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PTSA President's Message

Dear SRVHS Parents,

We hope that you find the eLINK to be a valuable source of information for the myriad of activities that our campus. We are making a concerted effort this month to try and shorten the length of the eLINK to benefit from it! However, as Joe stated in our PTSA Meeting the other day, we really are our own city with 2100 students, 115+ staff, and parents on campus!

I have had the privilege in the last three years of being on a variety of committees and sitting in many classrooms with teachers, staff and administration. There is one constant comment that I have heard over and over and it is so kind and compassionate the students at San Ramon are. At first, I thought I must have been hearing about teenagers after all! But, I kept hearing it. The more time I spent on campus, the more I witness the kindness of our students. When we saw it with our students as they rallied and fundraised to help a family buy a car for finals, it was evident again as the students came to the breakfast tables and helped themselves to the items provided by **Robin Kelley** and **Alyson Colton**. The students were so gracious and polite, even saying thank-you for their breakfast! All of us who volunteered that week were struck by the kindness they displayed. You are so proud of your children and know that all those reminders of "please" and "thank-you" have paid off handsomely.

Kelly and I will be contacting many of you shortly to help us get involved in activities to help pass the parcel tax. Please don't run when you see us coming! Given the current condition of the state budget, we really need to raise money on a local level. The passage of this parcel tax is one way to accomplish this. We are so fortunate to have so many outstanding teachers and counselors here at SRVHS and to lose any of them would be a tremendous loss.

Our next PTSA meeting is on March 5th at 9:00! We look forward to seeing you!

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Dear San Ramon Valley High School Community,

Much has happened since last month's eLINK. We have had a semester end and grades issued, drama student, Rylan Fuchs, was shot and killed, new construction began, dad's night, drugs on campus closed, retiring, musical performances, student and parent forums, athletic and co-curricular competitions, and we will have to talk about student stress. I get stressed just reading this list!

I would like to share with you some key items that have been occupying my time. First, on the evening of January 20th, we had over 200 parents gather in the Commons to watch a video called "Slipping Behind". This evening was moderated by **Robin Kelley** and **Alyson Colton**, our EPIC Coordinators, and centered around student stress. We had parents, community members, and district personnel view the video and join in a powerful dialogue regarding how our students are under right now. Topics ranged from drugs to homework to sleep deprivation to extracurricular activities. A result of the groups' discussion was not to blame, rather to clarify, a multi-faceted problem that our students face every day in a real way. I would encourage you to look for upcoming opportunities to become involved with our students through dialogue.

Second, our student, Rylan Fuchs, was shot and killed outside his home on January 20th. This incident has shaken and in some cases, divided our community because of the circumstances surrounding his death. Rylan was a brother, son, friend, and a senior at SRVHS. We were able to hold a voluntary assembly for the school's closure to his death and enabled us to deliver a message of hope. The hope is that all of us will re-examine our values and choices that we make.

Third, there has been a renewed concern for drugs/alcohol usage on campus and the safety of our students. We need to clarify our drug and alcohol policy. Much of the policy can be found in our parent and student handbook. With a campus of 2,000+ students and, statistically speaking, it would be misleading to say that we do not have students who use drugs or alcohol on a daily basis. What is key is our response to the usage. We currently have an automatic suspension for anyone found to be in possession of drugs, alcohol, or paraphernalia. Because it is our goal that all students learn from their choices (good and bad) we may reduce the suspension time. This will only be if there is an opportunity to help the students learn to make better choices. However, if there is a second offense under our drug policy, the student will be recommended for expulsion (removal from the district for the current semester and the next semester). My philosophy is to help our students learn from their mistakes and to take responsibility for the consequences that come with their choices. Each student's suspension case is given special consideration. Expulsion is the highest form of discipline that our school imposes. We need to look at every option before we implement a suspension in the learning environment at San Ramon Valley High School.

Fourth, construction is beginning again! Fencing has gone up in the back parking lot where we will add a new Education Building. This project will take approximately one year to complete. In addition, by the end of the year we have placed fencing in the front of the school and demolished the Small Gym. This project should be completed in eighteen months.

Finally, next year we will have a new bell schedule. It will provide time during the school day for your students to receive remediation/enrichment from their teachers. We currently are working on four different schedules that will be narrowed to two and eventually down to the final one. As we progress towards this new schedule, we will have communication with you. We will have an open forum to dialogue and discuss the implementation and how it will affect your son's/daughter's educational day.

Thank you for entrusting your student to us.

Sincerely,

Joe Ianora

PERES ELEMENTARY - OUR SISTER SCHOOL

Books Still Needed! Read Across America Day is in honor of Dr. Suess and is celebrated on his birthday, March 2nd. Please help us celebrate by collecting books for our sister school, Peres Elementary, in Richmond. We are hoping to bring 2-3 books for each of Peres' 600 students. **We are only one-quarter of the way to our goal.** You can help by donating new or gently used books for grades Pre-K through 6th. Bring books into the Den in the Attendance office and put them in the box labeled Books for Peres. Students from SRVHS will be bringing the books to Peres on Friday, **March 6th.** **Drivers** are needed to help transport the books and kids. If you are interested in driving or have any questions please contact Dawn Garlieb at 552-8017. *Thanks* to everyone who has already donated!

