, regardless if you have a performing arts student or not, to support the arts.

Class News and Information

SENIORS – CLASS OF 2012

Dear Class of 2012 Parents:

"It's going to be a great year!"

With the 2011-2012 school year approaching, we need volunteer help at Wolf Pack Days on August 11th and 16th. **We are asking for volunteers to help in two-hour shifts** at one of the Class of 2012 "stations" at registration: [Click here to sign up.](#)

In addition, we'd like to give you our email addresses and phone numbers so you can call us with suggestions, questions, offers to help, or to say hello.

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Pick up your emergency form from school on August 8th, 9th, or 10th. Don't forget, proof of the whooping cough vaccination must be in place, per the District mandate, for packets to be released. Submit this to Barbara Murray if you haven't already done so.

School registration will be done online, for the most part. You'll remember going to the website for forms (www.srvhs.net) and to the webstore to pay fees. Print the receipt and carry it with you to registration.

- Class of 2012 T-shirts (\$15) and Waterworld trip fees (\$70) are payable on the webstore.

In addition to the online portion of registration, some things will need to be taken care of through PTSA, which is done by making the rounds at Wolf Pack Days.

- Sign up and pay for **Grad Night 2012** through PTSA. There is a separate form posted online, so don't miss it. Sign-up early and take advantage of the discount.
- Buy your **2011-2012 SRVHS calendar** while you're at the PTSA table... proceeds fund Grad Night!
- Your Senior student must be a member of the PTSA if he or she will apply for PTSA scholarships. Don't pass that opportunity by!

Thanks, in advance, for your continued support and great ideas. It helps us to know you'll be there to back up the Class of 2012!

Most sincerely,

Tammy, Kelly, and Laura

2012.srv.wolves@gmail.com

JUNIORS – CLASS OF 2013

Welcome back Class of 2013!!

We are looking forward to another exciting and fun-filled school year.

Our Junior class will be led this year by our newly elected class officer team:

President: Turner Stanton

Vice President: Brynne Ichiuji

Secretary: Baylie Erickson

Treasurer: Jet Reed

Thanks to a great turnout at our last Parent Rep meeting of the year back in June, we were able to get a jump start on filling some of our class chair positions and committees. So let us start off by thanking the

following people for taking on a major role in making the 2011-2012 school year a success for our Juniors:

Junior Prom - Loray Hawkins, Laurel Portman & Marybeth Turner

Homecoming - Lisa Birse

Fall Food Sales - April Burstedt

Spring Food Sales - Lisa Birse

Peres Elementary (sister school) - Dawn Garlieb

There are still some very important chair positions available and we would like to see them filled by the end of the first parent rep meeting in September so that we can get you all busy planning the events in conjunction with the class officers. We hate to keep asking the same people and would love to get more parents to share their expertise and talents with our class. Don't be shy! We welcome co-chairs (of 2 or 3 people) for any of these positions. Please feel free to call or email us with any questions you may have about these committees before volunteering. Our role is to help delegate these jobs out to our parents and then act as a link between you and the officers. So as you can see, it takes a village to get all of this done and we are still in need of the following chairpersons:

Aloha Dance (June 2012)

Senior Waterworld Trip (September 2012)

Senior Ball (for May 2013)

Grad Night (for June 2013)

Class Photographer

Class Historian

As always there will be plenty opportunities for everyone to contribute in the various committees as "worker bees" so please plan to attend a future Parent Rep meeting for more details on the various upcoming events. If you are not already on the class Parent Rep email distribution and want to be "in the loop", please email us at friedler6@gmail.com and we will add you to the master list.

We have over 100 parents so far and while we love to see everyone in person at the meetings, we know it is not always possible to attend so we welcome those volunteers who prefer keeping in touch via our email group.

If you STILL are not signed up for the SRVHS texting service, we highly recommend you get linked in! **TEXT "2013" to 41411** to receive our class updates on your cell. There are also important school-wide updates and reminders sent through this service.

