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***PTSA President's Message***



Dear SRVHS Parents,

For years, the Ski and Snowboard Swap has been the primary fundraiser for our PTSA programs and budget. However, due to the construction and lack of facilities to properly conduct a successful Ski Swap, we have changed it up this year and are having a Wrapping Paper sale instead! The proceeds from this fundraiser will go to these same programs. We are hoping to still provide some Teacher Grants, depending on the success of this fundraiser! Simply log-on to [www.Innisbrook.com](http://www.Innisbrook.com) and click on "Out-of-Town Family and Friends", then enter our school code: #104305, or select San Ramon Valley High. Happy Shopping!

Thank you to **Robin Kelley** for bringing Dr. Peter Benson to our campus and opening the dialogue on the importance of the 40 Developmental Assets. It was a successful event and our parents are so lucky to have such renowned speakers at our school.

Homecoming is just around the corner! This is a great opportunity for parents to get involved!

involved. Also, we are looking for 20 parent volunteers to help out at the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 24th. Parents are needed to help with student check-in, coat check-in/out and help with parking lot safety. If you are available to help that evening, please contact Alyson Colton at [alyson@coltonfamily4.org](mailto:alyson@coltonfamily4.org).

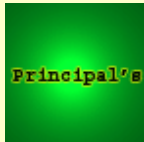
Please join us for our next PTSA Meeting to be held in our beautiful **Library**. This is a **change of location for this meeting only**. We look forward to seeing you there at **9:00am on November 5th**. Warm regards,

Christine Wentker  
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Executive V.P.  
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## *Principal's Message*



Dear SRVHS Community,

It is hard to believe that we have almost completed the first quarter of the 2008-2009 school year! So much has happened during the past six weeks and I appreciate all the support we have received as we assist your student(s) with the learning process.

Last week we had a great article in the *Danville Weekly* about Period 7 and I wanted to add to this article.

There are four main areas of focus for Period 7:

1. **Frosh Advisory** - time and time again studies show that our freshman are the greatest group of "at-risk" students. Because the adjustment to High School can be difficult in so many areas (socially, emotionally, academically) we want to ensure that population has some of the basic building blocks to be successful in these areas.
2. **Guided Study Hall** - 80% of all students who are failing are doing so because they have not completed their work. This can be remediated quite simply by attending a guided study hall. This quiet room gives them an opportunity to complete the work they have not done. Many teachers have come to me saying they have noticed a marked increase in students wanting to know what they need to do to get their grade up to a "C" or better. I have noticed that students are getting passes to see their teachers in order to be more successful in the classes they are deficient.
3. **Athletic Study Hall** - this study hall is to help athletes get a start on their homework as they

are often out at practice or a contest.

4. **Student Choice** - this is my favorite group, and the toughest. Our educational system over the past ten years has slowly taken away two key educational skills: critical thinking and problem solving. My goal with Period 7 is to teach that group of students how to take responsibility (and have the freedom) to make their own educational choices. The eight "student choice" areas to pick from are meant to be a guideline. All of our students will be adults, some in one year, some in four years and we need to teach them how to make good educational decisions. The choice they make three times a week for a half hour will help them with this process. It gives them academic freedom, teaches them responsibility and allows them to think critically about what should/could they be doing with this additional time.

Here is some additional information regarding SRV:

- Our student population is 2050, down just a little from last year.
- We have 6 new staff members
- Our API score is 885 -- up 17 points from last year
- Our Campus will be seeing quite a few upgrades. These projects are slated to be built over the next year or two:
  - Restroom/snack shack, new stadium lights, new aquatics center, new field turf, and new bleachers. We are still working on our Main Gym.

Special Community Event:

Homecoming is right around the corner. **October 23rd** is the date of our **Homecoming** parade and football game. The Homecoming parade will begin at 2:30 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. Please come out and join us for a wonderful event. All are welcome to attend!

Sincerely,

Joe Ianora

*PTSA News*

**PRIMO'S RUN FOR EDUCATION**

**Register Now for the Primo's Run for Education!**

Help earn money for teacher grants from the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation by registering for the 5K walk/run, timed 5K run, or timed ½ marathon events to be held on Sunday, October 11th. Some things to know:

- When we reach 10% of our student population we earn an extra \$500 for San Ramon Valley High School.
- At the end of September we were tied with Cal High for 1st place registration, at 6.0%. If we can capture 1st place we will earn an extra \$750 for our school.
- You can also volunteer to help either before or during the races. Every 10 volunteer points earns another \$50 for SRVHS.

Register or Volunteer at [www.primosrun.com](http://www.primosrun.com).

*Remember the following dates:*

- **Oct. 7:** Last day for volunteer registration
- **Oct. 8:** Last day to register with SRVHS credit
- **Oct. 3, 9, 10:** Pick up your bib and t-shirt at Forward Motion!
- **Oct. 10:** Carbo Load sponsored by San Ramon Rotary
- **Oct. 11:** Race Day! Have some Fun!

SRVHS receives credit only if you register online! Do it now at [www.primosrun.com](http://www.primosrun.com)!

