



## eLINK Newsletter – November 2012

### President's Message

As we begin the month of November, we look forward to the Thanksgiving holiday and spending time with family. We also reflect on the many things for which we are thankful. I want you to know how thankful I am for the incredible parents in our high school community. Our parents give an amazing amount of their time and resources to benefit our students, and we are so fortunate to be part of such a giving and caring community.

This month, I would like to thank the following PTSA board members for the terrific work that they do on behalf of our school:

Molly Brazeale, and her organizing committee, for putting on the 34th Annual Ski and Snowboard Swap last weekend. The event was a huge success, and was made possible by the many parent and student volunteers. Thank You!!

The proceeds from the swap will benefit all of our SRVHS students in the form of grants to the teachers and staff. Great job everyone!

Kelly Kaplan, for coordinating our school's efforts for the Primo's Run for Education in October. It was a tough assignment to have the Primo's Run take place the morning after our Homecoming Dance, but once again, SRVHS had great participation and the event had a record turnout this year!

Carolyn Gywnn, for coordinating a Halloween visit to our Sister School, Peres Elementary in Richmond. Because of the generous donations by our families to the Sister School program, we were able to provide 100 costumes for the kids that didn't have one for Halloween, and 600 goody bags for all the Peres students. 25 of our SRVHS students helped deliver these items and then spent time with the kids enjoying the celebrations of the day. Thanks also to the parents who drove our students on this trip!

Jean Maguire, for working very hard in the area of legislative advocacy during this election season. She has been very involved in the Measure D campaign, and we thank her for all of her efforts on our school's behalf to gain additional funding for our school district.

Enjoy the fall weather, and have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

[Karen Schumann](#)

SRVHS PTSA President

## Principal's Message

Dear SRVHS Community,

Welcome to this edition of eLINK. We are already at the end of the first quarter and racing towards the Thanksgiving Break. This last week included both the College Night and the Ski Swap - two huge events that unfolded smoothly because of the incredible dedication and support of our parent group. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in volunteering, directing, orchestrating and managing the different events so far this fall. We are truly fortunate at SRVHS to have such commitment from our families.

### **Athletics:**

We have a variety of events coming up during weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. The football team won their game against Monte Vista last Friday night to reclaim the trophy that Monte Vista has held for the last three years and begin their NCS series. The women's volleyball team is about to embark on their playoff run, and both of our water polo teams are in their respective semi-final games this Wednesday. It's been an exciting few weeks of sports with a lot more to come. Hopefully we will be able to bring multiple NCS titles to the Home of Champions this fall!

### **Every 15 Minutes:**

Over the last couple of weeks I have been going through all the data collected for the Every 15 minutes survey. The support expressed for the program was overwhelming so we will be moving forward with it this year. Potential dates are still being determined, but will most likely be held in April 2013. Staff, students and parents were all asked about their opinions on both the program and the importance of addressing a variety of issues at SRVHS. In all, there were over 1,000 responses to the survey. At least half of those came from our parents and many shared personal comments that will be extremely useful in figuring out exactly where we need to focus our efforts this year.

### **Tutoring and Student Support:**

The first quarter ended on October 26th and as expected at any high school, there is a significant number of students struggling in some core areas. Over the last week we have been finalizing our plans to offer multiple levels of tutoring and support for our students. Some are optional for "drop in" support, others are targeted towards students that need consistent help.

1. All teachers without an "A" period class are in their classrooms from 2:15-3:00 every Tuesday. Students can drop in for help or schedule make-ups at this time.
2. Math lab is now being offered three days a week after school (see website for times and locations)
3. Drop in Peer Tutoring is offered in the library during lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
4. Targeted tutoring/support is being offered on Wednesday and Thursday each week for 9th and 10th grade students struggling in multiple subject areas. Enrollment is limited and participation is required until the end of the semester. This may be extended to support juniors and seniors second semester.

As we move through the year and can identify sustainable funding sources for these programs we will be expanding them to serve more of our students. The goal is to provide both support for motivated students and interventions for those who are struggling. Academic progress is vital for the development of our students' self-esteem and confidence, so any programs we can establish to this end will be a priority.

