



eLINK Newsletter – January 2013

President's Message

As the first semester is winding down and finals are approaching, we realize how quickly the school year is flying by. Especially for parents of seniors, we wish we could slow down the clock a little, and savor these last months of high school with our students. I encourage you to take some time to celebrate the milestones this year, whether with your freshman, or your senior, and find occasions when you can take a break from the busyness and enjoy time together. It can be a great relief for everyone to schedule an hour or two of fun in the midst of this stressful time of the semester.

At our PTSA meeting this month, our teacher representative, Jayne Lecky, encouraged us as parents to find ways to support our student in the weeks before finals. Instead of pestering them to study, or haranguing about a recent poor grade, Ms. Lecky suggested that we ask our students how we can be of help to them. Some ideas were: providing assistance in organizing a binder of notes (creating a table of contents); helping in the review of a study guide; keeping younger siblings occupied so your older student can have an uninterrupted study period; hosting a study group at your home.

One of the priorities of PTSA is to assist with communication from school to home. This month, I would like to recognize our Communications team, who spend time and effort supporting this mission. Thanks to Christy Christoffersen, our eLink newsletter editor; Susan Austin, our Constant Contact data management coordinator; and Paula Lahey, our newsletter proofreader, for all your work each month with school communications!

Our Ski Swap made a profit of about \$16,000 this year, and those funds will benefit our students in the form of grants to the teachers and staff. Thanks to Linda Cleveland, Grant Chair, and her committee of Mary Lindner, Molly Brazeale, Carrie Paulus, Linda Alcocer, Lisa Parker, and Adriana Chong. Additional members of the committee are Ruth Steele and myself. This committee is working diligently to review grant applications and find ways to maximize the benefit of these funds for our students. The grants will be awarded between January and February.

Our next PTSA meeting is on Thursday, February 7 at 9:00 am in the Career Center. Please feel free to join us. Happy New Year!

[Karen Schumann](#)

SRVHS PTSA President

Principal's Message

Dear SRVHS Community,

First of all, Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that you have had a restful and relaxing break with family and friends. January has already been a busy month and we're not even through the first week of school.

In the light of last year's tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School, and the recent shooting in Southern California, one of our main concerns at the moment is reviewing our campus safety procedures. Given San Ramon Valley High School's proximity to the trail and the freeway, and the number of entry points on campus, it is a vulnerable campus. It is very difficult to "secure" a school the size of SRVHS, but there are many steps that are being taken to try and ensure that we have better systems and accountability for our students, and our visitors to campus.

The sad part is that you have to plan for the worst while hoping for the best. Statistically, the chance of anything happening is very, very low, but the safety of our students is always going to be the number one priority. As we begin second semester, you will notice changes in the visibility of our campus supervisors, improved signage and every visitor will be required to sign in with Roxann Stone in the Main Office. There will be many other changes being implemented in the classrooms, and with our systems and procedures, which I will keep you informed about as we move forward.

Right now, the biggest challenge for our students is getting ready for finals. There will be "Exam Jam" study sessions offered in the cafeteria on January 16th and 17th for two hours after school. This is to give students an opportunity to work with some of the teachers to review and ask questions about concepts they might not completely grasp. This next week for most classes will be review and preparation for finals and although students will be stressed and focused on learning the material, it's important to remind them that most final exams will not make or break their grade. Over-studying or panicking will not help them to retain material. The more stressed out they are, the harder it will be for them to focus on learning. Please help your students to work smarter, not harder, and encourage them to take some time away from studying if you see them getting overwhelmed.

I would like to thank all of you for your help and support this semester. It's been a challenge just learning how SRVHS functions as a high school, but I love being here and it's a wonderful place to work. It's hard to believe that the end of the semester is almost here, but I am really looking forward to next semester and being able to start tackling some of the big projects that need to be addressed.

Sincerely,

Ruth Steele
Principal

PTA News and Information

PERES SISTER SCHOOL

The generosity of San Ramon Valley High School was shining again on December 19th when, along with 30 SRVHS students, I was privileged to witness the donating of 650 gifts to each student from pre-K through 6th grade.