### **CROSS COUNTY**

Halloween is around the corner and SRVHS students are starting plans for giving almost 700 Halloween Goody Bags to the students and staff of our sister school, Peres Elementary School in Richmond. If your student would like to be part of this project or if you have questions about this project please email Amy Becker @ [akqbecker@comcast.net](mailto:akqbecker@comcast.net). Donations are not only welcome but also needed! Updated "Wish Lists" will be found in the daily e- Bulletin sent out by Roxann Stone. Items needed can be found at Boswells, Target, etc. Please leave all items in the "Wolf Den", in the Attendance Office.

Preliminary Wish List:

- Halloween Costumes-New or "could-be-new" Halloween costumes , varying sizes, male and Female, need 75 costumes
- Halloween pencils-need 700 pencils
- Costco: Betty Crocker Halloween gummy treats- located in the Halloween section. Need at least 15 boxes
- Halloween Bubbles-found at Boswells, tiny orange bubble bottles in boxes of 48. Need 15 boxes

*Thank you!*

### **SKI AND SNOWBOARD SWAP**

The SRVHS Ski and Snowboard Swap has been **POSTPONED** until 2010, due to the lack of adequate sized facilities that can hold both our new and used equipment. Many options were researched including having a large event tent in the parking lots, moving the event off-campus, using classrooms and hallways, using the Auxiliary Gym, and reducing the size of the swap. Due to either facility logistics, disruptions on the campus prior and after the event, costs, potential damage, or fire capacity codes these options could not be utilized. Look for us in 2010 and visit our new website to see our new swap mascot, [skiandsnowboardswap-srvhs.com](http://skiandsnowboardswap-srvhs.com). Any questions, please contact Sandy Garcia at [svswap@aol.com](mailto:svswap@aol.com).

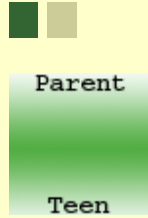
### **RUGBY**

***Play Rugby! - Register Now!***

Lamorinda Rugby Football Club welcomes all new and returning San Ramon Valley High rugby players for the 2010 season! Registration is now open. High School **information night is**

**Thursday, November 12** at the Campolindo High Library, 7-8pm. Practices start Wednesday, Dec. 2nd. Check the website for schedule updates. Register online at [www.LamoRugby.com](http://www.LamoRugby.com).

[More information at the PTSA Web Site](#)



## *Parent/Teen Education*

### **EPIC/HEALTHY CHOICES**

**Red Ribbon Week is October 26th-30th** at SRVHS. Lots of great activities will be hosted by our Leadership students encouraging students to make healthy choices regarding drugs and alcohol and more! In addition to student-led activities, EPIC Healthy Choices and SRVHS Parent Ed will be hosting **Mr. Ralph Cantor** with our students. Several classes will be visiting with him again this fall, and they will have the opportunity to learn more about the impact of drugs and alcohol on the physical development and functioning of the brain, as well as the impact on their social and emotional well-being.

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, October 28th**, 7PM, when Ralph will join us in the evening to share with parents and students. This will be both a very informative evening and an excellent opportunity for parents and students to hear the same messages and engage in dialogue with one another on a variety of important topics.

In addition to Mr. Cantor, two very special guests will be visiting with some of our students during the day and one will sharing his story with parents and students during our evening event. Watch for more information in the e-Bulletin, via the EPIC newsletter and check out the EPIC link on the SRVHS website at [www.srvhs.net](http://www.srvhs.net).

More great events will be coming your way during the school year, so look for info on Dads on Campus events, some special events for moms, Brown Bag luncheons and more!

For questions and more information, contact Robin Kelley, [kellyview@msn.com](mailto:kellyview@msn.com) or Alyson Colton, [alyson@coltonfamily4.org](mailto:alyson@coltonfamily4.org).

### **PTA SPECIAL NEEDS COMMITTEE PRESENTS:**

Organizational Strategies for Home and School  
Wednesday, October 28, 7-9 PM Iron Horse Middle School MPR

- What goals do I have for my child?
- How can I structure the home environment to influence my child's ability to focus, communicate and work independently?
- How can both home and school work together for the success of my child?
- What is a structured classroom and why is it important?
- How can I help my child be successful during recess and lunch at school?

Explore the answers to the above questions with SRVUSD's Carolyn Miller, who will share her

experiences and ideas. Ms. Miller was the SRVUSD and Contra Costa County Teacher of the Year in 2002- 2003, and is currently Curriculum Specialist for all SDC classes in the SRVUSD.

Registration will begin in early October at [www.srvcouncilpta.org](http://www.srvcouncilpta.org).

### **"RACE TO NOWHERE" - WORLD PREMIERE**

"Race to Nowhere" will have its world premiere at the Mill Valley Film Festival on Saturday, **October 10th**, 3:30 p.m., Sequoia Theater - Mill Valley The premier will mark the beginning of a national movement to transform education and reclaim healthy childhood.

You may recall that last year, EPIC/Healthy Choices held an insightful parent ed meeting, in which we saw a video entitled "*Slipping Behind*". They have added to the video, changing the title to "*Race to Nowhere*".

In the words of Ilya Tovbis of the festival: "Director Vicki Abeles makes the personal political- and starts a crucial national conversation-in this groundbreaking exposé of the pressure to succeed exerted on American schoolchildren -- What starts as a private matter widens into a cogent examination of systemic pressures faced by youth amid dropping test scores, a shrinking global economy and increasingly unrealistic expectations set by parents, universities, school districts and society at large. The demands have crushing, widespread consequences ---Through incisive, heartbreaking interviews with schoolchildren, teachers, parents and sociologists, Abeles points to the silent epidemic running rampant in our schools as well as a cure."

