



eLINK Newsletter – March 2013

President's Message

We started this month with our Building Bridges event, which welcomes current 8th graders and their parents to San Ramon Valley High. A huge thanks to Julie Gunn and Beth Pasqualina, who chaired this event and worked closely with school staff to present academics, campus life and athletics to our incoming class of 2017. Everyone did a great job, and a special thanks to our jazz and choir students for their performances, and our leadership students for being on a student panel and giving our incoming freshman an honest and candid glimpse into life at SRVHS.

Applications are now available for the SRVHS PTSA senior scholarships, which recognize students who are PTSA members for their volunteer spirit. The application forms may be found in the Career Center or in the PTSA section of the school website, and are due by April 12. Also, nominations are now open for the PTSA honorary service awards. Any adult who has contributed in an outstanding way to the welfare of youth, whether within or outside of the realm of PTSA, is eligible to be recognized. The nomination form can be found in the PTSA section of the school website, and is also due by April 12. For questions on either of these programs, please contact Deborah Wechsler at debwex52@yahoo.com.

Our next PTSA meeting will be April 4th at 9:00 am in the Career Center. We look forward to welcoming Joe Ianora as our guest speaker to talk about Del Amigo High School. We will also conduct our annual election and will hear from our teacher representative about the new Common Core standards. I hope you can join us!

[Karen Schumann](#)

SRVHS PTSA President

Principal's Message

Dear SRVHS Community,

March is a busy, busy time of year, and even though there are still three months until the end of the school year, time always seems to speed up about now!

This week we will have CAHSEE testing, followed soon by Spring Break, and then we'll be into STAR testing and AP testing season. Before we know it, June will be here.

The biggest project that I am working on at the moment is planning for building the Master Schedule for next year. This is the layout for all the classes and who will be teaching them. We are waiting on enrollment numbers and class selections, but once those are in by the end of March we can start looking at the structure for the 2013-2014 school year.

There are going to be some changes in terms of electives as some are offered alternate years, and there will also be some additions, especially for the incoming freshman class. We are looking at adding Math and English intervention classes to support students who struggle in these areas so that we can boost their skills for the rest of high school.

We will also be adding the ERW (Expository Reading and Writing class) for juniors and seniors that scored "conditional" or "not ready" on the EAP test in English. If they struggled on the EAP in Math, then there will also be a support class. If students take these classes then it reduces the number of required classes when they attend college, which can only be a good thing!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the parents that have been working on different events this Spring. Julie Gunn and Beth Pasqualina did an amazing job getting the Building Bridges Night coordinated. Breck Lutz has done great work with our Dad's Night program, and Carrie Paulus and Carol Moore have done a wonderful job with the Mom's Night events and PRN events.

Thank you also to all of our Booster Group members who are either finishing terms or beginning new positions. SRVHS would not be able to offer such incredible programs to our students without your continuing work.

Karen Schumann (PTSA), Susan Tricca (Academic Boosters), Wendy Ganschow (Vocal Music), Jayne Korinke (Wolf Tones), Bob Pond (Wolf Foundation) and Mike Pisenti (Athletic Boosters) have been our Booster presidents for the 2012-2013 school year, and I am indebted to them for their tireless support of SRVHS.

Sincerely,

Ruth Steele
Principal

PTA News and Information

2013 SRVHS PTSA SENIOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications forms for the SRVHS PTSA Senior Scholarship are available for download on the [SRVHS/Parents/PTSA web page](#). Forms can also be picked up in the Career Center. Since PTSA is an organization of volunteers, we are looking for students to apply who have activities and/or jobs that demonstrate outstanding volunteerism. Students must be members of the PTSA in order to apply.

Students can join in the Career Center or online from the [school website](#) under the Parents/PTSA menu. Membership fee is \$6.00. ***All application forms must be received by Friday, April 12, 2013.*** Questions, contact Deborah Wechsler at debwex52@yahoo.com.

2013 SRVHS PTSA HONORARY SERVICE AWARDS

Each year SRVHS PTSA recognizes a few individuals or groups in the PTSA, school or community for outstanding service to children or youth. If you would like to nominate someone for an Honorary Service Award, you can download the form from the [school website under PTSA](#).

All nominations must be received by **Friday, April 12, 2013** and can be mailed to Deborah Wechsler, 231 Scotts Mill Ct., Danville, CA 94526, or dropped off in the Career Center at SRVHS. Please contact Deborah Wechsler at debwex52@yahoo.com for more information.

