



eLINK Newsletter – February 2013

President's Message

I would like to begin this month's article by thanking Carrie Paulus and Carol Moore for heading up the finals "grab 'n go" breakfasts that were served to our students every day during finals week. They handled all the shopping and were on campus very early each day to set up. Thanks also to the volunteers that worked each morning, and the many families who donated for this event at registration. The students were very appreciative!

Although we are just midway through the school year, our PTSA is already beginning to plan for next year. The PTSA Nominating Committee has been formed, and is working to find volunteers to serve next year. There are a wide variety of jobs, some large and some small. Each one makes a big difference for our school community. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Deborah Wechsler, Nominating Committee Chair, at debwex52@yahoo.com.

Our annual Building Bridges nights are coming up on March 5 and 6. These evenings are for current 8th graders and their parents to come and find out about what happens in high school – both in the classroom as well as extracurricular activities. There will be lots of information shared, and we encourage all to attend.

Our next PTSA meeting will be held on Thursday, March 7 at 9:00 am in the Career Center. Please feel free to join us!

[Karen Schumann](#)

SRVHS PTSA President

Principal's Message

Dear SRVHS Community,

At last, we have a pool!

Monday, February 4th saw the "soft" opening of the SRVHS pool. We had a coordinated "jump-in" by grade level. The senior swimmers, water polo players and divers jumped in first, followed by the juniors, sophomores and freshmen. It will be followed by a larger scale opening in the summer when the pool

entrance way is completed. For now, the pool and scoreboard are fully functional. Thank you to everyone for your patience while this project was completed.

We have some new projects beginning this Spring. One of the most far-reaching will be the campus beautification project. This will involve three stages. The first is getting benches purchased and installed in the different wings to provide student seating; the second will be landscaping a variety of areas of campus and planting native plants, as well as improving the areas for student use; the third and most pressing need is to revamp the quad area in front of the D wing. The goal is to create some sort of central amphitheater and seating area that can be used for lunch and as a focal point for events. We have a meeting set up for Friday, February 15th during lunchtime. At this meeting we will be forming three separate teams to work on each part of the project.

Following that meeting we will be looking for parents who can help with landscaping, design, concrete work, bench and table installation and many other areas. We have yet to determine how the tables and benches will be funded, but that will be part of the planning. Dates will be forthcoming after the meeting on the February 15th.

There are some other projects in the works and I will be sending out parent emails as we start laying the ground work for those.

Sincerely,

Ruth Steele
Principal

PTA News and Information

PTSA BOARD POSITIONS

SRVHS PTSA Seeking Nominations for 2013-2014 School Year

San Ramon Valley High School PTSA Needs YOU! Please consider submitting your name for a PTSA Committee position for the 2013-14 school year. There are a variety of positions open with differing time commitments. Open Board positions include Executive VP, Auditor, Historian, and Parliamentarian. There are also a number of Committee Chair positions available. Please contact Deborah Wechsler, PTSA Nominating Committee, at debwex52@yahoo.com to submit your name, suggest someone else, or if you have questions.

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.

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.

LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING...

On January 10th, California Governor Jerry Brown released his Budget Proposal for 2013 and I'm pleased to report that this year's budget does not include any further cuts to education. Thanks to the voters in California who passed Proposition 30, next year's budget is the first in five years where our public schools have not been on the chopping block. While this is a great first step, PTA will continue to monitor education funding policy and budget deliberations to make sure that education funding is fair and sufficient for every student.

Are you interested in the ongoing state budget discussions? There are still ways to get involved and opportunities to learn more about PTA legislative advocacy. Join your PTA/PTSA leaders and attend the [California State PTA Legislative Conference](#) in Sacramento for two days in February to hear more about next year's education funding and other key topics impacting children. The conference is open to anyone who has an interest in advocating and wants to know more about what is going on with legislation in California.

In addition, this spring the San Ramon Valley Council of PTAs will be co-hosting another local Advocacy Day where you can learn more about how the state budget will impact local funding directly. More information on [Advocacy Day 2013](#) will be available in February.