There has been an overwhelming and enthusiastic response from those who screened earlier cuts, as well as from a group of educators who viewed the finished film at a special screening hosted by the festival.

The film also plays on Sunday, **October 18th** at 5:45 p.m. at the San Rafael Film Center. Please visit the festival's website, <http://2009.mvff.com>, to purchase tickets, and visit the film's website at [www.racetonowhere.com](http://www.racetonowhere.com) to view the trailer and learn more.

[More information](#)



## *Legislative Advocacy*



Our PTA is part of the San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs, which comprises all of the PTAs in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. Our Council is part of the California State PTA and the National PTA. One of the key functions of all PTAs is to advocate, through the political process, on behalf of our children. PTA advocacy, however, is **non-partisan and solely issue-oriented**.

We are pleased to serve as our school's Legislative Representative and together with other Legislative Reps from each of the other school PTAs, advocate for all students in our district. We lobby our legislators both in person and via letters, attend PTA legislative meetings and conferences, keep informed of legislative priorities, report monthly to our PTA Board, and most importantly, provide our parent body with information. Our focus is the state and national legislation that directly affects our children, as well as any local issues, such as school facility bonds and school parcel taxes.

To view up-to-date information regarding the issues that we are working on, please go to: [www.srvcouncilpta.org](http://www.srvcouncilpta.org) . This site will be updated at least once a month and I hope that you will become a regular visitor.

If you have any questions about our advocacy efforts or any of the information on our website, please feel free to contact either of us directly.

**Be a Legislative Volunteer:** From time to time we need parents and community members to sign letters to our legislators or to e-mail or place a call if needed, or to work on behalf of local legislation. If you would consider doing this, please let us know and we will place your name on our "Legislative Volunteer" list.

Thank you.

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Kelly Kaplan ( [akkapfam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:akkapfam@sbcglobal.net))  
Co-Vice Presidents for Legislative Advocacy



## *Academic Boosters*



Thank you for the continued pledges and donations to **support our teachers and career center**. Your donation can be received at any time throughout the year by going to our Academic Boosters link at [www.srvhs.net](http://www.srvhs.net) in the bright yellow margin. If you were unable to donate at registration, please consider making your donation by year end to take advantage of tax deductions for 2009.

Your contributions enabled **SRVHS to add 18 classes/sections (almost four full time teachers)** covering all subjects and a majority of our career center staff. We would love to be able to add even more sections, as we still have a few academic classes with close to 40 students.

**Period 7** is giving students the opportunity to meet with many of their teachers, get assistance with specific subject matter, visit the career center, complete homework, meet with counselors and more. Parents, please ask your students how they used their time. Each student is going to have different needs and should be benefiting from this opportunity.

If you made a \$300 donation or ordered a **SRVHS Student Directory** at registration, you will be receiving it in the mail by the middle of October. If you would like additional copies, please see Roxann Stone at the entrance of the Administration office. Make checks payable to **SRVHS Academic Boosters** for \$15.00 each. A huge thank you to **Donna Le Tourneau** for going above and beyond with her duties as Financial Secretary who also compiled the database(a full time job) for the directory in record time.

**SRVUSD College Fair** will take place at Monte Vista High School from 6:30PM until 8:30PM on Thursday October 15th. Over 150 different colleges and vocational schools will be represented as an opportunity to ask questions and gain information for our students. A special thank you to **Carolyn Mackell** and **Candy Jewett** for their time organizing this spectacular event that benefits all

high school students in our district.

Please join us for our next meeting on Wednesday **November 18th** at 9:30AM in the Career Center. We'd love to hear from you!

Cynthia Moe  
President, Academic Boosters  
[srvhsacademicboosters@comcast.net](mailto:srvhsacademicboosters@comcast.net)

### **ACADEMIC LETTER AWARDS**

The purpose of the San Ramon Valley High School Academic Letter Awards is to recognize students who achieve excellence in academics. This program is unique because it is supported by the student body leadership and administered by the Academic Boosters.

Each academic award level is awarded to students who have maintained an academic grade point average of 3.5 or above for the previous semester. All courses are accepted excluding physical education, teacher's aide, repeated classes for an improved grade, adult education and continuation school. The student must not have been dropped from a class because of disciplinary action or attendance reasons during the semester of application. Students must apply for each semester of eligibility to obtain a new level during the application period which is announced each semester in the e-bulletin. (At SRVHS, the award is not automatic).

The Block Letter which is the same as the Varsity Athletic Letter is obtained if the student reaches Level 3. Should the student already have an Athletic Block Letter, they will receive only the Torch and not both the Block Letter and Torch.

The various award levels are as follows:

- Level 1 Certificate of Accomplishment
- Level 2 Certificate of Commendation
- Level 3 Block Letter & Torch
- Level 4 Certificate of Academic Achievement
- Level 5 Second Torch
- Level 6 Certificate of Academic Excellence
- Level 7 Academic Pin

This semester the applications for Academic letter are now available at Roxanne Stone's desk .This application period will be for Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors with their Spring 2009 report cards. The Spring 2010 application period will be available to freshman once they have received their first report card.

