



eLINK Newsletter – October 2011

President's Message

Dear SRVHS Parents,

Happy October! Our campus is such a busy place. Between academics, athletics, performing arts, community service and what seems like a million other activities, there is truly something for everyone. Last week was club week on campus. We hope your child has found a group to join, made new friends and broadened his or her horizons.

The next big event coming up for PTSA is our Annual Ski and Snowboard Swap, which takes place November 5th and 6th. **Sandy Garcia, Molly Brazeale** and their crew are working diligently to make this year's swap one of our most successful ever. This is our PTSA's main fundraiser so we hope that you will all come out, support the swap, and volunteer if you are able. The proceeds from this fundraiser go directly back to the school and teachers in the form of departmental and teacher grants.

We want to recognize **Carol Moore** and **Carrie Paulus**, our Parent Education chairs, who led our first parent lunchtime brown bag at the end of September. It was very well attended, and provided a wealth of information to parents, particularly those new to the school. **Lani Aurelius** did a great job updating our online Parent Handbook. **Martha Rueckert** organized the volunteer information from registration and distributed it to all of our parent organizations. Finally, a big pat on the back goes to **Deborah Wechsler**, who once again organized our runners and volunteers for the Primo's Race.

We would like to invite you to attend our next PTSA meeting, which takes place on Thursday, November 3rd at 9:00 a.m. in the Career Center. There is a great deal of valuable information given at the meetings and if that is not enough our wonderful hospitality team, **Carol Alexander** and **Jennifer Graves**, provides tasty treats and coffee! We look forward to seeing you there.

[Kathy Wraith](#)
PTSA President

[Karen Schumann](#)
Executive Vice President

Principal's Message

Dear SRVHS Community,

Well, not only have we made it through the first couple of weeks; we are staring the end of the 1st quarter in the face.

As we settle into our educational routine I want to remind the community of our Mission Statement:

“The San Ramon Valley High School community *empowers students to achieve* their educational potential.”

This statement accurately reflects what we are all about – student learning.

SRV Updates:

Tuesday Schedule:

Our Tuesday schedule is in full swing with multiple opportunities for students to receive enrichment and remediation. First, almost all teachers are available from 2:15 – 3:15 (except those who teach an “A” period. Second, Peer Tutoring is available in the Library. Third, Departmental Tutorial Schedules are posted on the web site and teacher pages (www.srvhs.net)

Ski Swap:

Our 33rd annual Ski Swap is being held November 5th and 6th. Don’t forget this great event!

Construction:

I am happy to report that we have no major construction going on!! We have finished our Concession/Rest Room facility and will be using it for all home contests. Our next major project will be a new pool, with construction starting in the late spring.

Special Community Event:

Homecoming is right around the corner (October 21st). The Homecoming parade will begin at **2:35** and will move from SRVHS along Danville Blvd. to Railroad to Prospect and back onto Hartz. The parade will end back at the high school campus. There will be homecoming floats, alumni, and sports teams participating in the parade. Mr. & Mrs. SRVHS will also be crowned. All are welcome to attend! Visit our web site for more information.

API:

Our API score took a 5 point gain this year! Our score is now 895. Congratulations to all on this great accomplishment.

Once again, thank you for your support of SRVHS. Go Wolves!

Sincerely,
Joseph Ianora

PTA News and Information

33rd ANNUAL PTSA SKI AND SNOWBOARD SWAP - NOVEMBER 5th & 6th

The SRVHS-PTSA has been hosting this community-wide ski and snowboard swap for 33 years. Funds raised from the swap go directly to our SRV students, teachers, and clubs on campus. This year the event

takes place on **November 5 & 6, 2011, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** each day.

Admission is \$5 CASH (children under 14 free when accompanied by an adult).



It is the largest swap in the East Bay with over \$1 million in inventory brought by local residents as well as from large retailers offering goods at bargain prices.

The Cafeteria and the Axillary Gym will be filled to the brim with new and used merchandise. This Ski and Snowboard swap is a great place to see the latest products and outfit the family. There is a huge selection of boards, skis, boots, helmets and clothing along with experts to assist you. Representatives from ski resorts and local ski clubs will be there to answer questions about their resorts/clubs and the sport.

In addition, community members are invited to sell their own ski/snowboard equipment and clothing on consignment. Instructions for bringing merchandise for sale are posted on our website. **Consignment goods can be preregistered on-line at our website to speed up your check-in. Visit our website or our facebook page for more information.** Website: <http://skiandsnowboardswap-srvhs.com/>

THE SKI SWAP IS IN DESPERATE NEED OF VOLUNTEERS THIS YEAR!

Please visit our **signupgenius** site to volunteer (<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/33rd1>). If you filled out a volunteer form at registration and submitted it, a member of the organizing committee will be in touch with you to confirm. Volunteer with a friend for a great cause!