SKI & SNOWBOARD SWAP

Spring has arrived and ski season is winding down. Over the next few months you may be wondering what to do with your old but usable ski and snowboard equipment. Well, the SRVHS Ski and Snowboard Swap has the answer! We will be accepting donations next month of any used (but usable!) ski and snowboard equipment and clothing. Watch for dates and times for equipment drop off in next month's eLINK, or send us an email at srvswap@aol.com.

SRVHS PRIORITIES COMMITTEE

The SRVHS Priorities Committee is comprised of parents who represent every parent organization on campus, as well as all four classes, and our principal Ruth Steele. Any parent or student with a question, concern or comment regarding our school – school climate, student events, on-going campus initiatives or student concerns, etc. – is encouraged to submit their question/comment to the Priorities board. You may submit feedback in two ways: write your question/comment/concerns in the notebook passed at the PTSA monthly meetings, or you may email SRVHSPrioritiescommittee@gmail.com. Please be aware however, this is not a vehicle to ask questions of your individual student to Ms. Steele. All questions, comments and concerns are submitted to Ms. Steele and answered during the monthly Priorities meeting. The questions with answers are read at the PTSA meeting, shared with the parent organization at their individual meetings and published in the eLINK Newsletter.

Questions, Comments, and Concerns from February 2013:

Question: With the parking issue on campus, why do we continue to let students transfer from other schools?

Response: SRVHS is currently closed to transfers for the remaining 2012-13 school year. The district determines when we are considered “full” for transfers. We have very limited space for parking – only 250 spaces on campus with 2200 students. We cannot refuse entrance to the school because we don’t have enough parking.

Question: Exit signs or yellow lines to indicate exits in the senior lot? Please update on status.

Response: Signage and safety is an issue on campus, and a renewed effort to update in this area is on a short list to be addressed. Administration will follow up with the district, and senior lot signage should be taken care of by Spring Break.

Question: Will the 2015 (and onwards) students be allowed off campus during lunch when they are juniors and seniors? If not, please explain why the privilege is being revoked? Who is requiring the change and do the merchants around campus know about this? They heavily rely on our student and many donate back to the school in various ways.

Response: A final decision has not been made but we are moving in the direction of a closed campus. This has been in progress for over a year, and is really in the best interests of our student’s safety. Closing the SRVHS campus started at the District level in 2011, but we at SRVHS believe it is the best way to move forward. We are well aware this may impact local businesses, and through the Spring we will reach out to neighboring merchants and make sure they are aware of the upcoming changes. Student’s safety is our number one priority.

Communication from SRVHS:

Question: May we request communication from SRVHS be signed and/or marked as coming from the high school? If you have multiple kids it is easier to see where the email came from. (Sample: Zach Pinkerton email re: Robots).

Response: We were not aware that the subject line would not include SRVHS automatically. Thank you for bringing it to our attention – we will ensure that we add it from now on.

Question: I was a bit surprised by the email from Mr. Pinkerton regarding visiting middle schools during finals. I understand that security is taken very seriously at the moment and that an invasion by the HS students may be a problem. It could have been worded differently, just a few lines explaining why the message was sent.

Response: Better explanation could be made on topics like this. CWMS and Stone Valley Administration had both requested that we ask students to not drop by. In an effort to keep to their wishes, we sent out the email. Students were also informed on campus.

Question: What is the policy on hazing younger players when they make a varsity sport? I am specifically referring to the girls who made the varsity soccer team this year that were “forced” by their teammates to dance at one of the home basketball games?

Response: Hazing of any sort is not tolerated at SRVHS. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.

Parent/Teen Education and EPIC/Healthy Choices

March is often the beginning of new growth, as spring changes our physical environment by adding color and a fresh sense of beauty. Our adult learning will continue blooming with the varied upcoming parent education opportunities.

If you were able to attend the district parenting conference, Parenting 2013 and Beyond, you hopefully found the day to be invigorating and informative. If not, each year this event takes place on the last Saturday of February. For a minimal price, you have the opportunity to hear a fabulous keynote speaker, choose two workshops of your choice and enjoy breakfast and lunch with other parents!

Mom's Night is coming up on Tuesday, March 12th in the Yoga/Dance room at SRVHS. We will meet from 7:15-8:45PM for an evening of relaxation, information and YOGA with yoga instructor and SRVHS Mom, Judy Brennan. It doesn't matter if you have not done yoga before; this is an opportunity to relax with other SRVHS Moms! Refreshments will be served.