The applications can be turned in to the kiosk at Brunch and Lunch on **Oct 5-9th** and **Oct 12-15th**. The completed application along with a copy of your spring 2009 semester's report card must be turned in no later than Oct 12th. No late applications will be accepted.

If you have any questions regarding Academic Letter Applications please contact Devon Slinger at

[stagergal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stagergal@sbcglobal.net) or 837- 7041.

[Academic Boosters web site](#)



## *Athletic Boosters*



### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

By Bill Lempesis

The San Ramon Valley High School Athletic Boosters is dedicated to supporting our athletic programs in both men's and women's sports. We continue to contribute over \$140,000 to subsidize the funding necessary to provide a quality athletic program for the students at SRVHS.

Our single largest source of revenue is membership. So far this year, over 460 families are part of the Athletic Booster program. If you missed us at Registration, please consider becoming a member now. The cost of becoming a Booster member is a **fully tax deductible contribution** of \$175. This year, you can designate \$50 to go directly to each sport that your athlete(s) participate in at SRVHS. This will result in more than \$35,000 in Membership Rewards direct to sports teams-a nearly double increase over last year. In addition, you will receive two Booster Cards entitling each adult card holder and two "pre high school age children" to attend all regular season home games for each of the "gated" sports.

To become a member; sign-up on the [Athletic Booster page](#) of the school website.

We are constantly looking for new ideas as well as help with various programs. We encourage you to participate in some form by becoming involved. Come to one of our monthly meetings and let us know how you can help. We look forward to having you as a part of this effort.

*"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 about Athletic Boosters](#)



## *Performing Arts*

### **THEATRE ARTS**

SRVHS Theatre has a big year planned ahead with a wide variety of performances for the '09-'10 season. Here are just those scheduled in the next few months - you will want to attend them all!

This department just finished their first presentation of the season with a wildly successful **Major**

from the Green and Gold teams. The stage sported cool, new dugouts for each team which the students enjoyed using during the performances. Mark your calendar for more laughs at the next Major League Improv which will be held **Thursday, February 18 through Saturday, February 20** at 8PM.

Tickets: \$5.

Save the date for ***All My Sons*** by Arthur Miller, directed by student, Nicole Jones. Winner of the Drama Critics' Award for Best New Play in 1947, All My Sons established Arthur Miller as a leading voice in the American theater. All My Sons introduced themes that thread through Miller's work as a whole: the relationships between fathers and sons and the conflict between business and personal ethics.

**Opening Night:** Wednesday, November 4th at 8PM

**Performances:** Thursday, November 5th at 8PM

Friday, November 6th at 8PM

Saturday, November 7th at 8PM

Sunday, November 8th at 2:30PM

Tickets: \$12 Adults; \$7 Students with ID and Senior Citizens

RESERVED--FRONT ROW--TICKETS: \$25

### **Theatre Arts 3 Performance (TBA)**

Thursday, 11/12 at 8PM Tickets: FREE

**DON'T MISS** an exciting Theatre Department event --their 24-Hour Play Festival Fundraiser. From 6 PM, Friday, to 6 PM, Saturday, students will create, direct, design and perform in SEVERAL plays. Please come show your support as they make theatre magic in one day's time!

Friday, November 20th at 6PM to Saturday, the 21st at 6PM

Performance: Saturday, November 21st at 6PM.

Tickets: \$5.

### ***Reckless*** by Craig Lucas

Directed by Theatre Teacher, Ryan Weible

This richly inventive and often startling dark comedy marked the arrival of an exceptionally imaginative and resourceful young playwright. Filled with bizarre characters and events, the play reflects the fractured life-styles which have become the norm for so many in our tenuous times. "Mr. Lucas, whose works are as thick with whimsy as Pee-wee Herman's playhouse, has never been to everyone's taste. But when he is at his best -- no one can beat him at plying cartoon cuteness to probe the fears that keep grownups awake at night." - NY Times

Opening Night: Thursday, December 3rd at 8PM

Performances: Friday, December 4th at 8PM

Saturday, December 5th at 2:30PM & 8PM

Sunday, December 6th at 2:30 PM

Tickets: \$12 Adults; \$7 Students with ID and Senior Citizens

RESERVED--FRONT ROW--TICKETS: \$25

\*\*\*Note: a PAA Pass Performance

### **SRV's Got Talent**

A fundraiser for the Visual & Performing Arts Department

Auditions: Monday, December 14th at 3:30PM

Performance: Wednesday, January 13th at 8PM

Tickets: \$10

## VOCAL MUSIC

If you grew up in the 70's, then you may be able to hum the tune "We've Only Just Begun" by the Carpenters. SRVHS vocal music singers now know the song and learning about an entirely different decade than their own for this year's annual fund raiser **Dinner Show** titled the same. It's going to be a wedding, 70's style! The event is to be held **Thursday, Oct. 29 and Friday, Oct. 30** at Community Presbyterian Church in Danville. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets in support of the SRVHS Vocal Music program!