BUILDING BRIDGES

Attention New Students & Incoming Freshmen Class of 2013:

Academic/Campus Life Nights
March 10th & 11th
7:00 - 9:00pm

Plan to attend one of these evenings with your student. You will spend half the evening in the Performing Arts Center for Academic Information and the other half in the Commons for Campus Life Information. There will be performances from the Performing Arts Program, a student panel to answer questions and tables with information for various school activities (Dance, Band, Cheer, Chorus, Boosters, etc.) Watch for more information to be coming home soon in the mail.

2008-2009 CAMPUS CLIMATE INITIATIVES

Andrew Gardner, Social Studies Teacher

Many students, parents, teachers, and staff are doing a lot of great work to support and create a cleaner, safer, and caring climate on the SRVHS campus. This month I thought I would take a moment to recognize some of these individuals for their work.

Cindy Egan, Science Teacher and coordinator of the E2 Program. Ms. Egan works every day to logistically coordinate our recycling program in teacher's classrooms and inform students about ways they can improve our environmental impact on campus and in our community.

Grace Leer and Karaline Turbes, Juniors and members of the Safe School Ambassadors Program. Grace and Karaline have a strong commitment to reduce bullying on campus. They are actively involved with their peers and continue to walk their talk about responsible, caring behavior.

Jennie Drummond, Senior and President of Gay-Straight Alliance. Jennie has been a vocal and active advocate for creating a climate that fosters openness of alternative lifestyles. She has worked tirelessly with students during the 2008 election propositions to spread awareness on campus about equality and civil rights.

Janet Willford, Teacher and Coordinator of the Leadership Program. With the current tragedy of Rylan Fuchs, the Leadership team has created a campus of comfort and a safe place to pay our respects to Rylan and his family. They raised several thousand dollars in their efforts.

Mike Marshall, Special Day Class Teacher. Mike received a scholarship from Countrywide Financial for his work with his students to clean up the areas around our campus that affect local businesses and communities. Mike is also seen sorting recyclables out of the trash cans throughout campus.

Phil Gibson, Junior. Phil recently returned from a mission trip in Africa. Upon his return, his goal has been to provide love and support for his friends, but to also not lose sight of what's going on around us globally.

Parent

Kirsten Torkildson and Megan Michaelis, Seniors. Both girls were very involved with the program, which our school implemented to help teacher Lisa Sabatini cope with a personal loss.

Teen

Ali Kanat and Matt Dvorak, Seniors. Ali and Matt are the two students who load up their cars (and parent's cars) and transport them to a local recycling center.

Thanks to all of you who are doing your part to make SRVHS a clean and safe place to work and study to foster responsible behavior at home and in our communities outside of school.

[More information.](#)

Parent/Teen Education

EPIC HEALTHY CHOICES/PARENT EDUCATION

A very special **thank you** to all of the parents who volunteered their time and donated breakfast items for "finals week breakfast for the students". We provided bagels, muffins, fruit, snack bars, etc. for approximately 100 students each day of finals week. The kids were so appreciative. *Thanks!*

Upcoming Events at SRVHS:

Brown Bag Lunch

We will be having a Brown Bag Lunch on Wednesday, **February 18th** from 12:00 - 1:00pm in the "N" (upstairs next to the library). This will be a follow-up to the recently screened documentary called "Slip", which examines the emotional, physical and academic costs to our students of the high-pressure, achievement-oriented academic pace in which they operate.

Dads On Campus

Tuesday, **February 24th**, 7:00pm, **George Papageorge** will be joining our Dads for an informative and interactive presentation on the **relationship between Dads and daughters** -- how to make the relationship transition from "Dad" to "young woman"; dealing with the emotional side, making sure your daughter develops a strong sense of self and character in spite of the devaluing, mixed messages supplied by our achievement-oriented, media-driven culture, and much more.

Tuesday **March 17th**, 7:00pm, **Ralph Cantor** will present information for dads on **teen brain development and effects of drug/alcohol use**. Medical research shows that teens' brains continue to develop through adolescence and even into the early 20s, so that their emotional and rational thought patterns are still in flux during the personal development. Ralph will discuss the ramifications for our teens regarding their involvement with drugs and alcohol in light of brain development, some of the significant consequences and side-effects of their choices. Dads can do to guide their teens into healthier choices.

Family Night

Tuesday, **March 31st**, 7:00pm, **Ralph Cantor** will follow-up his presentation to parents, by speaking to students together about the issues of teen brain development, drug and alcohol use and its effects, consequences, and more. Mr. Cantor will engage parents and teens in examining the ramifications of their choices and teen choices on many issues that affect teens in our culture today.

Upcoming Events Around Our School Community:

SRV Council Parent Ed Conference

The San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs presents its annual parenting conference on Saturday, **February 27th**, at Dougherty Valley High School from 8:45am to 2:30pm (check-in begins at 7:45am). This year's keynote speaker is **Howard Glasser**, creator of *The Nurtured Heart Approach to Parenting*. Following the keynote, you'll have an afternoon small group seminar of your choice, focusing on current parenting topics. For more information, see the conference flyer by [clicking here](#). You can register for the conference online at the San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs website, www.srvcouncilpta.org.