Volunteer questions, please contact Beth Pasqualina at bpasqualina@comcast.net or Sandy Garcia at srvswap@aol.com.

PERES SISTER SCHOOL

Halloween Donations Requested! Please help us collect the following items to include in the Halloween Goody Bags we'll take to the almost 600 students at Peres Elementary. **Please drop them off in The Den, across from the Attendance ladies, by Monday, October 24th.**

- Mini Play-Doh (80 ct box, \$10.99, from the Halloween area at Costco)
- Snyder Pretzels Halloween snack sack (30 ct, \$3.99, from Safeway or Target)
- Halloween pencils (30 ct, \$4, from Target)
- Parachuters (20 ct, \$4, from Target)
- Bouncy balls (24 ct, \$4, from Target)
- Pumpkin erasers (75 ct, \$4, from Target)

In addition, 100 children at Peres Elementary need a Halloween Costume. **Please drop off new or gently used costumes to The Den by Monday, October 17.** All sizes, for both girls and boys, are desired.

Students who would like to help with stuffing bags or delivery to Peres should sign up in Mrs. Willford's room, A2. We will stuff treat bags on Tuesday, 10/25, during 'A' period and deliver them to Peres on **Friday, 10/28**. Questions? Would you like to be a driver chaperone on 10/28? Contact Susan Austin at msusanlustin@gmail.com. Our thanks, in advance, for helping to make this another successful event!

PRIMO'S RUN FOR EDUCATION A GREAT SUCCESS!

Congratulations SRVHS for supporting your school by registering for the races and volunteering to help. A huge Thank You and Congratulations to everyone who participated in the races or volunteered to help! The final numbers are not yet in, but it looks like again the record was broken for number of race registrants, at over 8,000. SRVHS achieved the 10% registration level and was first out of the four standard high schools! Awesome effort!

We also are grateful to Cheryl Glass and the Jazz Ensemble for once again performing along the 5K course, and Ken Abrams and the SRVHS Chamber Singers for singing the National Anthem at the start of the Half Marathon, for which each organization will earn \$150. All of the registration money from this event comes back to the schools in the form of teacher grants from the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation. The grant application process begins in January, 2012, with awards in March.

LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING

Based on reports from Sacramento, it is going to be a challenging year for education funding. The State budget that passed in June was based on California receiving \$4 billion more in revenues over the 2011-2012 fiscal year. If this revenue does not materialize, the budget was written to introduce "trigger" cuts. Per the Sacramento Bee article, 9/6/11, "the budget requires the state to impose as much as \$2.5 billion in cuts to K-12 schools, higher education, public safety and social services". Under the current budget, state finance officials will have to decide in December whether the state is on track and if not, impose cuts. One of our best defenses against this unstable budget situation is to stay informed in order to protect and promote education funding in California.

Our PTA units and SRV Council of PTAs will be bringing education finance information nights to you. We will report in this column if there is an upcoming presentation scheduled at a school in our district. These education finance information nights are a great way for you to get your questions answered regarding the impact of the state budget on our school district and local schools. As your legislative representative at our school, I will report at the monthly PTA/PTSA meetings and in this column. I encourage you to sign up for California State PTA alerts by visiting the [California State PTA website - Legislative](#) and by visiting the [SRV Council Legislative page](#) . We are currently looking for a parent to fill the 4th Vice President, Legislative Advocacy position for San Ramon Valley High School PTSA. If you are interested, please contact our PTSA President Kathy Wraith at cawraith@pacbell.net. If you have any questions regarding PTSA Legislative activities, feel free to contact me, Kelly Kaplan, at

akkapfam@sbcglobal.net.

SRVHS PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

Have a question for Mr. Ianora or the PTSA? Here is a new way to ask a question through the Priorities Committee. Email questions to SRVHSPriorities@hotmail.com. All questions, comments and concerns will be directed to Joe to respond to, and all responses posted in the eLINK as well as read at the PTSA meetings.

Question: The new solar panels and supporting posts in the senior lot make it difficult to see the exit aisle in the center of the lot. Can the posts on either side of that aisle be marked with an EXIT sign, or, perhaps paint some lines on the ground to show the exit path?

Reply: Great idea! I will pass this along to Tony to see what can be done. Security cameras are also going to be added.

Question: With regard to dress code, why do the cheerleaders get to wear such short uniforms to school with tights, when that would result in a dress cut for the rest of the female population?

Reply: We have met with Cheer and have worked with the 4 other high schools. All schools will have the cheerleaders wear tights under their uniform.

Question: For Freshman parents: More info on orientation day (Link crew, lunches), clubs and activities kids might not tell us about, teacher information, especially for new teachers, registration, more clarity, and if registration is open until 7pm. Anyone inside should be able to go through and complete their registration without having it closed up around you so you can't complete it.