Ads can now be placed in the Vocal Music program for interested vendors! Email Mr. Abrams at [kabrams@srvhs.org](mailto:kabrams@srvhs.org) for a flyer with cost breakdown. Business cards and other print ready image can run in four programs two nights each for a total of eight times. Make your business visible to SRVHS families and friends that attend our concerts.

Need a special group of singers at your holiday event? Call now to Mr. Abrams at (925) 552-3041 to reserve a small group of dedicated singers who will gladly bring the gift of music to your business lunch or evening get-together.

Watch for singers singing in holiday apparel on key corner spots around town. They have annual and holiday CD's for sale along with a free bit of mistletoe for you. Carol-o-grams can also be purchased to spread Christmas cheer to family and friends close or far away.

Questions? Contact Ken Abrams at the Vocal Music Dept. 552-3041 or Jayne Managan, Parent Coordinator, at 708-2107.

## DANCE

Support the Dance Program! Just in time for Halloween -- here is a chance to pick up inexpensive dance clothes and costumes for parties, Halloween, dress-up, college parties, etc. Come to the **clothing sale on Saturday Oct 17** in front of the PAC from 9am to 11am.

[Performing Arts Association Web Site](#)



## *Wolf-Tones Instrumental Music*



The Instrumental Music Program is off to a great start with performances last month by the Jazz and Marching Ensemble at the Alamo Music Festival on September 12th and the Jazz Band at Back to School Night on September 16th. Don't miss the Fall Concert this month on October 20th featuring the Orchestra, Concert and Symphonic Bands. The Fall Concert starts at 7PM. Tickets will be on sale at the front door. Wolf-Tones members receive free admission to this concert and all other student concerts. Memberships will be available for purchase at the door (Family Membership \$55, Family Plus \$75).

Welcome **Mr. Ben Loomer**! Mr. Loomer has joined the SRVHS Instrumental Music Program this year as the director of the Marching Ensemble and Jazz Band. Mr. Loomer spent time at SRVHS as

a student intern and has been teaching music in the district at Stone Valley Middle School in Alamo. Please take time to introduce yourselves to Mr. Loomer and welcome him to SRVHS.

The Instrumental Music Program is currently selling Entertainment Books at \$25.00/book. The coupon book covers the Greater Bay Area. Each Instrumental Music student is encouraged to sell at least one book. Checks should be made out to SRVHS -Wolf- Tones and turned in to Mrs. Glass in order to receive your copy.

The Instrumental music program is still looking for parents to assist in the following positions: Concert Band Liaison, Symphonic Band Liaison, Jazz Band Liaison, CMEA Coordinator, Benefit Concert Co- Chairperson. If you are interested in any of these positions or have questions about ways to become involved, please contact me at [thornburgkaren@gmail.com](mailto:thornburgkaren@gmail.com).

*Karen Thornburg*  
*Wolf-Tones Booster President*  
Music Counts!!

### **Upcoming Events**

Oct 5 - Wolf-Tones Meeting - Parents  
Oct 9 - Football Performance - Marching Program  
Oct 11 - Primos Run for Education - Jazz Ensemble  
Oct 20 - Fall Concert - OR/CB/SB  
Oct 23 - Homecoming Parade/Football Performance - Marching Program  
Oct 30 - Halloween Parades/Football Performance - Marching Program  
Nov 2 - Wolf-Tones Meeting - Parents  
Nov 7 - Grape Bowl Competition (Lodi) - Marching Program  
Nov 13 - Football Performance - Marching Program  
Nov 14 - Central California Competition - Marching and Jazz Programs

If you are interested in becoming more involved in the Music Program or have questions about any of these events or topics related to Wolf-Tones, please contact either Karen Thornburg, [thornburgkaren@gmail.com](mailto:thornburgkaren@gmail.com) or Michelle Sanford at [michelle.sanford@comcast.net](mailto:michelle.sanford@comcast.net) for more information.

### **Wolf-Tones Meetings and Website**

We are in the process of updating our Wolf-Tones Website [www.wolf-tones.com](http://www.wolf-tones.com). Wolf-Tones meetings are held at 7PM 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 meeting is on **November 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 music program and events.

### **2009 Benefit Concert**

Save the date! This year's concert is scheduled for Saturday January 30, with special guest artist PEACE featuring Jorge Santana (brother of Carlos). Tickets are available for purchase through Community Concerts, [www.communityconcerts.com](http://www.communityconcerts.com) or 925-229- 2710, and will also be sold after school on two dates to be announced.

We are building our team of volunteers enabling us to continue to offer this unique opportunity to our students for years to come. Consider joining us to help with planning and organizing this event. To volunteer, please contact Nancy Gibbons at: [nlwgibbons@hotmail.com](mailto:nlwgibbons@hotmail.com).

We are pleased that a few of last year's sponsors have already donated to sponsor the show again this year. We are also looking for new sponsors for this year's show. Sponsors are asked to donate \$750 to help cover the show expenses. If you own a business, work for a company, or know someone who might be willing to support this program, please contact Nancy Garnick at [nancygar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancygar@sbcglobal.net). We are also soliciting donors at the Gold (\$500), Silver (\$250) and Bronze (\$100) levels. Thank you!

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

## *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 late September, the SRVHS counseling team completed visiting all senior English classes to share important information on the college application process. All seniors were given information on applying to the community college system, CSU, UC, and private schools, as well as SAT and ACT testing. Various handouts were also provided to the seniors and they are available on the [SRVHS website](#) under the Counseling Dept. heading, then click "downloads".