The SRVHS students engaged with the Peres students on the playground, read them books in the classroom, and in one case, heard a presentation given by a 6th grade class at Peres thanking SRVHS for our support. It was very touching, as it was when I returned to Peres Elementary later that day and saw kids up and down every street playing with balls, etc.

Special thanks to the following parents who volunteered to drive: Kristen Bura, Jenny Garff, Jen Martin, Jean Maguire, Shelly Firebaugh, Taressa Earl, Andy Stevens, Susan Austin, Lisa Frydenlund, Karin Vandevanter, Lisa Hammill and Vail Dutto.

Read Across America Day

Hey San Ramon! “You’re never too old, too wacky, or wild to pick up a book and read to a child.” What better way to celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday than reading to a child? Read Across America Day is celebrated in March each year, in honor of Dr. Seuss’s birthday. This year SRVHS is celebrating by bringing books to our sister school, Peres Elementary, and reading to the students. Please help us celebrate by donating new or gently used books for kids in grades Pre-K through 6. Bring your donated books to the attendance office and put them in the box labeled Books for Peres. Our goal is to collect 1500 books. We will be delivering the books the first week in March. If you have questions, please contact Dawn Garlieb at garlieb@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

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SPECIAL NEEDS

Employment: Is it for me? – A workshop presented by the PTA Special Needs Committee.

- Learn how a student can ready him/herself for employment by setting individual transition goals as part of the individual education plan.
- Discuss tips for a successful transition to employment.
- What types of employment programs are available?

This workshop will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2013, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at Iron Horse Middle School MPR, 12601 Alcosta Blvd., San Ramon, CA 94583.

To register, visit www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0D4EA5AB2FAB9-employment. For more information, [view the flyer here](#).

Parent/Teen Education and EPIC/Healthy Choices

We head into the New Year with some fabulous upcoming Parenting events! As our teens are attending classes, reading and learning consistently, we hope you will join us and other parents as we educate ourselves as well! Parenting is the job without any instructional manual, yet there is valuable information and resources within our reach to make this challenging job that much more enjoyable!

Mark your calendars for our next Mom's Night which will be held on Thursday, January 17th, in the Career Center. Our speaker will be our very own College and Career specialist, Candy Jewett who will provide us with information on the issue of "Fostering Independence... Practical tools to help Mom's start the process of 'Letting Go'." The evening will include: A quick peek at adolescent developmental tasks - especially mid-teen years, putting the focus in high school on Responsibility, Accountability, Work Ethic, Self-Help – practicing independent behavior and Tips for transitioning students (and moms) from high school to college. Join us from 7-9PM for refreshments, valuable information and the opportunity to meet and connect with other SRVHS Moms!

For those of you wanting to do something different on your lunch break, our next Brown Bag Lunch will take place on Wednesday, February 6th, upstairs in the New Staff Lounge. The Brown Bag Lunches are a well-attended, friendly and casual gathering from 12-1PM. Bring your lunch and join us for an informative and engaging hour. Topic and speaker to be announced. Check the eBulletin for more information.

The second Parent Resource Night (PRN) for this school year will take place on Thursday evening, February 7th. This is a great opportunity to attend one or more workshops on how to enhance your teens emotional and academic experience. Stay tuned for more information on topics and speakers for this event.

"Dads on Campus" will regroup on Thursday evening, February 28th at 7PM for their next Dad's Night. Follow 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@ccareyynkf.com

Coordinator – “Dad’s on Campus”

Dates to Remember:

January 17th, Thursday, 7-9PM – Mom’s Night – Career Center

February 6th, Wednesday, 12-1PM – Brown Bag Lunch – New Staff Lounge

February 7th, Thursday, 6:30-8:30PM – Parent Resource Night (PRN) – Commons

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

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

Tip of the Month

No matter how calmly you try to referee, parenting will eventually produce bizarre behavior, and I’m not talking about the kids. Their behavior is always normal. - Bill Cosby

Academic Boosters

As you know, the Academic Boosters funds 100% of the College and Career Center. We always hear about the programs that they sponsor, but never about the ladies that make it such a success; Candy Jewett and Jill Schratz. Jill is new to our Career Center this year, replacing Carolyn Mackell who retired last year, but not new to high school as she was the Career Center Coordinator for three years at Dougherty Valley High School.