Sincerely,

Ruth Steele  
Principal

## PTA News and Information

### REFLECTIONS 2012

The Reflections Council Showcase will be held on Wednesday, November 28, from 7-8PM at Charlotte Wood Middle School. The Showcase will be "Art Gallery" style. All winners and honorable mentions will be showcased with a ribbon. Lists will be posted at the Showcase of all the winners and honorable mention entries. An iMovie will also be shown featuring all winning and honorable mention entries. Programs and small snacks will be provided to all visitors. Results will be posted prior to the showcase at <http://srvcpta-ca.schoolloop.com/Reflections> the week of November 19, 2012. Thank you to all the participants!

### PERES SISTER SCHOOL

Thank you to the parents, students and leadership class that helped make our Halloween event at Peres Elementary in Richmond a huge success. Approximately 100 gently used and new costumes were donated by the generous parents at SRVHS. These costumes were cleaned and organized by the fearless leader of this event, Susan Austin. Thank you Susan for your tireless efforts on behalf of Peres Elementary! Parents also donated enough items to fill 600 Halloween bags which were stuffed by the Leadership class. Then on Halloween Day approximately 25 SRVHS students and parent drivers delivered the bags to Peres, spending a good portion of the day with the children there. It's so wonderful to see our students interacting with the Peres students one on one. Our next big event is the Holiday gift drive. Stay tuned!

Carolyn Gwynn  
Sister School Coordinator  
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## 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](mailto: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 October, 2012:

**Question:** School Loop - It was my understanding that teachers are required to update School Loop at least every 3 weeks. Two of my student's teachers have not used School Loop at all yet this year. If it is not required, what other mechanism are teachers using to communicate grades? And why did I pay a School Loop "Donation" for a tool which isn't being utilized?

**Response:** Teachers are strongly encouraged to use School Loop. A very large majority of our teachers do use School Loop, but they are not required to do so. Teachers are required to post homework in some form - this may be through School Loop, their own website, newsletter or on their white board in the classroom. All voluntary donations for School Loop are appreciated.

**Question:** Senior parking lot needs signs or paint to show exit lanes! People park in the exit lanes especially on weekends and special events. When will this be done?

**Response:** Administration has been made aware of the Senior lot concerns and is reviewing the parking lot signage/painting needs. Upon review, a proposal will be made and a work order submitted to the district. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.

**Question:** Do we have a number of hours homework limit per day? Any guidelines?

**Response:** Many variables impact hours spent on homework, particularly at the high school level.

- Homework is intended to deepen the students learning and understanding. It should be meaningful, purposeful and appropriate to the curriculum. The amount of time a student spends on assigned homework depends on many variables including student needs, abilities, processing and learning approaches and classes chosen.
- If you or your student believes they have too much homework, encourage them to discuss it with their teacher(s). Students need to advocate for themselves so teachers understand the impact the workload has on them. Please encourage your students to speak to their teachers!
- Finally, please refer to the district homework policy for more information. This can be found on the district website: [www.srvusd.net/district/policies](http://www.srvusd.net/district/policies). Click on Policy #6154 Homework.

**Question:** Please inform us on the "leaving campus" rule for our current sophomores.

**Response:** Sophomores are not allowed to leave campus at any time during the school day for

dining/recreational/school related reasons. Currently Juniors and Seniors are able to walk off campus during their lunch hour. The district is re-evaluating the open campus policy for upper classmen leaving campus. More information will be available through the course of this year.

**Question:** Who is responsible for athletic decisions at the high schools? I know there's an Athletic Director but since students are involved with participation, do the Principals and School Board ultimately govern what policies are made and enforced? As a public school, I'm concerned about the influence parent volunteers have on coaching and play time. It would be difficult for parents to speak out during their child's sport season when they see unfair practices. Everyone likes to win but we're not teaching our students about good sportsmanship and character if we turn a blind eye to what is perceived as favoritism. Do you know how many parents are currently coaching as volunteers?

**Response:** There are District/School Board policies that govern the hiring of coaches and general code of conduct policies for sports on campus. The Principal ultimately hires coaches with the support of the Athletic Director. There are very specific guidelines on how coaches are hired.

- From season to season the number of parent volunteers will change based on the sport and the needs the coach has to assist him or her.
- The key is communication during the season. If there are parent concerns about coaching or parent volunteers, the school wants and needs to know. You do not need to directly address the issue you may have with a coach or parent volunteer. Please direct the issues to our Athletic Director John Raynor or our Principal Ruth Steele.