Be sure and drop by our Class of 2013 table at registration for committee sign-ups (available for both parents & students) and merchandise sales. We will have our brand new 'JUNIOR' class t-shirts, 'Class of 2013' Hoodies, one-of-a-kind SRV Yoga Pants, the "must have" SRVHS Stadium chairs, and past class t-shirts. Bring your checkbooks as the proceeds from these items go directly into the Class of 2013 funds. Please support our class and wear your spirit wear to represent SRV & the Class of '13! (Parents, too!!)

Thanks for supporting the Junior class!

Shawna Friedler (997-1555) & Tonya Colton (699-7524)
2013 Class Parent Reps

SOPHOMORES – CLASS OF 2014

WELCOME BACK: 2011-2012 promises to be a fantastic year. We have many events to look forward to and let's all remember, we are no longer Freshman!!!!

LEADERSHIP: Welcome back to Elliot Benson - Class President, and welcome to our new officers, Ali Bard, Kelsey Firebaugh and Daniel Paulus. Congratulations on your election!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES: Thank you to all of the wonderful people who have already stepped up to help out our kids this year. We start off with the Sophomore Float for Homecoming – we will need a flat bed truck and a work site; we will be in charge of one of the school dances; two selling periods – winter and spring; and our Sophomore event –the Sophomore Cruise.

PARENT REPS: These fabulous events cannot be done without your help. If you are not already a part of the Parent Rep team for the Class of 2014 and would like to learn more, please contact Alyson Colton at Alyson@coltonfamily4.org to add your name to our list. Our group meets once a month – it is a great way to learn what is going on with our students and to meet and get to know our class parents.

SOPHOMORE CRUISE: SAVE THE DATE – May 5, 2012. Tickets will go on sale after winter break (tickets will not be sold at registration). This is the one event exclusively for sophomores so your students will not want to miss this cruise. We have made arrangements with Commodore Cruise Lines for a dinner cruise departing from the port of Alameda (buses will transport the students to and from the port of Alameda from SRVHS). Many activities have been planned on this luxury yacht such as gaming tables, connect games, dancing and more. There will be something for everyone!

SCHOOLWIDE TEXTING SERVICE: If you have not already done so, we urge you AND your student to subscribe to the new texting service available at SRVHS. It is an easy way to stay connected. School wide and Class reminders are sent out periodically. All you have to do is send a text to 41411 (as the phone number) and type WOLVES13 (as the message). You will immediately receive a confirmation message.

If you have any questions, please contact us at any time.

Alyson Colton, Alyson@coltonfamily4.org
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eCommunication

Welcome to the SRVHS eLINK Newsletter. Our goal is to provide information to the SRVHS community in a timely manner. We have three publications that we send electronically.

eLINK Newsletter: Sent monthly by the SRVHS PTSA. It contains a mix of information from school groups, parent organizations and the community.

Daily eBulletin: Sent daily during the school year by SRVHS staff. It contains day-to-day school information.

Principal's Letters / Informational Updates: Sent throughout the school year on an as-needed basis.

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If you'd like to sign up for additional publications or change your subscription information, you can easily update, add or remove your email address by clicking on the words "Update Profile/Email Address" at the bottom of this email. If you have any questions, please email the eLink editor, [Christy Christoffersen](#).

How to Submit an Article to the eLINK

The SRVHS PTSA publishes the eLINK once a month during the school year. The deadline for each eLINK issue is the first Thursday of each month. If you have an article to contribute to the eLINK newsletter, [please email it to Christy Christoffersen](#). Next deadline for the September eLINK is: Thursday, September 1st, 2011.

Calendar

8/8, 8/9 and 8/10 – **Registration Packet Pickup**, 9am - 3pm, Old Staff Lounge (Admin Bldg)

8/11 and 8/16/10 – **Wolf-Pack Days**, 1pm - 7pm

9/1 – **PTSA Meeting**, 9am, Career Center

9/7 – **Back to School Night**, 6:30pm – 8:30pm, PAC/Commons

9/12 – **Athletic Boosters Meeting**, 7pm, Career Center

9/14 – **Academic Booster Meeting**, 10:30am, Career Center

9/14 – **Evening with the Principal**, 7pm, PAC

[Click here](#) for a complete school calendar.