Candy and Jill, coordinators of the College & Career Center, share not only a love of their jobs but an amazing similarity in their life experiences! They are living proof that you can love your work and each new job experience provides you with new skills that can open doors to opportunities you might never have dreamed of!

Both Candy and Jill’s children attended San Ramon Valley High School so they know what it is like to be in our shoes. They both were volunteers in the PTSA. They went through the college application process with their own children when they were here and now they are helping ours. In addition, Candy and Jill both attended San Diego State and have certificates in College Counseling so they are very familiar with the college experience!

Candy’s favorite part of working in the College & Career Center is working with small groups of students, exploring career options and the college application process.

Jill’s favorite part about working in the Career Center is assisting students to explore all of their post high school options, leaving no stone unturned. With so many options to consider, their job is to help them use all the research tools available, to find their best post high school “fit” which will then ultimately

prepare them for an interesting and productive life. She loves sharing the job with Candy, saying it is a dream come true and enjoys having a colleague to bounce ideas off of.

Last summer, they did a whirlwind eight campus, Ivy League college tour together that was a highlight for both of them, as they wandered through history and imagined the students they knew who might thrive there.

Now that you know Candy and Jill on a more personal level, I encourage you or your student to stop by the Career Center and take a moment to introduce yourself to them.

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

Susan Tricca

Academic Boosters President 2012-2013

Performing Arts

DANCE

Dance 2, 3, 4, and 5 had another fun and successful Holiday Assembly the last day before Winter Break and for the first time offered a Dress Rehearsal performance just for the parents. Members of Dance 5 also had holiday performances at Elderly Care Homes: Sunrise of Danville, Apria Valley View and Merrill Gardens.

Dance Line and Can Can is competing at Hollywood Connection and LA Dance Magic in January 12 and February 2; both are held at the Hyatt Santa Clara. Dance Line will be traveling to LA in March to take classes at The Edge and The Performing Arts Center and to perform at Disneyland.

2nd Annual Benefit Dance Show

The 2nd Annual Benefit Dance Show features the dancers from San Ramon Valley High School, Monte Vista High, Dougherty Valley High, California High, and local studios, The Next Step, San Ramon Valley Dance Academy and Dance Fusion, and is hosted by SRVHS.

This is the only event that brings our talented local dancers together to perform and support a local charity organization.

All proceeds will go to the "Semper Fi Foundation" which is centered in Danville and was founded in honor of SRVHS Alumni LCpl Joshua "Chachi" Corral to provide support for our wounded Marines and their families, and provide public awareness of their service and sacrifice.

SRVHS Performing Arts Center

Saturday, February 9, 2013 at 7pm

Tickets \$15.00 (on sale in advance and at the door)

Contact Carol MacPhail at cmacphail@srvhs.org for more information.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Our awesome Instrumental Music program, under the direction of Music Director Cheryl Yee Glass, hosted the annual SRVHS Jazz Invitational Festival on Saturday, December 9th. Outstanding high school jazz bands from around the Bay Area entertained friends, family and jazz fans throughout the day. Each group was critiqued by professional judges and debriefed after their performances. Of course, our SRVHS Jazz Band and Jazz Ensemble rocked the PAC stage!

“A Winter Symphonic Concert” was presented by our very own Orchestra and combined Concert & Symphonic Bands on Tuesday, December 11th. Classics by Bach, Verdi, and Holst filled the PAC. Student conductor, Jameson Davis, delighted the audience by conducting the combined Concert & Symphonic Band in Hazy’s “In Flight”. The seasonal highlight was a suite from Tchaikovsky’s The Nutcracker.

During the past month, the following musicians were selected for County Honor Band: Amy Kornike, Ben Freiman, Brandon Ma, David Hand, Derek Wong, Ian Martin, Jameson Davis, Lourdes Guzman-Sanchez, Sally Littlefield, Sean Jaffe, and Tracy Lahey. Selected for County Jazz Honor Band was Andrew Castleman.