For those of you wanting to do something different on your lunch break, join us for our **Brown Bag Lunches** which take place on selected Wednesdays from 12-1 PM. Our next **Brown Bag Lunch** will take place on May 8th with our principal, Ruth Steele speaking on the "State of the School". Put the date on your calendar! These are well attended, friendly and casual gatherings. Bring your lunch and join us for an informative and engaging hour.

"Dads on Campus" had an informative evening on February 28th. The presenter that night was Officer Vince Richards, our school resource officer. The next **"Dad's Night"** will be held on May 2nd. Follow the eBulletin for detailed information as the evening gets closer. Any questions about Dad's events can be directed to Breck Lutz at blutz@ccareynkf.com.

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

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Dates to Remember:

Mom's Night – Tuesday, March 12th ,7:15-8:45PM, Yoga/Dance Room

Parent Resource Night (PRN) – Wednesday, April 10th, 6:45-9:00PM, Commons

Dad's Night – Tuesday, May 2nd, 7-9PM

Brown Bag Lunch – Wednesday, May 8th, 12-1PM, New Staff Lounge

Tips for the Month

Mike Robbins, the keynote speaker at this year's Parenting 2013 and Beyond district conference, spoke about the "Power of Appreciation." With his success as a baseball player, (high school – drafted by the Yankees instead attending Stanford to get his degree and play ball; drafted again by the Kansas City Royals) and then dealing with an injury that ended his sports career, Mike learned that appreciation for what opportunity he DID have helped change his life.

He pointed out that there is a big difference between recognition and appreciation. His baseball career provided him with a lot of recognition, when he was doing well. The way he defined "RECOGNITION" is focusing on PERFORMANCE or RESULTS, it is finite and has that competitive piece to it. "APPRECIATION" on the other hand, is the RECOGNIZING of SOMETHING or SOMEONE.

Here are some tips to get kids to be more grateful and appreciate life and themselves...

- 1) Model It*
- 2) Give feedback – not correction, and make it heartfelt*
- 3) Asking kids regularly what they are appreciative/grateful for... not just at the Thanksgiving table!*
- 4) Start a conversation with your child/teen by saying... "Do you know what I appreciate about you?" (Then share it!)*

The serotonin levels in the brain increase in the moment that a giver of appreciation shares his/her gratitude with another and it is received by that person.

Learn to receive it versus deny it or minimize it! "Well, it really wasn't that great..." A simple "thank you" will suffice!

Academic Boosters

Please join us at our next and final meeting of the academic year on Wednesday, March 13th at 10:30am in the Career Center. We always appreciate parents attending our meetings and giving us input on how we can make an impact on the SRVHS Academic Community.

I am pleased to announce that we have filled our open Board and Committee positions for the 2013-2014 school year. Jacqueline Bennett will be our new President and Paula Moore will be our new Vice President. Jacqueline was on our Board this year and was instrumental in creating the Paperless e-Directory. She has many ideas to use technology to streamline the donation process and the way we obtain and distribute information to and from our parent community.

The last Mock SAT or ACT will be on Saturday, March 16th. This is the last opportunity for Juniors to take a practice test before the May or June test dates. This year we have added to our testing preparation program an ACT Bootcamp in addition to the popular SAT Bootcamp. The ACT Bootcamp will be offered on April 6th and 7th from 9AM to 1PM each day for a cost of \$165. The SAT Bootcamp will be offered on April 27th and 28th from 9AM to 1PM each day for a cost of \$165. For sophomores, your first chance to

take the Mock Combo SAT/ACT will be on May 4th from 9AM to 1PM. You can sign up through the SRVHS website to assure your spot in one of these classes as they fill up quickly.

We are pleased to sponsor two scholarships again this year for graduating Seniors. The Academic Merit Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 and the Academic Growth Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Applications and details are available in the Career Center. These will be awarded at Senior Awards night in May.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers for helping with the Academic Letter collection at the end of February. We always enjoy seeing the students on campus.

You should have recently received your receipt for donations made to SRVHS Academic Boosters in 2012. Included in the mailing was information on our Spring Donation Drive going on now!

If you have any questions, please contact me at stricca@pacbell.net.

Susan Tricca
Academic Boosters President 2012-2013

Athletic Boosters

Get involved and help keep SRVHS Athletics strong!