Questions, contact Jean Maguire, VP, Legislative Advocacy, at jean_maguire@sbcglobal.net.

PERES SISTER SCHOOL

Read Across America Day – Thank you SRVHS for your generous book donations! We are half way to our goal of collecting 1500 books for the kids at Peres Elementary School. Clean out your closets and bookshelves and bring in your gently used (or new) books to share with our sister school.

Bring your donations to the attendance office and put them in the box labeled **Books for Peres**. On Friday, March 22nd, we will deliver the books and celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with the students at Peres Elementary. Two groups of students and parents will be driving to Richmond that day. The first group will go from 9am-12pm and the second group from 12pm-3pm. We need students and drivers for both groups. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Dawn Garlieb garlieb@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

2012-13 SRVHS GRANT PROGRAM

The PTSA is pleased to present the following report. Any questions pertaining to these grants can be directed to Linda Cleveland at Linda@cland.us.

As a result of the proceeds from our Annual Ski & Snowboard Swap event in November and other sources, \$20,000.00 will be granted to SRVHS teachers and staff for classroom and student needs. Grant money was disbursed after review and approval by the PTSA at the February 7, 2013 meeting.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount Granted</u>	<u>Grant Request</u>
Culinary Arts	\$1,100.00	Chef Coats
Science	\$2,000.00	Components and supplies for Hands on Physics
Science	\$68.00	Video collection for Chemistry, Physics and Earth Science
Science	\$750.00	Supplies for saltwater aquariums
Science	\$750.00	Biotechnology kits
Speech & Debate	\$660.00	Books and dues
Technology	\$1,525.00	Barcode scanner
Robotics	\$1,000.00	Parts and equipment
World Language	\$80.00	Eggspert game
Custodial	\$2,142.00	Folding chairs
SRVHS	\$4,300.00	Document Cameras
SRVHS	\$5,700.00	Kindle Fires 1 set (36)

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 December 2012 and January 2013:

Question: Is there a list of apps that teachers use for educational purposes (for smart phones, ipads)?

Response: The District technology department has been working to find the best educational resources for Apps and just in the last couple of weeks posted a selection on the SRVUSD website, through the “technology” tab. Go to <http://www.srvusd.net/appslst> to view the list of apps specifically recommended for teachers to access. There are hundreds of sites and apps out there, but this list represents some of the best.

Question: Parking is a premium on campus, but why are unattended cars allowed to park in the yellow zone in front of the pool/large gym? They are there for extended periods.

Response: Parking is a premium on SRVHS campus, and clarification is needed in this area. The yellow zone is intended for a quick drop off or pick up and not for those on campus for an extended visit. We are evaluating strategic signage in this area to reinforce a 10 minute maximum for drop off and pick up.

Question: Cafeteria at lunch – kids complain the lines are too long. If they try to buy lunch, they spend most of the period in line. Since SRVHS space is limited for food prep and selling, could more grab and go sandwiches, etc., available through kiosks or food trucks, be allowed on campus?

Response: The amount of time it takes to get lunch, and viable efficient options for our students are being reviewed. This is of particular importance because freshmen, sophomores and juniors will be required to stay on campus for lunch beginning the 2013-14 school year. As a result of the closed campus roll out, efficient lunch options are becoming a priority. Though nutrition laws are strict, and outside vendors would need to adhere to these requirements, SRVHS will evaluate food vendors that could distribute through stations/carts/kiosks on campus next year.

Question: The district has offered many Parent Ed events focused on the Internet and computing safety. Are any presentations being made like this to the students? Including topics like texting and social media safety, inappropriate exchanges, what to do with foul language, anger, threatening messages.

Response: Education on the Internet and computing safety for students is very important to us. MacAfee is coming in to speak on these topics this month – February 7th for parents, and February 14th for students. Their presentation covers all of this.

Question: Finals related issues:

1. Why is “Dead Week” not so? It seems teachers accelerate the week before finals – my student has three tests during dead week. It adds so much stress to the kids.