Social Host Ordinance Town Hall Meeting

February 18th

7:00 - 8:30pm
Iron Horse Middle School

Youth-2-Youth Conference

March 14th
8:00-10:00am

Gale Ranch Middle School in San Ramon



Any questions regarding EPIC/Healthy Choices?

Please contact:

Alyson Colton: alyson@coltonfamily4.org Robin Kelley: kellyview@msn.com

SRVUSD SPECIAL NEEDS LIAISON PRESENTS: **A Parent Workshop Series on Special Education**

This **three-part workshop** will be on consecutive Wednesday evenings in February, from 7:00 - 9:00 Valley High School, Room 1219. Workshops are FREE. Participants can attend any or all of the workshops. To register for each workshop by calling 552-5073.

Part I - THE OVERVIEW - February 11, 2009

This workshop will provide an overview of the SST (Student Success Team) process, Section 504 Plan (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), including assessment, eligibility for special education, and the Education Program process. Participants will learn about programs, supports and services available as well as services and supports available through other public agencies.

Part II - THE IEP PROCESS - February 18, 2009

This workshop will present an in-depth look at the IEP (Individual Education Program) process, including triennial IEP meetings; who should attend; what must be covered; how services and placement are developed; developing "smart" IEP goals; preparing for and participating in IEP meetings; and understanding IEP

Part III - ACHIEVING SUCCESS - February 25, 2009

This workshop will explore how to achieve a successful partnership in special education through collaboration. Topics include the dynamics of negotiation, becoming an empowered partner, using effective communication solutions, motivating a team, employing good meeting strategies, accessing resources and supports.

Academic Boosters

The second semester seems to be getting away from us quickly so we have set the wheels in motion for next year's **Academic Boosters officers and committee volunteers**. Please give consideration to being a volunteer. Our jobs do not require a big time commitment. Please call or e-mail me to discuss if you are interested. Contact information at the end of this article.

Academic Letter Applications - Attention: All students who received a grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher in their academic courses first semester.

Academic Letter Program applications are available outside of the Principal's office beginning Friday, February 13th. Please read the application for program specifics and requirements. Please remember to attach a copy of your transcript to the back of your application.

Remember: Applications will be collected ONLY at Brunch and Lunch, **February 17th - 27th** at the Kiosk in the main office.

Please go directly to the Kiosk at Brunch or Lunch. Each student will receive a receipt for their application. Please bring these as proof of turning in your application.

The deadline for turning in these applications is Lunch on **Friday, February 27th**. Late applications will not be accepted.

SAT Prep Course - Academic Boosters is sponsoring a mini SAT prep course that will be held in the



dates are February 23rd, March 2nd and March 9th from 6:45 to 9 pm. A Mock SAT will be held on February 18th. A combo SAT/ACT will be scheduled in late April or May. Please look in the Daily News for these dates get nearer.

Tax receipts have been mailed. If you haven't received yours, please contact Christa Schenk at christa.schenk@gmail.com and she will get one for you. Your donations have lowered class room size reduction. Please give strong consideration to making a donation to Academic Boosters this spring for the 2009-2010 school year. Information and receipts will be mailed later this Spring.

Please join us Monday, **March 9th** in the Career Center for our next meeting and e-mail me or call me if you can answer any questions about getting involved next year with Academic Boosters.

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[Academic Boosters](#)

Athletic Boosters

It's Never Too Late to Join Us

By Bill Lempesis

The Athletic Boosters are dedicated to supporting the athletic program at SRVHS, in both men's and women's sports. The single largest source of revenue is our membership drive and so far this year over 500 families have joined Athletic Boosters. Our goal is to have every family whose son or daughter participates in any of the sports. We still have a way to go to reach this goal.

If you have not signed up to become a Booster member, you can do so on-line on the Booster page at www.srvhs.org. The cost is a fully tax deductible contribution of \$175.00. In addition to supporting the women athletes, you will receive two gate admittance passes entitling each adult card holder and two age children" to attend all regular season home games for each of the "gated" sports and discounts at **Mike's Pizza, The Great Impasta, Bergie's Burger Stop** and **Just Tix** when you show your Booster membership card.

In addition to joining the Boosters, I hope that you will consider volunteering your time. We are constantly looking for new ideas as well as help with various programs. Some of the new ideas that we are working on have come from people who are getting involved. Come to one of our monthly meetings and let us know how you can help. Contact blempesis@comcast.net for more information on our meetings. We look forward to having you as a member.

Please join us, today, with your tax-deductible contribution!

*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
~ Margaret Mead ~*

[More information at](#)

Performing Arts

VOCAL MUSIC

It's a happening month for SRVHS Vocal Music!

Monday, February 23, SRVHS will be hosting the annual **SRVHS Area Choral Festival** where feeder schools along with SRVHS choirs are given the opportunity to showcase their songs for the enjoyment of all.