All senior parents interested in learning more about the college application process are invited to attend an informational meeting on **October 13th** at 7:00pm in the SRVHS Performing Arts Center. This evening is designed to inform parents about the essentials of the college application process, deadlines, academic and testing requirements, admission eligibility, college application essays, private school applications, community college information, National Collegiate Athletic Association eligibility and more.

### **IMPORTANT APPLICATION DATES:**

**CSU's** : October 1st to November 30th at [www.csumentor.edu](http://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](http://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 on your application to send scores to the CSU system. All CSU campuses will receive your scores if you use this code. 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 areas. Be sure to test no later than December 2009. 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

- 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.

[SRVHS Counseling Office Web Site](#)



***Wolf Foundation***



The San Ramon Valley High School Wolf Foundation is experiencing great success and the momentum generated by the Foundation's recent fundraising event, The Fall Fest, has increased its fundraising efforts to nearly \$130,000 since being established just over six months ago. This, in addition to pledges for future contributions the Foundation has received, is very promising for the high school and its desperately needed funding for capital improvements. The Foundation also plans to hold a series of future fundraising events throughout the school year including preparations for the high school's 100-year celebration campaign in the 2010-11 school year.

The Wolf Foundation has also been very involved as an advocacy group on behalf of SRVHS at recent meetings with the Measure A Advisory Board, the SRVUSD and the SRV Board of Education. Consequently, a greater level of communication and a financial partnership has been established between the Wolf Foundation and the School Board resulting in having surplus Measure A funds approved and allocated by the Board to address three major stadium projects, which are

replacement of field turf and construction of an integrated restroom and snack shack facility. In addition, Mr. Enoch, Superintendent of Schools for the SRVUSD, chose to visit the campus last week as a result of these advocacy efforts. He performed an on-site inspection and evaluation to determine how best to proceed on long term improvements to facilities on the SRVHS campus, particularly with respect to the Aquatic Center and Stadium bleachers.

The Wolf Foundation will continue to keep you updated on its progress throughout the school year.

[More information at the Wolf Foundation web page](#)

## *Other School Programs*

### CHEER

On Saturday, September 26th, the varsity cheer and varsity pom teams competed at the USA Santa Cruz cheerleading competition. **Varsity pom placed second** in a routine choreographed by Coach Megan Bowers. **Varsity cheer placed first** with a routine choreographed by Coach Chris York, under the direction of Coach Jamie Plummer. Altogether both teams earned scores high enough to qualify to **compete at Nationals** in Anaheim in March!

## *Senior Class*

### **CLASS OF 2010 - SENIORS**

A special thanks to Jodie Brescia for producing our SRVHS calendar for this school year -- many hours of photo editing and date gathering went into this project and she single-handedly pulled it off -- THANKS! We still have calendars available for sale -- contact Jo or Sandy in the book-keeping office if you would like to purchase one.

Thank you to all of the parents who chaperoned Waterworld -- **Debbie Blumhardt, Mike Alexander, Barbara Cappa, Chris Garleib and Michelle Sanford.**

### Homecoming

WE NEED DADS!!!! The kids would really like to see some dads come out and help them with float construction. Float construction will begin the weekend of 10/9 and will take place every day after school until 9:00P. Weekend hours (tbd). They will be building until Oct. 22nd. If interested in helping out, contact Alyson Colton (email below)

WE NEED PARENT VOLUNTEERS to help out at the Homecoming Dance on October 24th. Shifts are: 7:00-9:00 to help with parking/security 7:30-8:30 - Student Check-In, 7-9 - Coat/Shoe Check-In, 9-11 Coat/Shoe Check-In. Please contact Alyson Colton for more information (email below)

If you haven't already signed up for your Senior Portraits--don't forget to do so--we have contracted with Creative Imaging in Pleasanton ... you can make an appointment on-line at their website at: [www.ciphotoca.com](http://www.ciphotoca.com)/ Thanks,

Alyson Colton  
Parent Rep/Class of 2010  
[alyson@coltonfamily4.org](mailto:alyson@coltonfamily4.org)

[Class of 2010 web site](#)

## *Junior Class*

### **CLASS OF 2011 - JUNIORS**

Homecoming week is ahead. There are lots of activities planned for our students during the week of October 19th - 23rd. Encourage them to participate! And date or not - everyone's invited to join in the fun of the dance Saturday night, October 24th. Come with your friends but make sure to buy a ticket ahead of time!

There's a lot to do ahead of time, too. Make sure to check the eBulletin for Homecoming Float preparation instructions. For float location & work schedule, contact Nancy Hilgers at [nhilgers@visa.com](mailto:nhilgers@visa.com). Class Homecoming t-shirts will be going on sale soon as well. Show your class Homecoming spirit! And students, don't forget to cast your vote for your Junior Prince and Princess.

The community is invited to attend the SRVHS Homecoming parade on Friday afternoon (October 23rd) around 2:00 p.m. Line the streets of downtown Danville around the high school and cheer on the band, flag twirlers, class floats, Fall-sport teams, cheer squads and "Mr. & Mrs. San Ramon" staff members. And don't forget to head to the high school stadium later that evening to cheer our football team on to victory against Livermore.