**Question:** It seems we are getting more timely and accurate calendar items this year – via email and daily bulletin items. Thank you Ms. Steele!

## **PRIMO'S RUN FOR EDUCATION – Post Race Notes**

Thank you SRVHS parents, students and school administration for participating in the 2012 Primo's Run. We had 211 runners from SRVHS, which was 2nd among the number of high school runners and 81 volunteers. Primo's Run achieved its highest participation to date, with approximately 9,000 people participating.

A big thank you to Cheryl Glass and the Jazz Ensemble for once again performing along the 5K course, and a big thank you to Nick Friedler and Leadership Class for having our school Mascot "Wolfie" skate the race! Proceeds from the event will go towards grants from the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation (SRVEF) and are awarded in the Spring.

Calling all students – the search for the 2013 Primo's Run Logo is on! Next year is the 30th Anniversary of the run and it will be extra special as we will celebrate 30 years of this spectacular event. The logo must include our famous SRVEF tree (which does not need to be in the traditional primary colors) and include that it is the run's 30th Anniversary Celebration. Put on your creativity hats and design something awesome! Art must be scanned and delivered via email no later than January 31st, 2013. Please include student name, school and grade. The winning artist will receive a \$250 cash prize. The winning artist and

their school will be announced in February. Email entries to [info@srvef.org](mailto:info@srvef.org).

For A Limited Time Only – 2012 Primo's Run T-shirts are available for online purchase. If you missed the run, here is your chance to get your very own 2012 Primo's Run for Education T-shirt. You can order your t-shirt online through November 15th (or earlier if supply sells out). Limited supply and sizes. Proceeds benefit the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation. [Click here to order now!](#)

### **34th ANNUAL PTSA SKI AND SNOWBOARD SWAP**

Thanks to the 200+ volunteers who tirelessly gave their time and energy, the 34th Annual SRVHS Ski and Snowboard Swap was a great success. Proceeds from the swap directly benefit the children at SRVHS through grants given to clubs, teachers, and groups on campus. At some point during your child's four years at SRVHS, they will directly benefit from the swap. Thank you, volunteers! Without you, this huge fundraiser could not happen.

Our organizing committee did a fantastic job heading up each of their respective areas. Each one deserves a big round of applause: Co-chairs Molly Brazeale and Robi Perley; Technical Chairperson Jeff Tobia; Marketing Chair Christy Christoffersen; Head Cashier Lani Aurelius; Bookkeeping Chairperson Joelle Thiermann; Volunteer Coordinator Beth Pasquelina; Public Inventory Chairperson Emilie Schmidig; Floor Monitor Chair Karen Castillo; and Hospitality Chair Kim Johnson. We also had help from Boy Scout Troop 805, and the SRVHS Leadership and CSF kids. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Although the final numbers are not yet in, the funds raised will be directed back to the school in the form of grants to teachers, staff and various groups on campus.

One final thanks to the community and families who shopped at the 34th Annual SRVHS Ski and Snowboard Swap. We look forward to seeing you all back next year!

### **Parent/Teen Education and EPIC/Healthy Choices**

It is hard to believe that November has begun as we head into Fall/Winter, with the holiday season just around the corner. But have no fear; we have wonderful parent resources for you this month!! We believe that being informed is the key to positive change and this can only enhance our family relationships and parenting!

The “**Dads On Campus**” will hold their next **Dad's Night** on **Thursday, November 29th**, 7-9PM in the New Staff Lounge. Stay tuned for events that are “Just for Dads”. Any questions can be directed to Breck Lutz at [blutz@ccareynkf.com](mailto:blutz@ccareynkf.com).

Our most recent “**Mom's Night**” took place on Tuesday evening, October 9th. Our speaker was local chiropractor and nutrition specialist, Dr. Haley Harvey. She shared some valuable information on health

and nutrition for women and our teens, athletes or not. These are relaxed and friendly evenings so we hope you can join us in January for our next **Mom's Night!**

The upcoming “**Brown Bag Lunch**” will take place on **December 5th** from 12-1 in the New Staff Lounge. You won't want to miss this opportunity to hear our School Resource Officer (SRO) Vince Richards (Danville Police Officer), share information about what he sees and intervenes with on our school campus. In addition, he is a wealth of knowledge about our teens within the community... What are they doing? Where are they hanging out? What do we need to know and do as parents here in the Valley? Bring your lunch and spend this informational hour with us!