Reply: Good points – This has been put in our notes for next year. From others on the committee: However, with regard to registration, boosters clubs are not required to stay past the closing time of registration. All workers are volunteers, and have lives to get back to. We do accommodate those who are in the process of registration to complete their registrations.

Question: RE: PAC Solar Panels. Please give completion date.

Reply: October 14th is the completion date.

Question: Do you hold your coaches accountable to their choice of words/excessive use of vulgar language?

Reply: Yes, if you hear the vulgar language or hear of it, please let me, John Raynor or Shannon Wiggington know.

Question: I was asked at Registration where the PTSA membership cards are useful. I've been issued a card every year and have never been asked to show it for anything. In what case would this card become necessary?

Reply: If there was a critical vote, and no member list was available, you would need to show your card to vote. Seniors applying for PTSA scholarships, must be members and provide proof. Also, with your card, members will receive discounts at Kinko's and Office Depot.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sycamore Valley Elementary School PTA is hosting **Your Child, Our Future**, a Question & Answer Panel Discussion about K-12 public education on Wed., October 19 at 7 pm. This is a great opportunity to hear our state assembly member Joan Buchanan and other local leaders speak about education in our state and community. Seating is limited, so please RSVP at www.yourchildourfuture.eventbrite.com.

Seventh Annual, 2012 Intel-Affiliated Contra Costa County Science & Engineering Fair: March 15-17, 2012, Los Medanos College, Pittsburg. Students in grades 7-12, are able to pursue their interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) by participating in the Intel Affiliated Contra Costa County Science and Engineering Fair (CCCSEF). Taking part in the CCCSEF is fun, educational and rewarding. Please refer to the www.cccsef.org web site for details and additional information.

Parent/Teen Education and EPIC/Healthy Choices

September was an informative and eventful month for SRVHS New Families and Dads!

Our September 14th New Families **Brown Bag Lunch** filled the New Staff Lounge with many interested parents. Valuable information was presented by Candy Jewett, (Career Center), Nancy Conti, (Counseling Dept.) and amazing students from the School Ambassadors program here on campus.

On September 13, Tuesday evening, “**Dads on Campus**” had their first night time event. This gathering was well attended and enjoyed by all. Our principal, Joe Ianora and Rip Charbonnet, parent contact for this group, have an amazing year of events planned for Dads ONLY! Mark your calendars for the next Dads evening on October 26, 7-9PM! SRVHS Dad and Oakland Police Detective, Steve DeWarns will share valuable information on internet safety and our teens! Any questions about these events or “**Dads on Campus**” can be directed to Rip at: srvhsdads@gmail.com.

Our upcoming “**Mom’s Night**” is the evening of November 9th, 7-9PM, in the Career Center. Our presenter will be Amy Sluss, RN, acclaimed author and speaker. The focus of the evening will be “Bridging the Generations: Staying connected to your teens/kids in a crazy busy world.”

You won’t want to miss this engaging and informative evening! More information to come as the date approaches! (Our postponed September 28th “**Mom’s Night**” will be rescheduled!! Stay tuned for new date!)

We look forward to meeting all of you at our upcoming events.

Carol Moore, carolsmtihmoore@sbcglobal.net

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“Dads on Campus”

Dates to Remember:

November 8th 7-9PM – Dads on Campus evening – New Staff Lounge

November 9th 7-9PM – Mom’s Night – Career Center

November 16th 12-1PM – Brown Bag Lunch – New Staff Lounge

Tip of the Month

“Parents need to set a tone that fosters a loving, close bond among family members. They need to create an environment that downplays sibling rivalry and makes each member of the household feel respected and valued. The household that truly values each member- that makes each person feel important- will produce children of both sexes who are happy, strong and confident.” Taken from “All That She Can Be – Helping Your Daughter Maintain Her Self Esteem” by Dr. Carol J. Eagle and Carol Colman.

Academic Boosters

Most of our parent community knows we fund class sections and support the College and Career Center. But did you know we also support the learning community at SRVHS in many ways such as:

- Funding a portion of the cost to send a delegate to Girls State on an annual basis
- Helping the art department with supplies when their donations decreased
- Providing a grant to fund an assembly speaker and presentation
- Providing Student Club support such as helping Speech and Debate and Robotics with tournament fees
- Helping two graduating seniors defray the cost of college with scholarship awards
- Providing the awards and certificates distributed for the Academic Letter Program and Awards Night

Your generous donations, either personally or through your employer, and participation in the various shopping rewards programs allows us to help the SRVHS community in many diverse ways in order to reach the most students possible. Thank you again for your support of all that we do and want to accomplish at SRVHS.

Student Directory – We want to come into the current century and move from a paper directory to an online directory for the 2012-2013 school year. Our vision is to have the parents enter the information into a program online that they want to be published in the directory. This will avoid the requirement to complete a form and turn it in at registration. The directory will be secure, password protected, and only available to SRVHS parents and students. It will be free of charge to all. This idea is only in the formation stage right now. We are looking for a parent volunteer to head up this effort. If you are interested, please contact me at the number or email below.