Response: Students should have class time dedicated to review of the semester material, and not new/additional information provided in the week before finals. There is a cultural shift taking place related to pacing the material and changing finals to accommodate for the pace. Next year subject level teams will share resources and collaborate among each other, which will encourage built-in class review time. Please have your student speak with their teacher and administration to encourage the change.

2. My student’s Science class (biology) is significantly behind the other classes. Is the progression of classes monitored in any way?

Response: We do monitor the progress of teachers and understand that the pacing in each class may be different. As mentioned above, next year subject level teams will share resources and collaborate among each other, encouraging classes to pace more similarly.

3. Is there a certain date that reviews or study guides are to be given to students so they have ample time to prepare?

Response: Study guides should be given a week in advance. There is no date, but the week before finals should be the time to provide review and study guides.

4. Should extra credit be tied to how many times the bathroom is used during the semester? My daughter used the bathroom one time during the semester in her class and was told she is not eligible for extra credit as a result.

Response: There should not be any link between academic credit and privileges. This will be addressed.

Question: I am concerned that two wrestling meets have been scheduled during finals week. I think that will make it very hard for student-athletes to do well on their exams. Can't this scheduling be changed? I think it would be very important to do so. I believe this happened because the wrestling coach is not a teacher and did not know the exam schedule.

Response: All winter sports face the same issue of meets/games scheduled during finals week. This is an East Bay Athletic League (EBAL) issue, in which our district participates. Unless there is a district-wide EBAL agreement this will not change.

Question: As a parent of a freshman in the dance program I would like to find out where all the money goes that is raised. Ticket sales fill the theatre for six nights each year, there is a fundraiser and flower/DVD sales, and each family buys their own costumes. You don’t get to see where the money is spent. Monte Vista has much more props used during their shows (like light boxes and other fancy props). If we bring in all this money, who is responsible to keep track of it? I also think parents with students in drama, band and chorus might have the same question.

Response: The administration is in the process of reviewing all budgets for various campus departments, and will address the mentioned concern and question when more information is available.

Parent/Teen Education and EPIC/Healthy Choices

January seems to have flown by and many of us continue to work hard at maintaining resolutions we set for the New Year. If one of those was to work on your relationship with your kids or teens or become the parent you want to be, we hope you are able to attend the Parenting events offered to you at SRVHS!

Mom's Night, which was held on Thursday, January 17th, in the Career Center, was a fabulous evening! The room was packed as the speaker, our very own College and Career specialist, Candy Jewett, provided us with information on the issue of "Fostering Independence... Practical tools to help Mom's start the process of 'Letting Go'". A wonderful sense of camaraderie was felt as stories were shared and feelings validated.

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. February 6th was our most recent Brown Bag Lunch when we welcomed Mary Shelton, SRVUSD Superintendent. She shared information about changes in learning and teaching in California and within our district. Our next Brown Bag Lunch will take place on May 8th. These are well attended, friendly and casual gatherings. Bring your lunch and join us for an informative and engaging hour.

The second **Parent Resource Night** (PRN) for this school year just took place on Thursday evening, February 7th. The workshops included a SRVHS teen panel for the Family Communication-Connecting With Your Teen, Cyber Safety presented by McAfee reps, and College Basics with speaker and our College/Career Center specialist Candy Jewett. The evening was a great learning opportunity for parents.

"Dads on Campus" will regroup on Thursday evening, February 28th at 7PM for their next Dad's Night. Watch the eBulletin for more details. 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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Chairperson - EPIC/Healthy Choices

Breck Lutz, blutz@ccareynkf.com
Coordinator – "Dad's on Campus"

Dates to Remember:

District Parenting Conference – Saturday, February 23rd, DVHS, 8AM-3PM

Dad's Night – Thursday, February 28th, 7-9PM, Career Center

Mom's Night – Tuesday, March 12th, 7-9PM, Career Center

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

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

Quotes of the Month

Your kids require you most of all to love them for who they are, not to spend your whole time trying to correct them. - Bill Ayers

If you raise your children to feel that they can accomplish any goal or task they decide upon, you will have succeeded as a parent and you will have given your children the greatest of all blessings. - Brian Tracy

Academic Boosters

Please join us at our next and final meeting of the academic year on Wednesday, March 13th at 10:30 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.