Wednesday, February 25, Chamber Singers will be attending the **Cal State East Bay Chamber Singers** in Hayward CA. Best wishes as they represent SRVHS with an A+ performance.

Saturday, February 28 - Women's Ensemble and Treble Clef will be competing in the annual **North Bay Women's Golden State Competition** at Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church. Our freshmen women placed well and Treble Clef should be in top form having just completed their San Diego Tour. Best wishes to all choirs!

Questions? Contact Vocal Music Department at (925) 552-3041 or Jayne Managan, Parent Coordinator at 2107.

Looking ahead:

Thursday, March 19 & Friday, March 20 - Spring Concert, 7pm @ PAC (Note: PAA pass event)
Tuesday, March 31 - Concert Choir Dessert Show Fund Raiser, 7pm @ PAC
Friday, April 3 to Wednesday, April 8 - Concert Choir Spring Tour to Savannah GA & Charleston SC
Thursday - Saturday, April 23 - 25th - SRVHS Musical "*Into the Woods*" @ PAC
Thursday, May 28 & Friday, May 29 - POPS Concert, 7pm @ PAC (Note: PAA pass event)
Monday, June 1 - Annual PAA Wolfie Awards for Vocal Music, Dance and Drama

THEATER

Congratulations Students!

2009 Contra Costra One Act Play Contest Awards:

Outstanding Monologue Performance - **ALEX CLAYDEN**
Honorable Mention Duet/Monologue Performance - **KENNY ALLEN**
Honorable Mention Duet/Monologue Performance - **ASHLEY HUNTER**
All-Star Cast Duet/Monologue Performance - **CAMRON KAZAROUNIAN**
Best Play - **DOUBT - SRVHS ENTRY**
Best Actress - **KATHRYN WHISLER**
All-Star Cast - **PANAYOITA KUVETAKIS, JENN COCCIMIGLIO, JORDAN NEWELL**

Congratulations again!

2009 Lenaea Festival Awards:

Jordan Newell - Outstanding Performer
Doubt - Best Play Silver Medal

Major League Improv

February 19th - 5:00pm and 7:30pm
February 20th - Championship Round at 5:00pm

Ready to truly Laugh Out Loud?? In an assortment of improv games, scenes, audience suggestions, and a seventh inning stretch, this show keeps the audience smiling. Suitable for ages 0-99 --- bring your friends!

Musical

April 23rd, 24th and 25th
Into the Woods
by James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim

[Performing Arts](#)

Wolf-Tones

WOLF-TONES INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC BOOSTERS

The students of Instrumental Music had a busy month of activities this January participating in local and nationally televised venues. The **Marching Ensemble** was invited to participate and perform at the high school homecoming celebration in Danville on January 24th honoring **Chesley B "Sully" Sullenberger**, local hero of Flight 1549. The **Jazz Band and Jazz Ensemble** students had the opportunity to play at our **Benefit**

featuring **Carlos Reyes** on January 31st. Carlos also took the time to visit the Jazz students during class on Monday, February 2nd to share his musical talents and professional expertise. And on February 4th, the **Orchestra** students had the opportunity to go to the **San Francisco Symphony**.

Wolf-Tones extends a BIG Thank You to **Nancy Garnick** and **Nancy Gibbons** who coordinated the Benefit Concert on January 31st featuring Carlos Reyes. This event required hours of dedication and hard work to organize and make it the success that it was. Thank you also to the donors, sponsors, parent volunteers, student musicians and directors, **Cheryl Yee Glass** and **Dan Rugani** for their participation in this event. Proceeds from this fundraiser help to ensure that the music programs here at SRVHS can continue to assist our instrumental music students in developing their musical talents both individually and as a group.

Congratulations go out to our SRVHS students who have been selected to participate in the 2009 All-State Honor Band in Fresno on February 19th - 22nd, 2009. SRVHS will be sending its largest group ever of students to this event. The students representing SRVHS are: **Cassandra Carsten, Peter Cheng, Jared Keil, Eric Liao** and **Ethan Thornburg**. Congratulations also to Jazz students, **Jared Keil** and **Chili Corder** who were selected as alternates to the Contra Costa County Honor Jazz Band. Each of these musicians should be acknowledged for their outstanding accomplishment and for their dedication to music. These honors also speak to the quality of the Instrumental Music Programs being offered here at SRVHS.

Upcoming Events:

February 12th-15th - Marching Ensemble Tour - Marching Ensemble, Parent Volunteers
February 19th-22nd - All-State Honor Band - Selected Students
February 24th - Farewell to the Small Gym - Jazz Program (TBD)
March 8th - CCC Honor Jazz Band - Selected Students
March 25th - Area Band Festival at SRVHS - Elementary, Middle and High School Bands
End of March (TBD) - Jazz Placement Auditions - Interested students

Questions about any of these events or topics related to Wolf-Tones may be directed to either Karen Thornburg, thornburgkaren@gmail.com or Michelle Sanford at mcsanford@sbcglobal.net.