Upcoming Instrumental Music Events:

- Friday, January 18 – **Flea Market donation drop off**, Commons 4:00 – 6:30 PM. Donations are welcome from all SRVHS parents & students. (No electronics, please)
- Saturday, January 19 – **Flea Market**, Commons doors open at 8:00AM, until 1:00PM. Come support our Instrumental Music program and find your “precious”. Enjoy a hearty breakfast of Krispy Kreme donuts, Starbucks Coffee and Jamba Juice, too.
- Saturday, January 26 – Student volunteers support the **Diablo Symphony Orchestra Crab Feed** – More info at <http://www.diablosymphony.org/Events.html>.
- Saturday, February 2 – **Benefit Concert with Diablo Symphony Orchestra**, PAC 7:00PM, followed by an evening of desserts. Watch for ticket sales announcement.
- Saturday, February 9 – **Winter Drumline Fairfield Competition**
- Saturday, February 23 – **Winter Drumline Napa Competition**
- 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

All Students:

- The end of the first semester is January 25, 2013. The first day of the second semester is Tuesday, January 29, 2013. Students who plan to make any changes to their spring schedule will need to bring in a parent note, approving the change. Please note that classes are very full and choices are quite limited due to master scheduling constraints. In August students are scheduled for the entire year, so there will not be many changes possible for the spring semester. Please also note that there will be no schedule changes made to accommodate teacher choice.

Seniors:

- If you change your schedule, drop a course, or earn a D or F grade after you have submitted your college applications, you **MUST** notify the campuses to which you have applied.
- Remember to apply for housing at the colleges you are considering. Space is often limited, so apply early.
- Check with private and/or out of state colleges to see if they require the Profile or other institutional forms in addition to the FAFSA to qualify for financial aid.
- Begin to work on the FAFSA to apply for financial aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov. DO NOT submit prior to January 1, 2013.
- Wednesday, January 30th, 2013 from 5-7:30 pm will be **FAFSA on the Web Night** in the SRVHS Library. RSVP required. Please email RSVP's to jschratz@srvhs.org the names of attendees. Space is limited.

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>

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. More Grad Night info below!

Mountain Mike's Fundraiser

Dine in or carry out from Mountain Mike's on Tuesday, January 22nd. 20% goes to the Class of 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

Happy New Year!! We hope you and your family enjoyed the holiday break.

Worksite Needed

We are gearing up to get to work on the details for Grad Night. We are still in need of a workspace. We will not have a Grad Night if we do not have a worksite! Please consider the people you know who may be able to help us locate a worksite. The requirements include:

- Minimum 3,000 sq. ft.
- Local (Danville, San Ramon, Dublin)
- Safe, Secure and Well Lit
- Water and Electric
- February - June availability
- Donated or Minimal cost

We would be happy to make the call - just give us the lead and the contact information!

Donations

We need your donations of 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 here.](#)

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 fall or next 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 \$250.00. 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 Class of '13 tab (on the left side), 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!

Laurel Portman, laurel.portman@sbcglobal.net

MaryBeth Turner, jmmmat@sbcglobal.net

Grad Night 2013 Co-Chairs

SRVHS Grad Night

P.O. Box 671

Danville, CA 94526

JUNIORS – CLASS OF 2014

We hope that everyone had a restful winter break. Thank you to everyone who donated to Peres before Christmas; it was a huge success and the smiles on the children's faces were priceless.

Our Junior Prom is coming up in the Spring. It is slated for Saturday, April 13th and will be held at The Scottish Rite Temple in Oakland. More info to follow. Thank you to Melissa Thornton and Shelley Firebaugh for chairing this event. They will be working closely with our Leadership students over the coming months to ensure that it will be a night our Juniors will always remember.

A few things to note at this early date with regards to Junior Prom: We will have buses available for those students who choose to take them and they will depart from the high school (times, cost, etc. will be in future communications). Sophomore parents will be volunteering their time that evening with check-in and clean-up of the dining ballroom. Junior parents will decorate and set-up that morning/early afternoon. If you are interested in helping out that day, please contact Melissa Thornton at samkenmia@gmail.com.