On **Thursday, November 8th**, from 7-9PM, we will be offering our first **Parent Resource Night (PRN)** for this school year. With the first quarter grades out, as parents we may be looking at ways to reestablish family communication, help our teens to become more motivated or organized, and also curious to learn more about the goings-on with our teens in this community, from a police officer perspective. From these three workshops, you will be able to choose two you'd like to attend. Meet us in the Commons at 7PM for snacks, desserts and beverages. We will then break off into workshop groups. This event is free of charge and sponsored by the PTSA and Parent Education. Please RSVP to Carol Moore or Carrie Paulus to attend this event (emails are listed below).

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

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Vice President - Parent Education

Carol Moore, [carolsmtihmoore@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolsmtihmoore@sbcglobal.net)

Chairperson - EPIC/Healthy Choices

Breck Lutz, [blutz@ccareyynkf.com](mailto:blutz@ccareyynkf.com)

Coordinator – “Dad's on Campus”

### **Dates to Remember:**

November 8th, Thursday, 7-9PM – Parent Resource Night (PRN)

November 29th, Thursday, 7-9PM – Dads on Campus evening – New Staff Lounge

December 5th – 12-1PM – Brown Bag Lunch – New Staff Lounge

### **Tip of the Month**

*“We must remember that intelligence is not enough. Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education.”*

*~ Martin Luther King*

*So as we muddle through each day, each week, each month with our kids, remember the importance of the “whole child”...all the facets of them and nurture them all! After all, well roundedness can survive most obstacles!*



## Academic Boosters

Please join us at our next meeting on Wednesday, November 14th 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. Our meetings occur every other month, so if you are unable to make this one, we have another one on January 9th, 2013 at 10:30AM in the Career Center.

A big thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped with the College Night on October 30th, especially to Kelly Kaplan for being the Academic Booster liaison and not only working the entire event, but coordinating the volunteer effort. The evening was well attended, both by college representatives and students and parents in the district. Despite the challenges of hosting such a large event, especially the parking, everyone worked together to pull off an amazing event! If you were unable to attend, the presentation on Financial Aid and Out of State College Search will be posted on the SRVHS Website.

Another big thank you to Penny Davis for coordinating the Academic Letter Application collection effort in October. She and her team of volunteers staffed the kiosk during brunch and lunch for the week allowing students plenty of time to turn in their application.

We have wound up the year for test preparation classes and tests. We will be back in full swing in January 2013. There will be three opportunities to take the Mock SAT/ACT next year: January 12, February 23 and March 16. In addition, in April there will be a weekend ACT Boot camp and SAT Boot camp. The mock tests and boot camps are designed to prepare students for the ACT and SAT tests in the spring. For more information, please visit the SRVHS website.

Thank you for your continued support of Academic Boosters.

Susan Tricca

Academic Boosters President 2012-2013

## Performing Arts

### DRAMA

Our first production of the year, Brighton Beach Memoirs, by Neil Simon, will be performed November 29th, 30th, and December 1st at 7pm in the PAC. This play explores the life of the Jacob Jerome family in Brighton Beach, Brooklyn during the late 1930's. The family's struggles and quirks are chronicled through their 15 year-old son, Eugene, and his private memoirs. Family dramas and idiosyncrasies predominate this touching comedy from one of America's most beloved playwrights. Please email [rseitelman@srvhs.org](mailto:rseitelman@srvhs.org) for tickets or more information. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors.



## VOCAL MUSIC

With November comes the beginning of a very busy few months for our choral program. We'll start out, as always, by singing at the Lighting of the Old Oak Tree on Diablo Road in downtown Danville. Join us on Friday, November 23rd as we help welcome in the holiday season.

We are also ramping up our fundraising for our Baltic States summer tour. Some of our activities include See's holiday candy sales, CD sales and Carol-O-Grams. We are also currently booking small ensemble singing groups for your holiday functions. These are a wonderful way to add some holiday cheer to business events or private parties. Prime dates book fast, so contact Mr. Abrams at [kabrams@srvhs.org](mailto:kabrams@srvhs.org) to reserve your preferred date and time.