Karen Thornburg
Wolf-Tones Boosters President

Wolf-Tones Meetings and Website

Please visit the Wolf-Tones Website www.wolf-tones.com to see past meeting minutes, and much more. We are continually updating the website. Meetings are held at 7:00pm on the first Monday of the month in the former staff lounge located across the hall from the counseling office in the main administration building. The next Wolf-Tones meeting is scheduled for **March 2nd**. All parents with students in Instrumental Music are encouraged to attend these meetings, which provide a chance to meet the Directors and get information regarding the Program and events.

Benefit Concert Acknowledgements

The January 31st concert was a great success and couldn't have been held without the generous donations from our sponsors who helped underwrite the cost putting it on: **The Lescure Family; Neale Consulting; Benjamin, Weill & Mazer; Classic Graphics;** and **All American Rentals**. Thanks also to our lead volunteers who organized volunteer workers, publicity and food donations, respectively: **Loretta Altshuler, Cathy Cilek, and Vicky Spranger**.

[More information at Wolf-Tones web site](#)

Counseling Corner

All Grades:

- After counselors have visited your English classes to hand out course selection materials, begin thinking about your classes for next year. Review your goals; check with your teachers about continuing on to more advanced coursework. Explore different elective

possibilities.

- Review your four-year plan of classes to make sure you are meeting high school graduation and college entrance requirements. Both the UC's and the CSU's have a pattern of coursework that a student must complete to be eligible for admission.

Juniors:

- It's not too late to register for a spring ACT or SAT test date:
 - ACT: April 4th, June 13th
 - SAT: March 14th, May 2nd, June 6th
- The UC's (University of California) require TWO SAT Subject Tests as part of their admissions requirements. The subjects you take should be ones in which you are excelling, or feel that you have a strong command of the subject area. The subject tests need to be in two different areas, and only Math II is accepted.

Seniors:

- Check your graduation status with your first semester grades and credits to make sure that you are signed up for the proper second semester classes.
- Request that the Registrar, Mrs. Murray, sends your 7th semester transcript(s) - for the Mid-Year Report - to the appropriate colleges, if required. REMINDER: Transcripts are NOT sent automatically each semester.

Career Center

- If you have completed an application through www.commonapp.org, you will need to request an additional PDF copy of your transcript AND you will need to notify your counselor that s/he needs to complete the Mid-Year Report.
- Follow the proper procedure to obtain housing at the colleges to which you've applied.
- Check that your FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) application forms have been completed and submitted before the March 2nd deadline.
- If any of your grades were below a C on your Fall semester report card, you must notify all colleges to which you've applied.
- You must notify all colleges to which you've applied if your class schedule has changed since filing your applications.
- Continue checking with the Career Center for scholarships that may be available to you.
- DVC (Diablo Valley College) will be on campus on March 9th during 5th period for a student information session. Sign up in the Career Center. On March 23rd, from 3:30 - 6:00, DVC will be administering their assessment tests on campus. Details at the March 9th meeting.
- Visit the Career Center to explore a wide range of post-secondary plans including, but not limited to, technical or vocational schools, the military, etc.

Parents:

- The Pleasanton Unified School District, the Amador Valley Adult & Community Education, and the Pleasanton Police Department present: THE PARENT PROJECT - Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior: A Class for Parents of Teens. Parents will learn: how to improve school attendance and performance; how to prevent alcohol and other drug use; how to provide effective interventions for out-of-control teens; how to improve communication between parent and teen.
 - Time: Tuesdays 2/17/09 - 5/05/09 (no class on 4/14/09)
 - Location: Pleasanton Police Station, 4833 Bernal Avenue
 - Cost: \$95.00/parent (10% discount for couples) - cost includes parent workbook
 - Registration: Amador Adult School - 925-426- 4280 or www.pleasanton.k12.ca.us/adulted

[SRVHS Counseling Office Web Site](#)



College/Career Center

College/Career Center Coordinators
Phone: 552-3007

SENIORS:

DVC Assessment: Monday, March 23rd 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 - Library

If you think you may be attending DVC in the fall, you can take the assessment here at SRV.
Reasons to take it here?

- You will get a priority registration date and have a better chance at getting the classes you want, where you want them (San Ramon campus vs. Pleasant Hill campus).
- It's convenient. Why drive to Pleasant Hill?

Sign-ups will take place in the Career Center beginning March 9th.

Hot scholarships available in the Career Center:

- Kaiser Permanente Asian Association: 5-\$2,000 scholarships. *Due 2/27*
- San Ramon Valley Primary Care Medical Group: 3- \$1,000 scholarships. *Due 3/31*
- Italian American Federation of the East Bay: \$500 scholarships. *Due 4/30*
- SRVHS Alumni Scholarships: 1-\$500 scholarship for a community college/tech/trade school bound senior; 1-\$1,000 scholarship for a 4-year college bound senior. *Due 4/22*

An updated scholarship list is posted on our school's home page. Check it often! Many school (Academic Boosters, PTSA, Athletic Boosters), and local organizations (Rotary, Kiwanis Danville Women's Club, etc.) will offer scholarships to SRVHS students.