Thank you to all the families who made donations to the San Ramon Valley High School Academic Boosters for the 2012-2013 school year. You will be receiving your calendar year 2012 tax receipt from our Treasurer by the end of the month. Your donation helped us continue to fund class size reduction for the year as well as support the College and Career Center and provide assistance to students who participate in some of the academic clubs on campus.

It is time to look ahead to the 2013-2014 school year. Although I will have “graduated,” I am excited that we have some new parent volunteers to fill positions on our board and our committees for next year so we can continue to serve the SRVHS Community. We want to continue to fund class size reduction and provide the financial support to the people and programs on campus that enhance the learning experience for our students, as well as assist Ms. Steele in her vision for the SRVHS learning environment.

We will be keeping the requested donation for 2013-2013 at \$325.00 per student. A donation form is being mailed to all families along with their tax receipt for those wishing to make their donation in the Spring to reduce their costs at registration in August. (You can also go to www.srvhs.net and click on the Academic Booster link on the left of the webpage to donate via PayPal.) The donation opportunity will be available again at registration if you wish to wait until then to make your donation.

Watch the Daily eBulletin and check the SRVHS website for important news on upcoming Academic Letter application collection for the Fall 2012 semester, Spring ACT and SAT bootcamps and mock tests and Senior Scholarship applications and deadlines.

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

Susan Tricca

Academic Boosters President 2012-2013

Performing Arts

VOCAL MUSIC

February is a busy time in the vocal music world! These are just some of the upcoming events for our singers:

- On Tuesday, February 12, Chamber Singers will be participating in the Chamber Singers Festival at CSU East Bay in Hayward.
- On Monday, February 25, the SRVHS Area Choral Festival will take place here at SRVHS at 7pm. Area elementary and middle schools will perform, along with our own award-winning choirs.
- On Monday, March 4, Treble Clef will be presenting a Dessert Show fundraiser at SRVHS at 7pm.
- From Thursday, March 7 through Sunday, March 10, Treble Clef will be taking their spring tour. Their destination this year is sunny Orange County.

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

Thank you to all of the families who supported the SRVHS Instrumental Music (IM) program's annual Flea Market. Mrs. Glass, our students and their families thank everyone who donated their time, participated in set up & during the event, and especially to those who purchased items. The funds raised go directly to the Wolf-Tones and will be used for purchasing and repairing instruments.

On Saturday, January 26, several SRVHS IM students volunteered their entire evening to support the Diablo Symphony Orchestra Crab Feed. We had a fantastic jazz combo entertaining the patrons, as well as other students helping with registration and raffles. Parents enjoyed a fun-filled evening. Don't miss this event next year!

On Saturday, February 2, SRVHS IM program held our annual Benefit Concert. This year is the start of our partnership with Diablo Symphony Orchestra, who graciously donated their time to benefit our music program. Several IM students joined the DSO on stage and amazed their friends and family with a spectacular performance. The concert was followed by an evening of delicious desserts.

Upcoming SRVHS Instrumental Music Events:

- Saturday, February 23 – **Winter Drumline Napa Competition**
- **Spring See's Candy Sales**
- Thursday - Sunday, March 7-10 – **Marching & Color Guard SoCal Tour** (Disneyland, recording session & universities)
- Summer 2014 – **Musical tour of 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 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

Seniors:

- **For CSU/UC** no transcripts or mid-year reports are needed, unless requested by the university.
- **For schools using the Common Application:** Mid-year reports are required. Please come in to the counseling office and order a PDF transcript from the registrar, Barbara Murray. It is a \$2.00 flat fee (you only need to order one PDF transcript). Please have Ms. Murray send this PDF transcript to your counselor. Your counselor can then upload your transcript and send your mid-year report to all the schools to which you applied on the Common Application.
- **For private colleges not on the Common Application:** Check to see if the school requires a mid-year report. If so, please order a paper copy of your transcript from the registrar, Ms. Murray. (The cost is \$2.00 per school.) Then provide an addressed, stamped envelope and transcript, along with the mid-year report to your counselor to complete. Make sure to give your counselor at least two weeks prior to the college's deadline to complete this for you.