We are anticipating mailing the paper directory by the end of October. It will come addressed to the student and be mailed to the address provided on the form you turned in at registration.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9th at 10:30 in the Career Center. Please join us!

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

Susan Tricca

Academic Boosters President 2011-2012

Performing Arts

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC – MUSIC COUNTS!

Phew. We are almost half-way through the first semester. Parents of seniors need to cherish every day...

Our big push for the fall season is supporting the Marching Band and their Stadium Field performances during football games along with two competitions. Many volunteers are needed to assist the kids before, during and after the field shows. It's great watching the kids work together and have fun doing it!

The first half-time performance was a big success! The band sounded great. The color guard looked great. And we collaborated with Cheer to have a big dance-off on the field as the band played that Twisted Sister anthem, "We're Not Gonna Take It". The kids had a ton of fun.

Upcoming Events

October 18 – Fall show in PAC (Orchestra & Symphonic/Concert Bands)

October 21 – Football vs. Foothill ****HOMECOMING**** (Rally, Parade & football game)

October 28 – Halloween parades to Danville elementary schools, 8am-2pm

November 4 – Football vs. Livermore

November 5 – Lodi Grape Bowl Classic marching review competition

November 10 – Football vs. Monte Vista

November 12 – Central California Band Review, Merced (Marching and Jazz Bands)

Wolf-Tones Booster Meeting

The Wolf-Tones Parent Booster Meeting will be on Monday, November 7 from 7PM-8:30PM in the old staff lounge located in the administration building (enter through the counseling office door). We invite all parents to attend these meetings as they provide a chance to meet with the Board and music instructor to receive information regarding program events and volunteer opportunities.

Wolf-Tones Benefit Concert, Saturday January 28, 2012

DON'T STOP BELIEVIN' in our SRVHS Instrumental Music Students! Mark your early 2012 calendar with the Winter Benefit Concert, featuring EVOLUTION, the ultimate tribute to the band Journey. The

musicians pay tribute to the band by sharing Journey's heart pounding, hard hitting, rock and roll hits with many, many fans worldwide! With special appearances by our very own SRVHS Instrumental Music students, of course.

Attractive Donor & Sponsorship packages are available. Ticket info coming soon...

Best Regards,
Kevin Dimler, Wolf-Tones President
kevindimler@gmail.com

VOCAL MUSIC

The annual SRVHS Vocal Music Annual Dinner Show will be held Thursday Oct. 27 and Friday Oct. 28 at Community Presbyterian Church in Danville. Thank you to all who have purchased tickets to support our singers. You are in for a wonderful show! Raffle items are still needed. Please contact Debbie Bromley 831-0334, showbizhome@gmail.com, or Shelley Peterson 837-7074, shelley@petersonhome.net if you have gift certificates or gift baskets, sporting event or theater/movie tickets, cabin stays or timeshare weekends, sports memorabilia, jewelry, quality homemade items or personal services, etc. to donate. Your generosity is appreciated.

Other Upcoming Events:

Nov. 17-19 - ACDA North Coast Honor Choir
Nov. 25 - Danville Tree Lighting
Dec. 14 and 15 - Winter Concert (PAC)

Need a group of singers to make your holiday event special? Call Ken Abrams now at 552-3041 to book a small group of dedicated singers who will gladly bring the gift of music to your business lunch or evening get together.

Questions? Please contact sanramonvoices@gmail.com.

THEATRE ARTS

The Theatre Arts Department's production of **STEEL MAGNOLIAS**, by Robert Harling, opens on October 28th (and runs for two weekends)! Don't miss the play on which the infamous movie was based!!! "Concerned with a group of gossipy southern ladies in a small-town beauty parlor, the play is alternately hilarious and touching—and, in the end, deeply revealing of the strength and purposefulness which underlies the antic banter of its characters." Tickets range from \$10 to \$15 and can be purchased on-line NOW by visiting: www.srvhsdrama.org.

Counseling Corner

Applying for college can be a very stressful time of year. It is also a time when everyone in the family is realizing that high school is coming to a close and a very new chapter in life is just around the corner. We suggest a few things to make this time a bit easier for everyone.

1. Communicate, communicate, communicate! Be sure to listen more than talk to your teen. They may not readily say everything that is on their mind, but given an opportunity, many of them will.
2. Remember that there is no ONE right college for a student. Encourage your son/daughter to apply broadly, and realize that even the most qualified students rarely get into ALL of their first choice colleges.
3. Help your son/daughter to meet deadlines.
4. Don't let college applications and decisions become the focus of attention. There are plenty of other things to talk about.
5. Relax! That will help your son/daughter relax, as well.