The San Ramon Valley High School Athletic Boosters is dedicated to supporting our athletic programs for all sports on campus. This year, we will contribute well over \$100,000 to subsidize the funding necessary to provide a quality athletic program for the student athletes at SRVHS. We support all 22 athletic teams at SRVHS and every dollar we raise goes back into SRV Athletics!!

It's hard to believe we are more than halfway through the school year and, with that, we start looking towards next year. The Athletic Booster Club is constantly looking for new ideas as well as parents who would like to get involved with our Board in various positions or to help with the many programs we offer. Our biggest need right now is to find someone to help coordinate the Sponsorships & Advertising. We encourage you to participate in some form by becoming involved, so come to one of our monthly meetings and let us know how you can help. Our next meeting of the 2012-2013 school year will be on Monday, April 1st at 7:00pm in the Career Center. We look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming meetings.

Additionally, we have several advertising opportunities at the Stadium Field, the baseball fields, and Main Gymnasium available. Please contact Mike Pisenti at Michael.pisenti@workflowone.com for more information on advertising opportunities.

Below are the remaining dates of our meetings for the 2012-2013 school year; anyone is welcome to attend and get involved. All meetings start at 7:00PM and are held in the Career Center. The Athlete of the Month Awards Meetings will be held in the cafeteria.

- Monday, April 1st, Career Center
- Monday, May 6th, Career Center
- Monday, June 3rd, Athlete of the Month awards Ceremony, Cafeteria

Please contact Mike Pienti at Michael.pienti@workflowone.com for more information.

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

Mike Pienti

Athletic Boosters Club of SRVHS

Performing Arts

DRAMA

Spring Musical

Coming Soon! The much anticipated SRVHS Spring Musical!

This year's show will be "Pippin" - book by Roger O. Hirson music & lyrics by Stephen Schwartz (genius of other hit musicals Godspell & Wicked). The play follows the story of Pippin, the son of Charlemagne, as he journeys to find his "Corner of the Sky", set against the backdrop of our own SRVHS. This unique event will feature the combined talents of our Performing Arts, Choral Music, Instrumental Music, and Dance Departments.

Mark your calendars for this "must see" production of "Pippin":

- Thursday, April 11th
- Friday, April 12th
- Thursday, April 18th
- Friday, April 19th
- Saturday, April 20th

All performances are at 7:00PM. For additional information, please contact rseitelman@srvusd.net.

Improv

The wild and crazy SRVHS Improv Teams will soon be going "head to head" in the PAC! Watch (and learn?) as each team collaborates in improvisational games based on audience suggestions. You never know what will happen! Hilarity ensues.

- Wednesday, March 20th
- Thursday, March 21st
- Friday, March 22nd

The Theatre Boosters want to thank you for helping make the SRVHS production of “The Crucible” such a success!

“Actors think more with their hearts than with their heads.” W. Esper

DANCE

Auditions for 2013-14 dance classes:

Dance 2, 3, 4 and 5 require an audition.

Location: Auxiliary Gym

Clinics: April 2nd from 3:30-5:00PM and April 3rd from 3:30-4:30PM (you are responsible for learning the dance routine at the clinics)

Auditions: Across the floor – April 4th from 3:30-7:00PM (you must stay until the end)
Dance Routine – April 5th from 3:30-7:00PM (you may leave after you finish)

To purchase a CD of the dance routine music, bring \$1 to the clinic the first day (optional).

Audition rubrics are attached to Mrs. MacPhail’s webpage at
http://srvhs.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=108817&type=u.

Questions: Please email cmacphail@srvhs.org

VOCAL MUSIC

Treble Clef took second place at the Women’s Golden State Competition in Lafayette on February 7th. Great job, ladies!

The SRVHS Vocal Music Spring Concerts will take place on Thursday, March 14th and Friday, March 15th in the Performing Arts Center. Tickets are on sale now.

Congratulations go out to the singers who will be representing SRVHS at the All-State Honor Choir, March 21st through 23rd in San Jose: Allie Cable, Adrian Laufer, Brad Parese, Alec Viera and Taylor Ybarra.

For information on the Vocal Music Program, please contact Ken Abrams, Choral Director, at kabrams@srvhs.org or Wendi Ganschow, Vocal Music Parent Coordinator, at sanramonvoices@gmail.com.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

2013 County Honor Band – the February 2nd concert was an incredible experience for students, parents and Mrs. Glass. During the past few months, the following SRVHS musicians practiced and performed with musicians from around Contra Costa County: Amy Kornike, Ben Freiman, Brandon Ma, David Hand, Derek Wong, Ian Martin, Jameson Davis, Lourdes Guzman-Sanchez, Sally Littlefield, Sean Jaffe, and Tracy Lahey; and selected for County Jazz Honor Band was Andrew Castleman.