We would also like to encourage Junior parents to stay involved by attending one of our Junior Parent Rep Meetings this year. Our meetings are usually held the second Wednesday of the month. Newcomers are always welcome! Right now we need you for Homecoming construction, chaperoning and support. For more information, contact Carol Ann Nordine ( [cnordine@nextxperts.com](mailto:cnordine@nextxperts.com)) or Buff Collins ( [ec3213@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ec3213@sbcglobal.net))

[Class of 2011 web site](#)

## *Sophomore Class*

### **CLASS OF 2012 - SOPHOMORES**

The officers are currently working hard on the Homecoming Float. The theme of their float is "Northern Lights" and they have come up with some great ideas to use on the float. Judy Wiesendanger has graciously offered to help the girls. They have also designed cute tshirts for the sophomore class to wear for homecoming.

Tammy Lancaster ( [tjlancaster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tjlancaster@sbcglobal.net))  
Kelly Louks ( [rlouks@aol.com](mailto:rlouks@aol.com))

## *Freshman Class*

### **CLASS OF 2013 - FRESHMEN**

Join the SRV Class of 2013 Facebook page for all of the latest information. Time to see what all the Facebook hoopla is about! SRVHS Class of 2013.

Homecoming is around the corner! Float Building, Rally T-Shirts, Football Game & Dance. Lots of opportunities to get involved as a student and a parent.

Watch out for the 2013 Homecoming T-shirt. Show your spirit for the class!

Float Building will take place October 10th thru October 22nd. M-W 3:30pm-9:00pm, Th-Fri 5:00pm - 9:00pm Sat-Sun 9:00am -9:00pm Construction site closed Oct 15th & 16th. We are looking for Parent Supervisors for the construction shifts. Please contact Mari Anderson ([gottafli@gmail.com](mailto:gottafli@gmail.com))

Looking for an easy way to help out? Then perhaps you would be interested in volunteering to bring snacks & water for the Float workers -- bags of chips, a box of cookies or protein bars with a case of water, or a case of Vitamin Waters or Gatorades. Homemade sandwiches & snacks. Trust us the workers and parent supervisors really appreciate ANYTHING you can drop off! Contact Liane Swenson ([lianeswen@gmail.com](mailto:lianeswen@gmail.com)) 925-890-8563 for details.

Homecoming Dance Parent Chaperones needed! We are looking for 20 volunteers to staff the Homecoming Dance. For more information please contact Alyson Colton [alyson@coltonfamily4.org](mailto:alyson@coltonfamily4.org)

Freshman Class is selling SRV Logo'd Stadium Chairs. \$55.00 is a great price and \$5 off a purchase on your own. Great for you & A great Gift! All proceeds benefit Class of 2013 contact MaryBeth Turner at [jmmdat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jmmdat@sbcglobal.net)

Your 2013 Parent Representatives,  
Shawna Friedler ([friedler6@hotmail.com](mailto:friedler6@hotmail.com))  
Tonya Colton ([tonyacolton@msn.com](mailto:tonyacolton@msn.com))

## *Leadership*

### **Light Up Your Life! Homecoming 2009**

#### **Homecoming Court Nominations (October 7- October 9)**

- What: During the homecoming rally a prince and princess will be named from the freshmen, sophomore, and junior class. From the senior class three princes and princesses will be named and the Senior King and Queen will be crowned during halftime at the football game. These students will represent your class in the parade and at the game. Everyone votes for their own class and the Senior King and Queen candidates. Please help choose students that you think deserve the recognition and will represent your class well.
- When: All Homecoming nominations will take place in the quad at lunch the week of October 7- October 9.
- How: Fill out a nomination form in the Quad at lunch!

**Float Building:** Get involved with your class and help build your class float! Beginning on Friday October 9th, float building will take place every day after school until 9PM at individual class sites. Float building will end on October 22nd. If you want more information about the float building and for directions to the class construction sites come by A2 and see Mrs. Willford!

**Homecoming Dress-ups-**Dress Up every day to show your spirit!

- Monday 10/19 Friday Night Lights
- Tuesday 10/20 Northern Lights
- Wednesday 10/21 Lightyears
- Thursday 10/22 Las Vegas Lights
- Friday 10/23 Class Shirt/Green and Gold Dress Up

### **Homecoming Rally/Parade Schedule/Friday October 23**

Period A - 07:30-8:25  
Period 1 - 08:30-9:05  
Period 2 - 9:10-9:45  
Brunch - 9:45-9:55  
Period 3 - 10:00-10:35  
RALLY - 10:50-11:40  
Period 4 - 11:50-12:35  
Lunch - 12:35-1:05  
Period 5 - 1:10-1:45  
Period 6 - 1:50-2:25  
Period 6/Parade - 2:35-3:10

**Homecoming Parade Details:** This year the parade will begin at 2:35 sharp. Our SRVHS band will lead our parade out of the SRVHS back parking lot and turn right on to Railroad Ave. The parade will head down Railroad; make a left at Prospect Ave. then take a left onto Hartz. The parade will end back in the front parking lot at SRVHS, and the floats will proceed directly to Del Amigo to park on the baseball field.