We will start the process of coming up with a theme for our Senior Grad Night 2014 in the Spring as well. If you have any great ideas, start writing them down. We will send out a form for those interested in participating in the "Theme" process in a few months.

Thanks again to everyone for making this such an awesome "Class of 2014"!

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

SOPHOMORES – CLASS OF 2015

Class of 2015 Officers

President ~ Colette Smith
Vice President ~ Lauren Kadesh
Secretary ~ Trevor Alexander
Treasurer ~ Nate Becker

Sophomore Cruise Committee Needed

The Sophomore Cruise on Hornblower Cruises out of San Francisco Bay is scheduled for Saturday, April 27th from 5-11:30pm. We need a committee of parents to work with the Class Officers to plan this event. Please email Melissa Blumenfeld at cecil60s@aol.com for questions or sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4BAAAB229-sophomore1.

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 at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4BAAAB229-junior>.

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.

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

Class of 2015 Parent Reps

FRESHMEN – CLASS OF 2016

In the past month, the freshmen have been working on Restaurant Night fundraisers at the restaurants; Amici's, Panda Express, and Ike's. Dates are to be determined.

Another fundraiser being considered is Candy Grams on Valentine's Day. Also, a reminder that the freshmen dance was cancelled because of budget, and the results at the dance last year. Don't worry though! There will be a Black Light Dance after the Black Light Rally on March 1st for everyone! So we can all look forward to one more dance!

Elizabeth Patton, libby_patton@yahoo.com

Kelly Welch, sokelly@sbcglobal.net

Class of 2016 Parent Reps

Leadership

Snowflakes for Sandy Hook

Over winter break the SRV students made over 2,000 snowflakes for Sandy Hook Elementary School. The National PTA wanted to show support to for the Sandy Hook students and community. When school resumes for Sandy Hook, it will be in a new building. These snowflakes are being sent to them to welcome them into their new school.

Blood Drive

The blood drive took place in December and we collected over 86 pints of blood. Each pint can save three lives so we helped over 258 people. We consider this a very successful blood drive and are looking forward to the blood drive in the spring!

Winters Sports

On February 1st, at the men's varsity basketball game, fans are invited to participate in a RED OUT to promote awareness and raise funds for cardiovascular disease. We are one of many schools invited to host this event, which is partnered with American Heart Association.

Adopt a Family

This past holiday we adopted families from our school who were identified with needs. We gave 12 families presents and gift cards to make their holiday season better! We had an overwhelming response from the community and every gift that was asked for was donated; needless to say we helped make these families' holidays brighter!

T-Shirt Drive

We are partnering with St. Mary's College in a t-shirt drive to help clothe underprivileged children. This is a competition between nine schools in the West Coast Conference. The top three schools with the most donated t-shirts receive checks to donate to a charity of their choice. Drive ends January 23rd. All donations can be brought to A2.

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

Calendar

- 1/16 – **Special Needs Workshop**, 7-9pm, IHMS
- 1/17 – **Mom's Night**, 7-9pm, Career Center
- 1/18 – **Instrumental Music Flea Market Drop Off**, 4-6:30pm, Commons
- 1/19 – **Instrumental Music Flea Market**, 8am-1pm, Commons
- 1/21 – **No School**
- 1/22-1/25 – **Finals**
- 1/28 – **No School**

- 2/2 – **Benefit Concert with Diablo Symphony Orchestra**, 7pm, PAC
- 2/6 – **Brown Bag Lunch**, 12-1pm, New Staff Lounge
- 2/7 – **PTSA Meeting**, 9am, Career Center
- 2/7 – **Parent Resource Night**, 6:30-8:30pm, Commons
- 2/9 – **2nd Annual Benefit Dance Show**, 7-9pm, PAC
- 2/18 – **No School**
- 2/23 – **District Parenting Conference**, 8am-3pm, DVHS
- 2/28 – **Dad's Night**, 7-9pm, Career Center

- 3/1 – **Black Light Rally & Dance**
- 3/8 – **No School**
- 3/25-3/29 – **Spring Break**