JUNIORS, SOPHOMORES AND FRESHMEN:

East Bay College Fair at Saint Mary's College, Saturday, April 25th - 1:00 - 4:30pm

Hundreds of colleges, vocational schools, and the armed services. *Go early and carpool if you can!!*

Test Prep and Practice sponsored by Academic Boosters

Junior's - Low Stress, Low Cost SAT "Mini" Prep

Register now for Academic Booster's 3 Session "Mini" SAT Prep Course which will be held February 23rd, March 2nd and March 9th, presented by SAT Solutions. This is a low cost, low stress alternative to help you learn more about the test and about how to feel most prepared. Availability will be on a first come/first serve basis and space is limited. Classes will be held in C3 and C4 from 6:45 to 9:00pm. Students will need to bring a calculator, pencil and notebook to the sessions. Drop by the C/C Center to register.

Juniors - Practice SAT/ACT Test

Save the date of April 18th for a full length PRACTICE SAT or ACT test, administered and scored by Compass Test Prep. They will provide test scores to the students (this is not an official, reported test) and a follow-up night for students interested in asking questions about the test. Signups will begin in late March - Watch the eBulletin for details!

Sophomores - ACT/SAT Combo Practice Test

On April 25th, the Boosters will sponsor a practice test specifically designed to assist sophomores in identifying which test, the ACT or the SAT, is the best test for them to take. The Combo incorporates past questions from both the ACT and SAT tests and at the follow-up meeting, where results are discussed, parents and students can ask questions they might have regarding either. Signups will begin in late March - Watch the eBulletin for details!

Summer Programs

Information on summer programs is available in the Career Center. We have three binders that are overflowing! Many programs have early deadlines.

Why should a student participate in a summer program? From a college admissions perspective, what a student does during their break is important but keep in mind that admissions officers don't

value one activity over another. They are looking for students who have made a thoughtful choice about how they want to spend their time. Students may want to use a summer program to develop or improve on a talent or interest or they may want to volunteer for community service to enrich the lives of others. Some students seek employment and that's fine too in terms of college admissions and real world experience.

Frequently good college essay material comes from what one learns on the job about him or herself and the world in general. Many prestigious colleges host summer academic camps. Many times these camps are run by a separate office or a group not affiliated with the college. Often times these camps are very expensive (\$4,000 and up) and they don't give a student any kind of admissions edge. The goal for the summer should be for students to broaden their horizons while at the same time, doing something that's enjoyable. Remember too that students always need and deserve some down time!

Following is a sampling of what's available:

- Innerspark: Sponsored by The California State Summer School for the Arts - Offers instruction in Animation, Music, Dance, Film and Video. Program is held in Valencia, CA on the campus of CalArts. Wonderful opportunity for budding artists! Application due on February 28th.
- U.S. Military Academy at West Point - Summer Leaders Seminar - Gives juniors the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the academic, physical and leadership development programs at a service academy. Students get a taste of what it's like to be a cadet!
- College Experiences at colleges such as - Carnegie Mellon, Northwestern, Earlham, Harvard, UCLA, UC San Diego, UC Santa Barbara and many, many more.

Websites:

The Career Center maintains a list of useful websites. Check out the following:

- What can I do with a major in --- www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/career/majors
- www.CAcareerzone.org is a great site to take an interest assessment and determine what kinds of jobs look like fun. Definitely try the "Reality Check" - what an eye-opener!
- Learn about community colleges, private and state schools in California. Also, take an assortment of interest inventories to help identify possible college majors! This site has an excellent matching program to help you find majors you are interested in at a number of California campuses. www.californiacolleges.edu.

CAREER CENTER HOURS:

Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 4:00pm

Phone No: 552-3007

Please call ahead for an appointment, we can serve you better!

[More information at the Career Center web page](#)

Senior Class

CLASS OF 2009 - SENIORS

Finals are over and **2nd semester senior year has started**. We parents know what that means - "*Senior-itis*" !!! We've been warned to keep our children on track - those college acceptances are conditional on their maintaining their grades and projected class schedule, after all! But we also want to enjoy their last months "under our wings" while simultaneously trying to impart a lifetime worth of advice for when we're not there for "reminders" of important life skills. We want to cherish - they want to separate. So we have a balancing act to perform. You're not alone! Good luck - and try to treasure these days!

Many seniors take a less rigorous schedule their last semester. If your student has some time on his/her hands, maybe (s)he could drive to a book store or thrift shop and look for some new or

with your student this month (collected in "The Den" in the Attendance Office), or take to Dawn Weiss' home. Contact her at dawnweiss12@comcast.net.

GRAD NIGHT

ATTENTION ALL SENIORS and Parents of ALL SENIORS!

There is still time to sign up for GRAD NIGHT.

Get the hottest ticket in town and pull an "all nighter" at school with your friends. Download the permission form online [by clicking here](#) or pick one up in the Attendance Office "Den", fill it out and make sure it's signed by a parent/guardian. Drop it off in the "Den" or the Career Center along with a check for \$160 made payable to "SRVHS PTSA". You can also mail it directly to Dana Flynn, 12 Lodgehill Ct., Danville, CA 94526.

If you would like to confirm that you have paid for this event, please e-mail Dana Flynn at danamflynn@sbcglobal.net.