In early October, the SRVHS counseling team will visit all senior English classes to share important information on the college application process. All seniors will be given information on applying to the community college system, CSU, UC, private and out-of-state schools, as well as SAT and ACT testing. Information on several handouts will be covered with the seniors and these handouts will be available on the SRVHS website on the left margin of the page under "College Applications".

Applying to the Community College

Students who are planning on attending **DVC or another community college in California**, should follow these steps to complete the admissions process:

1. In late spring of the senior year, complete a college application on the website of the community college you plan to attend.
2. At the conclusion of the senior year, order and send an official high school transcript to the community college admissions office to provide proof of prerequisites.
3. Take the English and Math assessment tests at the community college. (We will be offering the DVC assessment test on the SRV campus in March), or you can take it at the Main Campus (Pleasant Hill) or San Ramon DVC. Check with the SRV Career Center for test dates.
4. After completing the assessment tests, sign up to take a Counseling Orientation class. (At DVC, this class is Counseling 95.) Through the Counseling Orientation class, students will learn about college programs and support services, transfer requirements, degree and certificate requirements, grading, add/drop policies, plan first-term courses and begin to work on a larger educational plan.
5. Make an appointment to meet with a counselor about registering for classes.

California State University and/or University of California System Application Dates:

CSU and UC applications do NOT require letters of recommendation and they do not require that you send a copy of your transcript. UC applications do require the personal statement and students should begin this early. Students should read the application for instructions on completing the personal statement.

CSU's: October 1st to November 30th at www.csumentor.edu

Do not wait to apply! Apply early for the best chance, especially at impacted campuses or campuses with impacted majors. Cal Poly San Luis Obispo continues to be impacted in all majors.

UC's: November 1st - 30th at www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

Remember to keep a record of your application ID and a summary of your application for reference. Be sure to have your child check his/her e-mail frequently after the applications are sent. Colleges will communicate via e-mail if they require further information, clarification, or a missing a piece of the application process.

SAT and ACT

Be sure to send SAT/ACT scores to all campuses to which you apply.

CSU's: SAT or ACT required. You may use the SAT code 3594 to send SAT scores to all campuses of the CSU system. Some CSU's want testing completed by October. Please be sure to check individual campus websites for testing deadlines.

UC's: SAT or ACT with Writing + 2 subject tests from 2 different academic disciplines. Be sure to test no later than December 2010. Again, please remember to check individual schools' websites for testing deadlines.

The following tips from the College Board can help your child be best prepared for test day:

Before Test Day

Get organized:

- **Make sure you have two No. 2 pencils and a soft eraser.** A No. 2 pencil is required to answer the essay and the multiple-choice questions. Mechanical pencils are not allowed. Pens are not allowed.
- **Have your SAT Admission Ticket and acceptable photo ID ready.** You will need your Admission Ticket and photo ID for admission to the test center.
- **Check your calculator, and put fresh batteries in it.** You will need a scientific or graphing calculator for the SAT Reasoning Test and SAT Subject Tests in Mathematics. Some questions on the Subject Tests in Mathematics are best solved with a graphing calculator.

- **Locate a watch to take with you.** You can use a watch that has no audible alarm to time yourself- separate timers are not allowed.
- **Prepare snacks to bring with you.** You may stow food and drinks under your chair or desk and consume them outside the testing room during breaks. A healthy snack will go a long way in keeping you alert during the entire test.

Prepare yourself like an athlete:

- **Get plenty of sleep the night before the test.** Your brain will work better if you are rested.
- **Eat a good breakfast that morning.**

On Test Day

Leave your cell phone at home. Don't run the risk of having your phone ring during testing. It could cost you your scores! We strongly advise you not to bring a cell phone or any other prohibited electronic device to the test center. If you are seen using a cell phone or any other prohibited electronic device while in the test center, or if the device makes noise or vibrates, you may be dismissed and your scores may be canceled.

Getting to the center:

- **In bad weather, check to see if your test center is open.** Tune into your local media (as you do for school closing announcements) to make sure that your test center has not been affected. You can also visit the website starting on Friday evening for a list of test center closings.
- **Leave early.** Unless otherwise noted on your Admission Ticket, arrive at the test center no later than 7:45 a.m. Plan enough extra time in case traffic, weather conditions, flat tires, or anything else slows you down.
- **Arrange your ride home ahead of time.** Testing should be completed between 12:30 and 1:00pm. If you are taking only one or two SAT Subject Tests, the first hour of testing should be completed between 9:45 and 10:00 a.m., and the second hour of testing should be completed between 10:00 and 10:15am.
- **Go to the center indicated on your Admission Ticket.** Even if it's not your first choice, you are only guaranteed admission to the test center listed on your Admission Ticket. Seating may be limited at other test centers, and you will be charged an extra fee for changing test centers.

Taking the Test

You must fill in the entire circle darkly and completely. If you change your response, erase it as completely as possible. It is very important that you follow these instructions when filling out your answer sheet.