**Football Game and Halftime Show!** Come watch SRV Football beat Livermore at 7PM on Friday October 23 on the stadium field. Stick around for the annual Homecoming Halftime show. There will be special performances, and you will hear the results of the class float competition and see who is crowned King & Queen!

### **Homecoming Dance Information**

**Location and Cost:** The Homecoming Dance is Saturday October 24th from 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Tice Valley Gym in Walnut Creek. This new site holds the same capacity as our large gym, and we have an incredible DJ package for the event! Tickets are \$20 with ASB sticker, and \$25 without. You do not need a date to go to homecoming. Because of the gym floor no heels or hard sole shoes will be allowed on the dance floor. Creative Imaging, our professional photographer, will be shooting professional photos before the dance at SRVHS from 5:00PM-7:00PM in the cafeteria and at the event.

**When Tickets are Sold:** The capacity is limited (1300) so tickets **will only be sold to SRV students (NO OUTSIDE GUESTS)** and will be sold in the following priority:

- Seniors-Tickets will go on sale ONLINE at noon on Sunday October 11th If you are not purchasing online you can buy at lunchtime beginning on Monday October 12th. These sales are open to seniors only.

- Juniors- Tickets will go on sale ONLINE at 3:00PM on Sunday October 11th If you are not purchasing online you can buy at lunchtime beginning on Monday October 12th. These sales will be open to seniors and juniors only.
- Sophomores- Tickets will go on sale ONLINE at 3:00PM on Tuesday October 13th If you are not purchasing online you can buy at lunchtime beginning on Wednesday October 14th (Depending on availability). These sales will be open to seniors, juniors, and sophomores only.
- Freshmen- Tickets will go on sale ONLINE at 3:00PM on Wednesday October 14th (depending on availability) If you are not purchasing online you can buy at lunchtime beginning on Thursday October 15th.

**Buying Tickets:** Online sales are available through the SRVHS website on the web store. If you do not purchase your ticket on the web store, you can purchase your ticket and turn in your permission slip at lunch with cash or a check out on the Bookkeeper's back patio. Remember you must have a student ID to purchase a dance ticket. Tickets are limited and underclassmen may not get a ticket. It is recommended that upperclassmen purchase their tickets during their assigned time to avoid being left out.

**Permission Slip Information:** All students must turn in a permission slip in order to enter the dance. Permission slips are also on the SRVHS website. All permission slips should be turned in at lunch to the designated area on the Bookkeeper's back patio.

**Remember:**

1. Buy your ticket online (online is preferred, but tickets will also be on sale at lunch in the Bookkeeper's back patio)
2. Print your web store transaction receipt
3. Bring your web store transaction receipt, signed and completed Homecoming Permission Slip, and SRVHS student ID card to the PAC patio at lunch from October 12-16 to be checked off on the entrance list into Homecoming

\*Students will not be allowed entrance into Homecoming unless their names have been checked off. A web store transaction receipt is not a ticket and will not grant you entrance into Homecoming!



*eCommunications*



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

**SRVHS PUBLICATIONS:**

**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 e-mail subscription:**

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, or by going to the school web site at [www.srvhs.net](http://www.srvhs.net) and entering your email address at the bottom of the screen. An email with a link will be sent to you. Follow the link to update your e-mail address information. When you change your email address, do not just add another email address. Enter the old email address and change it, or if you registered a new email address, please delete the old email address. Click on "Safe Unsubscribe" to PERMANENTLY remove your name from receiving all SRVHS publications at a particular email address. If you have any questions, please email or call Buff Collins at [srvhsptsa@yahoo.com](mailto:srvhsptsa@yahoo.com), 925/736-3639.

**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 e-mail it to Susan Drummond at [srvhselink@comcast.net](mailto:srvhselink@comcast.net).



## *Calendar*



**October 10th**

SAT Test

**October 10th**

"Race to Nowhere" - Sequoia Theater/Mill Valley - 3:30pm

**October 11th**

PRIMO'S RUN FOR EDUCATION

**October 13th**

SRV College Application Process Informational Meeting - 7:00pm - PAC

**October 15th**

College Night - Monte Vista High School - 6:30pm

**October 17th**

PSAT - SRVHS

**October 17th**

Dance Program Clothing Sale - 9:00-11:00am - Front of PAC

**October 20th**

Instrumental Music Concert - 7:00pm - PAC

**October 23rd**

Homecoming Rally and Parade

**October 24th**

Homecoming Dance - 7:00pm - Tice Valley Gym

**October 24th**

ACT Test

**October 28th**

Special Needs Committee - Organizational Strategies - 7:00-9:00pm - Iron Horse Middle School MPR

**October 29th - 30th**

Choral Dinner Show - 7:00pm - PAC

**November 2nd**

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

**November 2nd**

Athletic Boosters Meeting - 7:00pm - Career Center

**November 4th - 8th**

"All my Sons" - 4th-7th @ 8:00pm; 8th @ 2:30pm - PAC

**November 5th**

PTSA Meeting - 9:00am - Library (location change)

**November 11th**

VETERANS DAY - NO SCHOOL

**November 18th**

Academic Boosters Meeting - 9:30am - Career Center

**November 23rd - 27th**

THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL

**November 30th**

CSU and UC Applications Due

[Click here for complete school calendar](#)

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