Finally, our winter concerts will take place on December 18th and 19th in the Performing Arts Center. Should you need further information, please contact Ken Abrams, Choral Director, at [kabrams@srvhs.org](mailto:kabrams@srvhs.org) or Wendi Ganschow, Vocal Music Parent Coordinator, at [sanramonvoices@gmail.com](mailto:sanramonvoices@gmail.com).

## DANCE

The Winter Dance Show is November 14, 15, 16 at 6:00PM in the PAC. General Admission tickets are \$10. Tickets will be on sale beginning next week; see Mrs. MacPhail in the Aux Gym PE office during brunch. As the show generally sells out before opening night, be sure to buy your tickets in advance. Questions? Email Mrs. MacPhail at [cmacphail@srvhs.org](mailto:cmacphail@srvhs.org). Flowers will be on sale each night if you wish to congratulate your favorite dancer with roses.

## INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The SRVHS Instrumental Music program continues to dazzle our school and community!

On Saturday, November 3rd, our MOST amazing Marching Wolves won **1st Place** at the Lodi Grape Bowl marching competition (beating Ygnacio Valley for the first time in 30 years)! The Marching Wolves will continue to energize our SRV football team and fans as the Wolves move on to the NCS playoffs.

Classical music lovers enjoyed an outstanding Fall Concert by the Orchestra and the combined Concert & Symphonic classes. The audience commented that our SRV classical music program is on par with the San Francisco Symphony! Don't miss the Winter Concert on December 11.

### Upcoming Instrumental Music Events:

November 10 – Central Cal Competition (Merced)

December 8 – Jazz Invitational

December 11 – Winter Concert @ PAC 7:00PM

January 19 – Flea Market @ Commons 8:00AM (contact: [MFraysse@gmail.com](mailto:MFraysse@gmail.com))

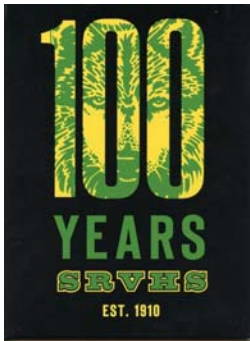
February 2 – Benefit Concert with Diablo Symphony @ PAC 7:00PM

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.

## Wolf Foundation



The Wolf Foundation is proud to present our 100 Years of SRVHS Anniversary Book. There are 76 pages of great photos, past memories, and the history of how our school came to be what it is today. The book also showcases Notable Alumni and their accomplishments, as well as SRVHS staff reflections on the past 100 years at SRVHS.

The books can be purchased for \$50 online at [www.srvhswolffoundation.org](http://www.srvhswolffoundation.org). You may also pay by check to the Wolf Foundation. Book pick up is with Roxann Stone (Principal's Secretary, M-F 8am-3:30pm) or email Karin Raitz at [kraitz@pacbell.net](mailto:kraitz@pacbell.net) for arrangement for pick up at her house. For PayPal payments, please make sure you print and bring your receipt for pickup. Shipping is also available at \$3.00 per book (US only). Please provide the shipping address under comments. **This makes a great Christmas gift or early Graduation gift!!!**

A big thank you to Joe Ianora, along with our SRVHS Yearbook editors, and many others that put in countless hours of research and hard work. These people are acknowledged within our book.

All of the proceeds go directly to SRVHS to enhance the students experience on our campus. More information is on our website at [www.srvhswolffoundation.org](http://www.srvhswolffoundation.org).

Thank you for your support,

Karin Raitz

SRVHS Wolf Foundation Alumni Director

## Counseling Corner

### Seniors:

College application time is upon us! Application for both the **University of California campuses** and the **California State University campuses** is November 1-30. Do not wait for the Thanksgiving break to apply! For application to UC's, apply through [www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply). For the CSU's, apply at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu).

The last date to take the **SAT Reasoning Test and the SAT Subject Tests** and have them count for the above listed application period is December 1 of the senior year. Be aware, some individual campuses may require earlier testing (for example, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo). If you have still not signed up to take either SAT or the SAT Subject Tests you can still register late until November 16. Register via [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Remember, the UC and many private colleges require SAT or ACT with Writing. For some selective majors, UC and some private colleges may still recommend, but not require SAT Subject Tests. Check with the schools in which you are interested for more information. The CSU requires either SAT or ACT (writing not required).