Keep Focused:

- **Use breaks to eat or drink any snacks you have brought with you.** You will have several breaks during testing. Use them to relax and eat a snack, so you can stay alert.

- **Pace yourself during the test.** Remember, each question counts the same. If you find yourself spending too much time on one question, move on to the next question.

Applying to Private and Out-of State Schools

There is a handout entitled “Applying to Private and Out of State Schools” available on the SRV website which has step-by-step, detailed directions for students. For a copy of this handout, please click on “College Applications” from the main SRV webpage and then click on “Private and Out of State Applications”. Reading this document thoroughly should answer all of a student’s questions about how to apply and what documents are necessary to gather for a counselor’s letter of recommendation. Please make sure that your student has all of these necessary documents completed and turned into his/her counselor at least two weeks prior to when the counselor letter of recommendation is due.

If your student also needs a teacher letter of recommendation, please make sure that your student requests the letter 2-3 weeks prior to the date needed.

Class News and Information

SENIORS – CLASS OF 2012

Waterworld was a great success! There were some complications with the buses, but all worked out okay. A special thank you to Mrs. Louks and the chaperones, Mrs. Gowen, Mrs. Hull, Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Deuel, Mrs. Meecham, and Mrs. Ganz, for taking time out of their busy day to come help out the seniors.

This year’s homecoming theme is “The Finest Homecoming in the Land” and the seniors have picked “Neverland” for their theme. Neverland encompasses Peter Pan, Captain Hook, the Lost Boys, fairies, crocodiles, etc. The float building starts October 8th at an undisclosed location and continues through the 20th. Seniors can find out hours and the worksite by asking one of the senior officers/classmates or by going to the Facebook group, “Seniors Class of 2012.” If you would like to donate items or help with the construction, check our class webpage for the link to sign up genius. Donations as well as snacks and water for the workers are greatly appreciated.

Homecoming ticket sales start on October 9th for seniors only. The dance this year will incorporate appetizers and a mini arcade in a section of one of the gyms. Homecoming dance chaperones are needed. Look for details on either the class page or eBulletin.

Laura Ross , Tammy Lancaster, Kelly Louks

Class of 2012 Parent Reps

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GRAD NIGHT 2012

Grad Night at SRVHS started 34 years ago, long before Grad Night parties were in vogue. We were definitely ahead of the trend and now it's an institution in our community. It has such a great reputation that we've heard of people planning their day around the SRVHS Grad Night preview.

Our PTSA sponsors this substance-free party for our grads because we want them to have fun with all of their friends... and to do so in a safe manner. As automobile accidents are the number one killer of high school seniors, and graduation night is the one night they are most likely to be involved in an alcohol related accident, keeping them off the road is a priority. To do that, we encourage every graduate to come and, in past years, nearly every graduate has come. If they're all at the same place, there's no need to go party-hopping.

Tickets are on sale for a discounted price until the end of January. For \$145, your teen will be treated to an evening of great food, great fun, and great friends.... and, at the end of it all, great memories. [Click here for the registration form.](#)

In addition to buying a ticket and/or working on Grad Night throughout this year, we ask parents to help us by providing us leads to potential donors or underwriters. The ticket price is about 25% below the cost of putting on the event so community support will be very important to the event's success. Rather than having you send an email, we ask you to [click this link](#) and complete the brief form.

We've had great support thus far and we hope to build friendships and great memories throughout this year.

Our best,
Tammy, Kelly, and Laura

JUNIORS – CLASS OF 2013

Homecoming Updates:

Homecoming is just around the corner and we are so appreciative of everyone who is helping out. A special thank you to the Bromley family for volunteering to host the construction of the float! Also, a very special thank you to Mrs. Birse and Mrs. Swenson for chairing Homecoming!

With construction starting Friday, October 7th, we desperately need your help with donations! If you can donate any of the following items, please drop them off at The Birse's house (201 Canfield Court). Items include: gift cards to Home Depot, Alamo Ace Hardware, OSH, etc; nails; power tools; newspaper (for paper mache); chicken wire; paint; Alice in Wonderland costumes. Of course, cash/checks would be greatly appreciated.

Other basic Homecoming information! Homecoming week is set in stone for October 17th-21st with the Homecoming Parade and football game on Friday, the 21st, and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 22nd. Invitations with further details about the dance were sent out by mail on Tuesday, September 27th. Homecoming week will include dress-up days corresponding to each class's theme. Monday is the Freshmen day, with their theme as Candyland. Sophomore Tuesday is Adventureland. JUNIOR WEDNESDAY is WONDERLAND! Senior Thursday is Neverland, and Friday is Green and Gold Spirit day! Directions on how to buy tickets to the Homecoming dance are included in the mailed invitation.