The first ever **SRVHS Winter Drumline** placed 2nd at two recent competitions! Both the February 9th Winter Drumline Fairfield Competition, and the February 23rd Winter Drumline Napa Competition were exciting for all members.

Marching Band leadership selections are underway. The **Jazz Band & Ensemble** placements for all returning students, transfers and new incoming freshman will occur in the next week or two. Please contact Mrs. Glass for more information.

Students - Register for an instrumental music course now! We need incoming freshmen to sign up, too. If you play an instrument or can hold a beat and can walk at the same time, think about signing up for Marching Band (a 7th period course). Be a part of the best program at SRVHS!

Upcoming SRVHS Instrumental Music Events:

- March 16th: Santa Cruz Jazz Festival – Jazz Band & Jazz Ensemble
- March 19th: Area Band Festival – Concert & Symphonic Bands
- March 22nd: Benicia Competition – Winter Drumline
- April 26-27th: CMEA at SRVHS – Concert, Symphonic, and Orchestra (with JE & JB help)
- May 14th: Spring Symphonic Concert – Concert, Symphonic and Orchestra
- May 15th: Spring Jazz Concert

SRVHS Instrumental Music Program Events for Summer 2013 and beyond:

- Wolf Pack Days – Sign up to join Wolf-Tones and get the latest info about our music programs
- Marching Band Camp Week – tentatively scheduled for the week of August 18
- SRVHS Instrumental Music Welcome BBQ – tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, August 21st.
This event is open to all students and families enrolled in SRVHS Instrumental Music programs (Concert, Symphonic, Orchestra, Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Marching Band and Winter Drumline)
- Summer 2014 Instrumental Music Tour - Spain

Wolf-Tones is a nonprofit organization that provides support and funding for ALL Instrumental Music Programs at SRVHS. As school budgets get reduced or cut, it becomes even more important for our organization to support the needs of ALL Instrumental Music classes. Wolf-Tones purchases all music, replacement or repair of all instruments, field trip & festival fees, Honor Group fees, and support aids for Mrs. Glass. Please make a point of getting involved and purchasing a Wolf-Tones membership. This membership grants you entrance to all the concerts as well as help fund all the work we do. We usually

meet the first Monday of every month at 7:00PM in the Old Staff Lounge. These meetings are open to all Instrumental Music parents and you are encouraged to come. Get involved! Fully tax deductible contributions are always welcome, too.

Counseling Corner

Summer School

This year summer school will be held at San Ramon Valley High. Summer school will be offered to students for remediation purposes only (for students needing to repeat a course already taken for which a D or F was received, or for students behind in graduation credits). The summer school program does NOT offer opportunities for students who want to take a course in order to accelerate their academic program.

Students have the option of taking two semester length courses in summer school.

Session A will be June 24 – July 12

Session B will be July 15 – August 1

Both sessions will be 8:00AM–12:40PM.

Students should apply early for summer school. Space is expected to be limited. Students should check the eBulletin for registration information.

Enrichment classes will also be available through SRVHS during the summer. Enrichment classes to be offered will be Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II.

Students who are interested in doing summer school at Venture, June 24 – August 1, should see their counselor regarding this option. (Limited space is available.)

There are also summer opportunities for both volunteer and work experience that can be found through our Career Center.

Summer Coursework at Diablo Valley College

All students will need to pick up a special admission form in the high school counseling office and have it signed by the principal. The parent and student also need to sign the form. Students must also complete the DVC application for summer online at www.dvc.edu.

Students who will be 11th and 12th graders in the fall of 2013 must register in person at DVC. Courses are expected to be very difficult to access this summer.

Students who will be 9th and 10th graders in the fall of 2013 must obtain the permission of the instructor on the first day of class in order to enroll.

*Please note that courses taken outside of the school district will not be placed on your high school transcript unless the course is used to remediate a failed course.

College Testing Information

The last two dates to take the SAT Reasoning or SAT Subject Tests this school year are May 4th and June 1st. Students should register at www.collegeboard.com.

The final two dates to take the ACT test this school year will be April 13th and June 8th. Students should register at www.actstudent.org.