For students who wish to take the **ACT**, December 8 is the last priority test date. The regular registration deadline is November 2. Late registration runs until November 16. Register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org). Again, some schools may require earlier testing.

### College Application Essay Tips:

Different schools have different expectations for their essays. The Personal Statement provides an opportunity for UC applicants to share information that supports and augments the review process. It helps admissions readers know and understand the applicant in a more complete way. The UC has two essay questions they simply want answered in a clear, straightforward manner, using no more than a total of 1,000 words. The rule of thumb: Answer the question and tell, more than show. The CSU's have no essay requirement.

Private schools allow for, and may prefer, more creative writing. It helps to know your audience here: What does this school appreciate and look for in applicants? Reed College in Oregon and the University of Chicago look for very bright, intellectual students; an essay reflecting these traits will win points with them. Liberal Arts colleges such as Pitzer, Carlton, and Middlebury may enjoy and reward creative essays. With these schools, "Show, don't tell," applies better.

Students may ask for help with college essays from Counselors, English teachers, and the Career Center. Be sure to allow enough time to make any revisions and still meet deadlines.

### Counselor Letter of Recommendation:

Students who need a counselor letter of recommendation for colleges with an application deadline of January 1, **MUST** submit their letter of recommendation packet to their counselor by **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2012**.

## **Financial Aid:**

All students should apply for financial aid, regardless of their family's income or circumstances. Even if some students think their family income is too high to receive financial aid, they may still qualify for grants, work-study, or low-interest loans for students and parents.

The application period for the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will be January 1-March 2. Students and parents should complete the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Students should also apply for Cal Grants by March 2. Applications for Cal Grants will be available in the Career Center in December. Students may also access them online at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov). Students should go to the Career Center to get a Cal Grant form, complete it, and then take it to our school registrar, Ms. Murray, by the deadline. More information will be coming about financial aid workshops in the next edition of the eLINK.

## **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>

Special thanks to Linda Ficenec, Dawn Garlieb, Lisa Birse, Shawna Frielder, Liane Swenson, and Tonya Colton for going above and beyond for planning homecoming and OUR FIRST PLACE FLOAT! Nothing would have been possible without these ladies! And a HUGE thank you to the Bromley Family for allowing us to take over their backyard for the 4th year in a row for our float building!

### **Cap & Gown Orders**

On October 29th, seniors should have picked up their Graduation Announcements/cap & gown order packet at lunch in the quad. Please remember to fill this out and send your senior to school with the filled out forms and check by the date that corresponds with your last name on the front of the packet envelope.

### **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 available to 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](mailto: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 and 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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Shawna Friedler [friedler6@gmail.com](mailto:friedler6@gmail.com)

Class of 2013 Parent Reps

## **GRAD NIGHT 2013**

Planning for Grad Night 2013 continues to move along! We are still in need of a construction chairperson. Please consider joining a great team of volunteers!

We have many students already registered to attend Grad Night. If you have not registered your student, please go to [www.srvhs.net](http://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'd like to check.

### **Donations**

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 for download from the Grad Night page on the school website ([www.srvhs.net](http://www.srvhs.net)).

If you can help with this or have business connections that might, please email Angela Ciccone at [angela@ciconefamily.com](mailto:angela@ciconefamily.com) or Patti Maxwell at [plmaxwell@mmm.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.custommoments.com) or contact Karen Henrich by cell at (925) 984-9454.

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.

Thank you,

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## **JUNIORS – CLASS OF 2014**

### **Our Class of 2014 "Rocked" Homecoming !!!**

WOW, not only did we pull it off (with a few minor glitches) ... but our Junior Class showed such amazing spirit and we are so proud of everyone involved!!

**Junior Lip Sync:** Your hard work and dedication made our lip sync truly outstanding and it paid off, because we CAME IN FIRST PLACE!!! History was made at the Rally – Kudos to our creative and energetic choreographer, Abbie Carrington, who worked tirelessly in creating the Lip Sync and to all of the Juniors who put in the time and pulled it off flawlessly!

**Junior Float:** We have many people to thank, so please excuse us if we may have forgotten someone. This was such a team effort and it couldn't have been done without the following:

The Darrah Family: For allowing us to “invade” their lives and build our float on their property.