Volunteer Opportunities:

The 2013 Homecoming team is in search of volunteers! Please contact Tonya Colton, 699-7524 if you'd like to help out! We also in search of courageous Grad Night chairs and Waterworld volunteers for next year! More information about those will be available to you soon.

Friendly Reminders:

Still haven't signed up for the school-wide texting service? You and your student can easily stay updated with school functions and news by texting WOLVES13 to 41411, and you will immediately receive a confirmation message.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at any time!

Tonya Colton, tonyacolton@msn.com
Shawna Friedler, friedler6@gmail.com
Class of 2013 Parent Reps

SOPHMORES – CLASS OF 2014

Our Sophomores are busy working on their float entry which is themed "Adventureland." Our work schedule begins this weekend, October 8th. We are still in need of building supplies and volunteers. If you are able to help by either donating or volunteering, please click on the links below to see what we need. Most importantly – we are still in need of a flat bed truck, between 20 and 32 feet. We will need the truck beginning October 15th, and until the parade which is scheduled for Friday, October 21st. Please contact Debbie Blumhardt at dblumhardt@comcast.net if you have any leads.

Parent Volunteers – Traci Butler - www.SignUpGenius.com/go/parent1501/1300033
Building Supplies – Barbara Buettner - www.SignUpGenius.com/go/sophomore22/1300033
Student Volunteers – Elliot Benson - elliottbenson2@gmail.com

Alyson Colton, alyson@coltonfamily4.org
Debbie Blumhardt, dblumhardt@comcast.net
Class of 2014 Parent Reps

FRESHMAN – CLASS OF 2015

My name is Helga Glasson, I am a first time Freshman parent this year with my daughter Riley Glasson and the Freshman Parent Representative. I will try and keep you all updated on Freshman and School wide activities. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments or suggestions.

Homecoming Updates:

Homecoming is coming up and it is one of the first true "high school" experiences they will encounter. High School was one of the best times and worst times of our lives, but looking back we all wish we were more involved. Let's all get in the spirit for our kids and give them the opportunity to experience the BEST of High School!

A special thank you to the Pugh family for volunteering to host the construction site of the float! Also, a very special thank you to Mike Sylvia for heading the actual construction, Denise Geist, Steve Spackman and Ashby Lumber for donating the Flatbed and Lumber materials! Also, thanks to the Homecoming Parent Committee, Melanie Andrade, Robin Romwell, Denise Geist and Mike Sylvia. And of course to the Freshman Class Officers, President, Nick Friedler; VP, Colette Smith; Treasurer, Caitlin Glasser; and Secretary, Caroline Lageson.

Homecoming is coming up on Friday, October 21st and Saturday, October 22nd at San Ramon Valley High School. The Homecoming parade is on Friday, 10/21 at 2:35pm that runs from SRVHS onto Railroad Avenue, left at Prospect Avenue, left onto Hartz and end back at the High School. During this parade each class will have their own float. The theme this year is "Finest Homecoming in all the LAND". The Freshman class has chosen the theme "Candyland." T-Shirts will be made for the Freshman class to purchase, there will be contests between the classes for wearing them on certain days, etc. The float will be designed and constructed by the Freshman students and with a lot of parental support. The Freshman Prince and Princess will also be announced and will ride in the parade in a convertible (thank you to the Zwetsloot Family). The Homecoming Football game is that night at 7pm (SRVHS vs. Foothill) and the Homecoming Dance is on Saturday, October 22nd. Invitations with further details about the dance were sent out by mail on Tuesday, September 27th. Homecoming week will include dress-up days corresponding to each class's theme. Monday is the Freshmen day, with their theme as Candyland. Sophomore Tuesday is Adventureland. Junior Wednesday is Wonderland. Senior Thursday is Neverland, and Friday is Green and Gold Spirit day! Directions on how to buy tickets to the Homecoming dance are included in the mailed invitation.

Donations Needed:

We are still in need of a generator for the float, outdoor construction spot lights for night building and a sound system (speakers with iPod or CD dock). Please email me (glasson@sbcglobal.net) if we can borrow these. We also need the following materials, if you can donate these, please bring them to the Float Construction site at 42 Gentle Creek Place in Danville at any time or email me for pick up. Items needed: PVC pipes, LOTS of clear cellophane, 10 foot by 5 foot piece of chicken wire, Spray Adhesive, Primary Color Tissue Paper, Tarps, 8 foot by 20 foot piece of Artificial Grass, Home Depot, Boswells, Richards, Michael's Gift Cards.

Volunteer Opportunities:

The 2015 Homecoming team is in search of volunteers! We need parents to help supervise students at the float building site, donate food and drinks for the workers, and to donate gift cards for float

construction materials. Click on the link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/candyland3> to sign up on Sign Up Genius.

The Freshman Class needs Freshman volunteers to Lip Sync at the Homecoming Rally on Friday, October 21st after school. Sign-ups are available on the A2 Door! It's a dance/sing along to songs about Candyland. You must be able to attend most, if not all the practices. If your kids are interested, have them contact Nick Friedler at nickfrieds14@gmail.com.