AP Registration is now open. Students must register online through the SRVHS website www.srvhs.net.

Class News and Information

SENIORS – CLASS OF 2013

President ~ Molly McKenna

Vice President ~ Katelyn Looney

Secretary ~ Lindsay Portman

Treasurer ~ Emma Glass

Remind your senior to attend the **Senior Meeting on March 19th during A Period!** They will be getting info about Senior Ball, Six Flags, graduation speech/song try outs, other graduation info, as well as receiving their Senior Panoramic Photo from the beginning of the school year!

Senior Timeline: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eJG9BSsx8WwjFP2B-2VnCB2hYZDERBzQppWp56JFtvE/edit>

Senior Ball will be held on May 18th at AT&T Park in San Francisco! Tickets will go on sale in early May.

Senior trip to Six Flags Discovery Kingdom will be on Wednesday May 29th.

Graduation ribbon leis and flower leis will soon be available to order! Look for them in the SRV WebStore! Ribbon leis will start being sold mid-April, and flower leis will be sold starting in mid-May.

Grad Night 2013:

Grad Night Tickets are still available for \$160. You will not want to miss out on this all-class, fun-filled night on Friday, June 14, 2013, immediately following the graduation ceremony. Contact MaryBeth Turner, jmmmat@sbcglobal.net.

See below for more details about **Grad Night 2013**.

Stadium Chair Fundraiser

The Class of 2013 (thanks to MaryBeth Turner) continues to fund raise through stadium chairs. These stadium chairs are heavy-duty with a steel frame and canvas back. They are green and gold and have been screen-printed with the "SRVHS Wolves" logo. They look really sharp and are very comfortable back-savers! Stadium chairs are now also for sale at Just Fun in Danville!

It will help pay for future Class of 2013 events like Senior Ball, and Grad Night. These chairs are for sale for all of SRVHS so please don't hesitate to order if you're in another class!

If you would like to purchase one, please email Marybeth Turner at jmmmat@sbcglobal.net. We can have it delivered to your house or to the home game of your choice. Make checks payable to 'SRVHS Class of 2013'.

Stay Informed!

Make sure you're a part of the 'SRVHS Class of 13' Facebook group, Twitter @SRVgco13. They are also great ways to talk with your officers, they're always free to talk with you and interact with fellow classmates.

School Wide Texting Service

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

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

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Class of 2013 Parent Reps

GRAD NIGHT 2013

There is a tremendous amount of 'behind the scenes' work and planning happening for Grad Night. Thanks to all who have already put in many hours! **Good News! Thanks to the Schaffer Family we have a worksite!!! Let the building begin!!** We have already begun to move into the worksite the past few weekends. We will be asking for more assistance in the coming weekends, particularly since we need to empty the containers before Spring Break to prepare for the "container move". Please look for emails asking for assistance the next few weekends - many hands make light work!

We will be updating the Class of 2013 page on the www.srvhs.net website. Please check it frequently for information about work parties and volunteer opportunities.

DONATIONS

We are still collecting 2013 New Year's Eve hats, poppers, blowers, etc. Donate your left over items or look for marked down merchandise now. It does not have to be 2013 specific and they do not have to match.

In addition to buying a ticket and/or working on Grad Night throughout this year, we ask parents to help us by providing leads to businesses that may be able to supply prizes or may wish to underwrite a portion of Grad Night expenses. The ticket price is about 25% below the cost of putting on the event, so community support is very important to the event's success.

If you are not able to physically help out because of work/schedule conflicts, you can help us in another way. We want to make this a "night to remember" for our seniors, and the Prize Committee is requesting monetary donations (many which are company match eligible!) and/or gift cards/certificates (iTunes, Starbucks, Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, and Best Buy are very popular with the kids). These donations will go directly into providing raffle prizes and take-home gifts for our students. A sponsorship donation form is available at the bottom of the [Grad Night page on the SRVHS web site](#).

If you can help with this or have business connections that might, please email Angela Ciccone (angela@cicconefamily.com) or Patti Maxwell (plmaxwell@mmm.com).

FUNDRAISERS

INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLING:

Now is the time to start sending in your ink cartridges to help offset Grad Night expenses! Bring your empty ink cartridges (from printers, copy machines, etc, any size will do) to the old staff lounge and place them in the Grad Night Ink Cartridge bin. Please ask your companies to help as well. We can arrange pickup from any local business. Please email Judy Koart with any questions at judykoart@yahoo.com.