Other Tips for Seniors:

An important reminder for all seniors: If you drop a course or receive a D or F in the senior year, you must notify all colleges and universities to which you have applied.

Make certain that you follow the proper procedure to obtain housing at the colleges where you are applying.

Remember to complete the financial aid process. File your FAFSA and Cal Grant applications before the March 2 deadline. Search and apply for scholarship opportunities through the Career Center. If you should need a letter or recommendation for a scholarship from your counselor, please give three weeks in advance of the due date.

Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors:

The counseling department will soon be offering information to help you review your goals, your graduation progress, and help you think about your choices of classes for next year. This month you

should begin thinking about your course selections. Review your four-year plan of classes, check with your teachers about continuing on to more advanced course work, explore possible elective options, and read the SRVHS course description booklet. Pay special attention to courses that will be required for college entrance. Remember, both the University of California (UC) and California State University (CSU) have a pattern of course work that a student must complete to be eligible for admission. You will receive a copy of your current transcript during the week of February 11th, in your social studies/health class.

AP Night is Wednesday, February 20th at 6:00, in the Commons. This is a great opportunity to hear from students about how to succeed in advanced courses.

Incoming Sophomore Parent Information Night is Tuesday, Feb. 26th at 6pm.

Incoming Junior Parent Information Night is Wednesday, Feb. 27th at 6pm.

Juniors:

There are only a few test dates left in the school year to take SAT, the SAT Subject Tests, and/or the ACT. You must take the SAT and the SAT Subject Tests on different test dates.

SAT: May 4 and June 1

ACT: April 13 and June 8

Register for SAT or the SAT Subject Tests at www.collegeboard.com; Register for ACT at www.actstudent.org.

Note: While SAT Subject Tests will not be required for Fall 2013 admission or beyond, some UC campuses recommend that students vying for slots in competitive majors take the tests to determine subject proficiency. More information on this can be found at:

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/freshman/applying-fall-2013/SAT-subject-tests/index.html

Class News and Information

SENIORS – CLASS OF 2013

President ~ Molly McKenna

Vice President ~ Katelyn Looney

Secretary ~ Lindsay Portman

Treasurer ~ Emma Glass

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.

Grad Night 2013:

Grad Night Tickets are still available for \$160.00. 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.

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.

Tonya Colton, tonyacolton@msn.com

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Class of 2013 Parent Reps

JUNIORS – CLASS OF 2014

President ~ Elliot Benson
Vice President ~ Ali Bard
Secretary ~ Hunter Deuel
Treasurer ~ Gabby Franklin

Junior Prom

Attention all Juniors!! 2013 Junior Prom is coming up on April 13, 2013 and it's going to be a blast. Not only will there be a delicious selection of food and desserts but also a dance floor that will make you feel on top of the world! Not a dancer? Don't fret! You can hang with your friends at the casino.

Important: Don't feel the need to have a date to attend. NO DATE? NO PROBLEM! Get a group together instead! Prom is a rare occasion and it will be amazing either way!

Prom will be at the Scottish Rite Center and tickets go on sale through the SRVHS Web Store (www.srvhs.net) beginning March 11 through March 22. Tickets can also be purchased with cash or check in the kiosk at lunch beginning March 19 through March 22. Tickets will be sold for \$100 and include optional charter bus transportation which is strongly encouraged.

The Junior class is also working on getting a discount at Men's Wearhouse for tuxedo rental.

Be sure to follow the junior class on twitter @SRVclassof_2014 and also join the 2014 Facebook page to keep up on what's going on!

We are also always looking for fundraising ideas so if you have any suggestions feel free to send us an email! Thank you!!

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Debbie Blumhardt, dblumhardt@comcast.net
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 from 8:00-10:30pm

This is a Sophomore Class Fundraiser and our only dance fundraiser for the year! Please encourage your student to go and wear white and/or neon to stand out! Senior DJ Carl Wilke will be there too.