SPECIAL REQUEST

Donations are now being collected for prizes, food, decorations, volunteers, etc. Please contact either Debbie Blumhardt - dblumhardt@comcast.net or Debbie Forsberg - jdforsberg@aol.com if you are able to make a donation or would like to help. **THANK YOU!**

Parents! Remember to bring in your **used printer and toner cartridges!** All donations will go to help fund this year's Grad Night. Just drop them off in the old Staff Lounge! The Class of '09 thanks you!!!

If you get a call asking for help or support with Grad Night, please say Yes! This is a very special time for our students, providing them a "safe & sober" celebration of graduation and a culmination of four years of high school memories! It's also a very fun and memorable time for Senior parents working together.

For all other Grad Night information, contact one of the chairpersons: Pam Buono (pjbuono@aol.com), Lisha Ruud (lyruud@yahoo.com), or Jennifer Cross (jennic@sbcglobal.net).

CAREER CENTER

Remember the **Career Center** for college financial aid and scholarship information. There are lots of available opportunities (also available on line through srvhs.org) - just waiting for someone to apply! Contact Mrs. Jewett or Mrs. Mackle at 552- 3007 - they are expert professionals. They also have career, military, vocational school, and volunteer information (and a job board!).

DISTRICT BUDGET NOTE

Please educate yourself on the financial crisis our district is facing (www.srvusd.net). Even if your senior is your youngest child and your public K-12 days are nearing an end, the condition of our local schools is vital to us all, for our own property values and for our community.

Parents, please feel welcome to join the '09 **Parent Rep meetings** whenever you can. The next few meetings are these **Friday mornings: March 6th and April 3rd**. For meeting location & time, contact Jennifer Cross at jennic@sbcglobal.net).

SENIOR 2009 DATES to REMEMBER:

Senior Picnic (at Boomer's): April 22nd

Senior Ball: Saturday, May 16th

Senior Luau: TBA

Baccalaureate: Sunday, June 7th

Graduation: Friday, June 12, 2009 !!!

Grad Night: Fri-Sat., June 12th - 13th

(Check the school website at www.srvhs.org to keep up-to-date.)

Go Seniors! GO WOLVES!

[Class of 2009 web site](#)

CLASS OF 2010 - JUNIORS

The **Junior Prom** is right around the corner Saturday, March 14th. Tickets will be sold February 22 - March 4 online at the SRVHS [webstore](#). Tickets will be sold February 25 - 27 and March 2 - 5 in the Kiosk for cash and checks. Ticket cost is \$85 (\$90 for non-SRVHS guests) if bought the first week. \$90 (\$95 for non-SRVHS guests) if bought in the second week. Invitations were sent out the last week of January, if your student did not receive one, please let me know.

Parking is extremely limited at the Prom venue, the Scottish Rites Center in Oakland, students **must** travel either by limo or bus. We are encouraging students to consider taking the **luxury chartered buses** that we will be arranging. The bus can be a great alternative for a large group of friends who all want to travel together, avoiding the complications that arise when there are more kids that want to go together than are allowed in the limo. In addition, the cost of the bus is a **fraction of the cost of a limo - \$20**. Please consider having your student take the bus this year, and possibly saving the limo for Senior Ball next year.

We are looking for parents to help volunteer with prom decorations; we will be decorating at the Scottish Rites Center from 10:00am -12:00noon on the day of the prom. If you would like to help out, contact us (email listed below).

Our next Class of 2010 Junior parent meeting will be an evening meeting -- we would like to accommodate our working parents. It will be held on **Wednesday, February 18th** at 7:00pm. Kelly Louks has graciously offered her home for our meeting.

For any questions, or to rsvp for the meeting on the 18th -- please contact Alyson Colton:
alyson@coltonfamily4.org

[Class of 2010 web site](#)

Sophomore Class

CLASS OF 2011 - SOPHOMORES

Dear Sophomore Parents,

First, a **big thank you** to all of the parents who helped us with the selling period in January. Yes, we were selling hot chili while the temperatures were in the mid-70's and the kids were in shorts but we still managed to spoon up a lot of bowls of chili. Our thanks go to **Devon Slinger, Lyn Just, Kathy Melara, Cathy Dunn, Cindy Schmid, Mari Anderson, Dawn Garlieb, Leslie Ward, Lisa Wood, Susie Kevorkian, Donna Hamilton, Kelly Neumeister, Carol Therien, Lisa Blackwell, Kathy Benvenuto, Buff Collins, Carol Ann Nordine, Linda Ficenec, Sue Schultz, and Janet Ferraro** for helping us out.

Sophomore Cruise is **April 18th** and tickets can still be purchased online on the SRVHS [webstore](#) through March 31st. We have a great turnout so far with 353 kids signed up for the event.

We are going to **Peres on February 13th** to celebrate Valentine's Day with the kids. We are still looking for drivers so if you are available, please contact Carol Ann Nordine at cnordine@netxperts.com. We will be going to Peres again in March are in need of books for *Read Across America Day*. Please check the eBulletin for how you can help. Books may be dropped off in the "Den" in the Attendance Office.