SENIOR PORTRAIT VENDOR:

Custom Moments Photography (started over a decade ago by a mom of a current SRVHS senior) will donate 10% of each session to the SRVHS 2013 Grad Night fund for any session completed this spring. The session includes photographing at a location of mutual choice and dozens of images on an unrestricted, printable CD (print any size - wallets to canvases, announcements, etc.) for a flat fee of \$250. CD will be ready within two weeks of the session. For more information visit www.custommoments.com or contact Karen Henrich by cell at (925) 984-9454.

If you are not sure if your student is registered, please go to www.srvhs.net, click on the Students tab at the top, then click on Class of '13 tab, then click on Grad Night (in the box on the right) to get the latest information regarding registration. This page has a link to a list of the students who have already registered (and paid). If you have previously turned in paperwork but have not yet paid, now is the time to do that. Send your Grad Night check for \$160 to P.O. Box 671, Danville, CA 94526.

Be sure to check regularly for Grad Night updates on the SRVHS website under the Class of 2013. We encourage all of you to join us in making Grad Night 2013 one to remember.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either one of us.

Thanks for supporting the great Class of 2013!

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Grad Night 2013 Co-Chairs

SRVHS Grad Night

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Danville, CA 94526

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Secretary ~ Hunter Deuel

Treasurer ~ Gabby Franklin

Junior Prom

SRVHS Junior Prom is scheduled for Saturday April 13, and is to be held at the Scottish Rite Center in Oakland. All Juniors should have received an invitation in the mail (last week), with all details of the event.

Although we have some fabulous parents who have stepped up to oversee this event, we are in need of some additional help from YOU!

Please consider helping in one of the following areas: selling tickets to the students at lunch, making some small donations for toiletry baskets, or helping with the decorations the morning of the event ... yes, you will have time to help decorate well before your Junior begins getting ready for the evening. Click here for details: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0849AEA82C7-srvjunior

Help your Junior feel "ON TOP OF THE WORLD" at the Class of 2014 Junior Prom!

Junior Class Fundraiser

The Junior class is also holding a fundraiser at Mountain Mikes Pizza in downtown Danville on Tuesday, April 9th so be sure to eat there for lunch or dinner because 15% of all earnings that day go directly to the class of 2014!

We are working on other fundraisers at Chipotle, Ike's, and Amici's as well so we will be sure to keep you posted on those dates too!

Class of 2014 Grad Night

An email will be going out in the next few days which will outline what we need to start working on now. We are looking for ideas for a theme as well as a "Grad Night TEAM".

Alyson Colton, alyson@coltonfamily4.org

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Class of 2014 Parent Reps

SOPHOMORES – CLASS OF 2015

President ~ Colette Smith

Vice President ~ Lauren Kadesh

Secretary ~ Trevor Alexander

Treasurer ~ Nate Becker

Black Light Dance on Friday, March 1, 2013 was cancelled. We'd love new ideas for more fundraisers...

Class of 2015 Sophomore Cruise on Saturday, April 27, 2013

Our Sophomore Cruise will be held on Saturday, April 27th. This is a very popular class event for the sophomores and will sell out. The students will board Hornblower Cruises departing from Pier 3 in San Francisco and tour around the San Francisco Bay.

We will have coach buses to transport the kids to/from SRVHS and San Francisco. The students need to be at the school at 4:30pm for check in with the buses departing at 5:00. The Cruise departs at 7:00pm and returns at 10:00pm. We will return to the school at approximately 11:00-11:30pm.

There are many fun things planned for the kids while on the cruise. There will be a full buffet dinner of finger foods and dessert bar with unlimited soda and water. There will be a D.J. playing music for the entire three hours along with a dance floor on board, black jack and poker tables with dealers, and there will be a free photo booth with unlimited photos. The students are welcome to dance, socialize, play, eat, pose or just view the amazing city lights and Golden Gate Bridge. Recommended dress is casual, but WARM.

Ticket price is \$100 which covers bus transportation, cruise and dinner. You can go online to the SRVHS Web Store to purchase your tickets NOW.

NOTE: SOPHOMORE CRUISE TICKETS WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT REGISTRATION

Any general questions regarding the cruise, contact Melissa Blumenfeld at cecil60s@aol.com. Questions about ticket sales, contact Helga Glasson at glasson@sbcglobal.net.