Friendly Reminders:

*Still haven't signed up for the school-wide texting service? You and your student can easily stay updated with freshman and school functions and news by texting WOLVES15 to 41411, and you will immediately receive a confirmation message.

*Please have your kids join the Freshman Facebook Page for updates and information on Freshman and High School Activities and Homecoming, have them search SRV Class of 2015 Page to request to join it.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at any time!

Helga Glasson, glasson@sbcglobal.net, 925-212-0986

Class of 2015 Parent Rep

Leadership

Red Ribbon Week is the Last Week of October

On Sunday, red ribbons will be installed around town and at school. On Monday, October 24, buttons and ribbons will be distributed to students to combat drug use. On Tuesday during A period, Mr. Davis is scheduled to give a speech in the Performing Arts Center describing his own experiences with drug use. A lunchtime activity will also be unveiled. On Wednesday, students will be asked to wear red and sign a pledge poster. On Thursday, students will play trivia at lunch. On Friday, students will dress up for Halloween!

"The Finest Homecoming in the Land"

Float Construction

Please encourage your child to get involved in Homecoming! Float construction begins on Saturday, October 8, and all are welcome to join in. Each class has its own construction site that is kept secret. If your child would like to build or paint, please contact the class parents in charge of your child's grade, or class officers. The 20 students who work on the float for the longest amount of time cumulatively will get to ride on the float in the parade! For further information, please e-mail Mrs. Willford at jwillford@srvhs.org.

Homecoming Court

Final round of voting for Homecoming court is taking place this week. Please encourage your child to vote

by logging into www.eduballot.votenet.com/srvhs. Username: student ID number, no preceding 0s.
Password: Home phone number: (xxx)xxx-xxxx

Dress Up

The week of the 17th will be a dress-up week. Each child will be issued a Homecoming “passport” and will be given a sticker corresponding to that day’s theme. At the end of the week, the passport stamps will be redeemable for a prize in the Kiosk! If students dress up each day, they will receive a special homecoming tee-shirt.

The themes are:

Monday: Candyland

Tuesday: Adventureland

Wednesday: Wonderlandland

Thursday: Neverland

Friday: Class Shirt or Green and Gold dress-up

Changed Parade Route

The parade will begin at 2:35. The marching band will lead the parade from the main parking lot onto Danville Blvd and then Railroad Ave., before looping back to SRV.

More Homecoming information can be found at:

http://www.srvhs.net/apps/news/show_news.jsp?REC_ID=212516&id=0

Administration Updates Dance Protocol!

Please take note of the following modifications.

1. **Check-in:** Students will be organized in alphabetical order outside the entrance of the Auxiliary gym for check-in. To be admitted they must have an SRV student ID card and a ticket. They will be breathalyzed and are subject to search in order to ensure an alcohol and drug free event. Once checked in, students will receive a wristband to be worn the entire evening. No students will be admitted past 9PM. There is a coat check at the dance located in the Yoga room.
2. **Dress code:** Dress Students will not be allowed to enter the dance if their outfit is too revealing or otherwise inappropriate. Please check with your administrator if you have questions about the dance dress code.
3. **Dancing:** Freak dancing is not an accepted form of dancing, and will not be tolerated. The accepted rules for dancing are as follows:
 - Both feet will be on the floor at all times.
 - No “roaming” hands.
 - Dancing must be done in an upright position, no bending over at the waist or placing of hands on the floor.
 - No sexually suggestive movements or positions. This will be at the discretion of the administration and dance chaperone.
 - No bumping or grinding with your partner.

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.

Changing Your Email Subscriptions

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, November 3rd, 2011.

Calendar

10/21 – **Homecoming Parade**

10/22 – **Homecoming Dance**

10/17-10/21 – **Red Ribbon Week**

10/26 – **Dad's Night**, 7-9pm, Teens and Internet Safety

10/27 & 10/28 – **Vocal Music Dinner Show**

10/28 – **Theatre Arts "Steel Magnolias"** opens

11/3 – **PTSA Meeting**, 9am, Career Center

11/5 – 11/6 – **Ski & Snowboard Swap**

11/7 – **WolfTones Meeting**, 7-8:30pm, Old Staff Lounge

11/7 – **Athletic Boosters Meeting**, 7pm, Career Center

11/8 – **Dads on Campus**, 7-9pm, New Staff Lounge

11/9 – **Academic Boosters Meeting**, 10:30am, Career Center

11/9 – **Mom's Night**, 7-9pm, Career Center

11/16 – **Brown Bag Lunch**, 12-1pm, New Staff Lounge

11/25 – **Danville Tree Lighting**, Vocal Music

12/14 & 12/15 – **Vocal Music Winter Concert**

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