Our **next meeting** is Wednesday, **February 11**. Please contact Carol Ann Nordine (cnordine@netxperts.com), Olivia Warnken (oliwarnken@comcast.net) or Buff Collins (ec3213@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Hope to see you at the meeting!

Freshman Class

CLASS OF 2012 - FRESHMEN

Last Friday, February 6th, the Freshman class sponsored **MORP** (Prom spelled backwards) at Golden Ramon. This was a new fun theme to replace Sadie Hawkins and was a big hit with the kids. Thanks **Gretchen and Jeff Deuel** for chairing this event and to **Karin Hull** for all the help. Our next event will be during Selling Period.

Tammy Lancaster (tjlancaster@sbcglobal.net)
Kelly Louks (rlouks@aol.com)

Leadership

For the past two weeks, shock and sadness have been shared sentiments among students at San Ramon. On Wednesday January 21st, Rylan Fuchs, a senior at San Ramon, was shot outside of his home. In honor of Rylan, a beautiful sharing time was held last Wednesday after school for San Ramon students. The Fuchs family pay for funeral and burial services, San Ramon raised over \$8,000 through various fundraisers, a Primo's night in his honor, sold t-shirts, and collected donations all last week. We are so thankful for the generosity from the SRV community.

The SRVHS student body wants to thank **Alyson Colton** and **Robin Kelley** for organizing the food for the week. We are also so thankful to all of the parents who donated time and food to make the week a success. Thank you for getting fueled for final!

We are awarding the 1st Semester **Renaissance Awards** on **February 18th**. Qualifications are: 4.0-4.5 GPA, Outstanding Citizenships, 3.5 GPA Winter Scholar Athletes, 3.5 GPA in an Advanced Performing Art, and 100% improvement. If a student did not win Renaissance last quarter they will win the first tier award: 2009 Pizza lunch and candy, Local discount card and National Discount card. If this is the second time they win they will receive: New awards for are SRV Chapstick, a SRV Car Decal, candy, and a pizza lunch.



It's time to say goodbye to our Old Small Gym! Leadership will be holding a **Goodbye to Old Gym party** from 4:00 - 6:00pm on Tuesday, **February 24th**. Everyone who has loved this 70-75 year old gym is invited to partake in the celebration. There will also be a slide show of past gym moments, tours of the new Auxiliary Gym, SRVHS Jazz Band performances, appetizers, and refreshments. You can come and join us in saying farewell! Questions? Contact Janet Willford at jwillford@srvhs.org

eCommunications

Welcome to the SRVHS eLINK eNewsletter. Our goal is to provide information to the SRVHS community in a clear and concise manner.

SRVHS PUBLICATIONS:

eLINK Newsletter: Sent monthly by the SRVHS PTSA. It contains a mix of information from school 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-

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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 month is the first Thursday of each month. If you have an article to contribute to the eLINK newsletter, please email it to Drummond at srvhselink@comcast.net.

Calendar

February 11th

Parent Workshop on Special Education - Part I - 7:00- 9:00pm - Dougherty Valley HS

February 16th

PRESIDENT'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

February 18th

Parent Workshop on Special Education - Part II - 7:00- 9:00pm - Dougherty Valley HS

February 18th

PTA Advocacy Day in Sacramento

February 18th

Parent Ed Brown Bag Lunch "Slipping Behind" - 12:00pm - New Staff Lounge

February 18th

Renaissance Awards

February 19th - 20th

Major League Improv - 7:00pm - PAC

February 23rd

PAA Meeting - 7:00pm - Career Center

February 23rd

SRVHS Area Choral Festival - 7:00-9:00pm - Charlotte Wood Middle School

February 24th

Goodbye to the Small Gym Party - 4:00 to 6:00pm

February 24th

Parent Ed - Dads on Campus - Dr. George Papageorge - 7:00pm

February 25th

Parent Workshop on Special Education - Part III - 7:00- 9:00pm - Dougherty Valley HS

February 28th

Parenting 2009 and Beyond Conference - 8:45 to 2:30pm - Dougherty Valley High School

March 2nd

Athletic Boosters Meeting - 7:00pm - Cafeteria

March 2nd

Wolf-Tones Meeting - 7:00pm - Former Staff Lounge

March 5th

PTSA Meeting - 9:00am - Career Center

March 9th

Academic Boosters Meeting - 9:30am - Career Center

March 10th

Academic/Campus Life Nights for New Students - 7:00pm - PAC

March 14th

SAT Test

March 14th

Junior Prom - Scottish Rites Center

March 17th

Parent Ed - Dads on Campus - Ralph Cantor - 7:00pm

March 19th - 20th

Spring Choral Concert - 7:00pm - PAC

March 20th

Mr. GQ - 7:00pm

March 23rd

DVC Assessment - 3:30 to 6:00pm - Library

March 25th

Area Band Festival - SRVHS

March 30th

PAA Meeting - 7:00pm - Career Center

March 31st

Parent Ed - Family Night - Ralph Cantor - 7:00pm

March 31st

Concert Choir Dessert Show Fundraiser - 7:00pm - PAC

[Click here for complete school calendar](#)

Quick Links

• [School web site](#)

• [District web site](#)

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