Junior Prom Volunteers Needed

Thanks to those who have volunteered to chaperone the Junior Prom for Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the Scottish Rite Center in Oakland on Lake Merritt from 6:30pm-11:30pm. We also need seven (7) parent volunteers to check in Juniors on the bus at the High School from 6:10-7:00pm. Please sign up via SignUpGenius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4BAAAB229-junior>

Please email Helga Glasson at glasson@sbcglobal.net with questions.

Friendly Reminders:

Class of 2015 Parent Email List

We have lots of activities and news to share with the Sophomore Parents. If you are interested in putting your name on the Class of 2015 email list which sends out requests for volunteers and donations and updates on Sophomore activities, please email Helga Glasson at Glasson@sbcglobal.net to get on the list.

Class of 2015 Texting Service

You and your Sophomore should sign up for the school-wide texting service. You and your student can easily stay updated with Sophomore and school functions and news. To sign up, text WOLVES15 to 41411, and you will immediately receive a confirmation message.

Class of 2015 Facebook Page

Please have your kids join the Sophomore Facebook Page for updates and information on Sophomore and SRV activities. Have them search the SRV Class of 2015 page for the request to join.

Class of 2015 Twitter

Follow the Class of 2015 on Twitter - @whatsupSRV15

Please contact us at any time with any questions, comments or suggestions.

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

Melissa Blumenfeld, cecil60s@aol.com, 914-391-5898

Class of 2015 Parent Reps

Leadership

Baseball Drive: The Cuts Club on campus put on a baseball drive and ended up collecting just under 3,900 pieces of equipment, including 313 bats, 142 gloves, 396 helmets and over 1,000 balls. They delivered the equipment to the organization Roberto's Kids on Saturday which is in Napa.

Elections Week: Elections week for next year's class officers is coming quickly! The week of March 18-22 is election week. Students who want to run for elected positions should have already turned in their packets to A2 and attended the mandatory informational meeting.

It Happens: The "It Happens" program is happening again this year! This program is all about safety on bikes, cars, etc. March 18-20 are the dates of the program. On Tuesday it is our annual Bike to school day. Students are encouraged to ride their bike and lock it up outside the commons. More information will be coming on the events happening on those days.

Every 15 Minutes: We are hard at work planning the Every 15 Minutes program that will occur April 16 and 17.

Mr. GQ: On April 5 we will be holding the Mr. GQ competition. 13 boys have been selected to participate in the program through a long interview process. Tickets will start to be sold on the Wednesday and WILL SELL OUT.

eCommunication

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

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

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

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

Changing Your Email Subscriptions

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

How to Submit an Article to the eLINK

The SRVHS PTSA publishes the eLINK once a month during the school year. The deadline for each eLINK issue is the first Thursday of each month. To contribute an article to the eLINK newsletter, [please email it to Christy Christoffersen](#). The deadline for the April eLINK is: Thursday, April 4th, 2013.

Calendar

- 3/12 – **Mom's Night**, 7:15-8:45pm, Yoga/Dance Room
3/13 – **Academic Booster Meeting**, 10:30am, Career Center
3/14 & 3/15 – **Spring Vocal Concert**, PAC
3/20-3/22 – **Improv**
3/25-3/29 – **Spring Break**
- 4/1 – **Athletic Boosters Meeting**, 7pm, Career Center
4/4 – **PTSA Meeting**, 9am, Career Center
4/4 & 4/5 – **Dance Auditions**, 3:30-7:00pm
4/10 – **Parent Resource Night (PRN)**, 6:45-9:00pm, Commons
4/11 & 4/12 – **Pippin**, 7pm, PAC
4/12 – **PTSA Senior Scholarship Deadline**
4/12 – **PTSA Honorary Service Award Nominations Deadline**
4/13 – **Junior Prom**, Scottish Rite Center, Oakland
4/18-4/20 – **Pippin**, 7pm, PAC
4/26 & 4/27 – **CMEA at SRVHS with Concert Band, Symphonic Band & Orchestra**
4/27 – **Sophomore Cruise**
- 5/2 – **PTSA Meeting**, 9am, Career Center
5/2 – **Dad's Night**, TBA
5/6 – **Athletic Boosters Meeting**, 7pm, Career Center
5/8 – **Brown Bag Lunch**, 12-1pm, New Staff Lounge
5/14 – **Spring Symphonic Concert**
5/15 – **Spring Jazz Concert**
5/18 – **Senior Ball**
5/29 – **Senior Trip to Discovery Kingdom**