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.

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

Sophomore Parents help chaperone the Junior Prom which is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 2013. Please email Helga Glasson at glasson@sbcglobal.net for questions, or sign up via SignUpGenius at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4BAAAB229-junior>. We need at least 10 more sign ups!

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

FRESHMEN – CLASS OF 2016

We hope you are enjoying the new year so far. These next few months are shaping up to be pretty busy for the Freshman Class! On February 5th, we had our first restaurant night at Amici's Pizza in Danville. Stay tuned for information on upcoming fundraisers. On March 1st, SRVHS's Annual Black Light Rally will be held after school, followed by a dance that evening. More details to coming soon. We're looking for parents to get involved for our sophomore cruise next year! Interested? Please contact Kelly Welch at sokelly@sbcglobal.net soon to get started!

Kelly Welch, sokelly@sbcglobal.net

Class of 2016 Parent Rep

Leadership

Leadership Applications for 2013-2014

The application for next year's leadership class is open for applicants! It can be found at <http://bit.ly/srvhsleadership>. Applications are due March 5th, and include an online Google form, as well as a paper portion of the application. All students are welcomed to apply for the 100 openings in the class. Directions for class officer and ASB elections are included in application as well. The mandatory meetings for leadership students are on February 26th and 27th.

Mountain Mike's Fundraiser

On February 12th, there will be a Mountain Mike's fundraiser for the SRVHS Robotics program. 30% of the proceeds will come back to their program, so please support on Tuesday, February 12th!

Dodgeball

The Spring Dodgeball tournament has been moved to the week of March 11-15. Signups for the tournament will take place at lunch on Wednesday, February 20. Come get a Dodgeball sign-up sheet and permission slips in A2 the week prior, and then bring the forms filled out with your team's names and grades with \$10 per player on February 20. A general meeting about the Dodgeball tournament will be

held at lunch on February 13 in A2. We will collect the team rosters and permission slips during lunch on the February 20 and teams that consist of four or more seniors will be drawn first, then random drawings for the remaining teams.

iPhone Engravings

For only \$5, the SRVHS Tech Class will engrave your iPhone! Students can go to the tech classroom in G Hall for more information.

Black Light Rally & Dance

Our much-awaited Black Light Rally will be on March 1st, full of activities, competitions, awards, and glow-in-the-dark fun! The Black Light Dance will be that night in the Cafeteria from 8-10:30pm. Tickets are \$10 w/ASB and \$15 w/out, available in the Bookkeeper's office.

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 March eLINK is: Thursday, March 7th, 2013.

Calendar

- 2/18 – **No School** – President's Day
2/20 – **AP Night**, 6pm, Commons
2/23 – **District Parenting Conference**, 8am-3pm, DVHS
2/25 – **Area Choral Festival**, 7pm, PAC
2/26 – **Incoming Sophomore Parent Night**, 6pm
2/27 – **Incoming Junior Parent Night**, 6pm
2/28 – **Dad's Night**, 7-9pm, Career Center
- 3/1 – **Black Light Rally**
3/1 – **Black Light Dance**, 8-10:30pm
3/4 – **Treble Clef Dessert Show Fundraiser**, 7pm, PAC
3/7 – **PTSA Meeting**, 9am, Career Center
3/8 – **No School**
3/12 – **Mom's Night**, 7-9pm, Career Center
3/13 – **Academic Booster Meeting**, 10:30am, Career Center
3/25-3/29 – **Spring Break**
- 4/4 – **PTSA Meeting**, 9am, Career Center
4/10 – **Parent Resource Night (PRN)**, 6:45-9:00pm, Commons
4/13 – **Junior Prom**, Scottish Rite Center, Oakland
4/27 – **Sophomore Cruise**
- 5/2 – **PTSA Meeting**, 9am, Career Center
5/8 – **Brown Bag Lunch**, 12-1pm, New Staff Lounge
5/18 – **Senior Ball**
5/29 – **Senior Trip to Discovery Kingdom**