Valley Crest Landscape/Cresco Rentals in Livermore: For arranging our “first” Flat Bed Truck (which broke down on the freeway, en-route to our worksite) and then found us another Flat Bed in 24 hours (which was not an easy task!)

Paul Silliman: Our "Chief Builder Dad" and "Driver" of the truck in the parade.

Marc Benson, Dave Anderson, Tom Bard and any other dads who came to the worksite and helped out with the construction of the float.

Jeff Deuel: For finding all of those great old albums that decorated our Truck AND for the generator & amazing sound system. (The Juniors definitely had the BEST music on the Parade route!)

Karen Bard and especially Roz Franklin for her creativity and supervising the float building when Debbie and I couldn't be there.

The Maniex Family: For lending us some wonderful props.

All the parents who donated supplies, snacks, etc., and made last minute trips to pick up building supplies!

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Alyson Colton, [alyson@coltonfamily4.org](mailto:alyson@coltonfamily4.org)

Debbie Blumhardt, [dblumhardt@comcast.net](mailto:dblumhardt@comcast.net)

Class of 2014 Parent Reps

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## **SOPHOMORES – CLASS OF 2015**

### **Class of 2015 Officers**

President ~ Colette Smith

Vice President ~ Lauren Kadesh

Secretary ~ Trevor Alexander

Treasurer ~ Nate Becker

### **Homecoming 2012**

Congratulations to the Sophomore Homecoming Court Prince and Princess, Kyle Spackman and Rachel Braunschweig!



Congratulations to the Sophomore Class for taking **2nd Place** for their Homecoming Float! A special thank you to the many volunteers and donations that helped make this possible.

### **Looking Ahead:**

New Sophomore Fundraiser!!!

**Winter Boutique and Fair on Saturday, December 1st from 10AM-3PM at SRVHS.** This First Annual Winter Boutique and Fair will have vendors and children's activities and crafts for your Holiday season shopping. Please plan on attending and spread the word to support the Class of 2015. If you are interested in being a vendor for this event, please contact Michelle Quinlan at [shelly\\_quinlan@bigpond.com](mailto:shelly_quinlan@bigpond.com). Questions, please contact Helga Glasson at [glasson@sbcglobal.net](mailto:glasson@sbcglobal.net) and sign up to volunteer at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4BAAAB229-srvhs1>.

Sophomore sponsored **Winter Dance on Friday, December 14th from 8-10:30PM.** To help plan, decorate or volunteer for this dance, sign up at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090F4BAAAB229-winter>.

**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](mailto:cecil60s@aol.com) for questions or sign up at [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090F4BAAAB229-sophomore1](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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Class of 2015 Parent Reps

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## FRESHMEN – CLASS OF 2016

The past month has been full of so much excitement for the Freshman at SRV. We had been working hard for Homecoming 2012 and we made it! The Freshman had such a blast building the “Vegas” themed float and planning our awesome lip sync for the rally! Even though we didn’t win, we still made it up by selling out all of our Homecoming shirts! We also came in first for the canned food drive, and the Freshmen enjoyed a delicious Ice Cream Social during lunch! Thank you to the many great parents that helped us build the float! They gave so much time to make it look so good! Nicole Shay was an awesome Homecoming Chair, and the Moeller family couldn’t have been better hosts! The Freshman had a rockin’ time at the dance to celebrate such a hard working week!

The Freshman class officers plan to promote and organize restaurant night fundraisers to raise money for future activities! Look for more information on the SRV website under Class of ‘16! We will post dates later on when they are confirmed!

Last but not least, the Parent Reps for the Freshman Class held a Mom's Night Out in October and want to host more in the future. These events are a great way to meet other freshman parents. If you need to reach us, our emails are below.

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Kelly Welch, [sokelly@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sokelly@sbcglobal.net)

Class of 2016 Parent Reps

## Leadership

**College Night:** October 30th we held our annual College Night. Over 160 colleges and admission officers came to our campus and talked about their colleges and gave helpful insight how to best apply and answer questions about their college. Big thanks to Jill Schratz and Candy Jewett for organizing the event!

**Peres Sister School:** On Halloween, 25 students went to our sister school, Peres Elementary in Richmond, to watch their annual Halloween parade and deliver Halloween costumes and 600 goodie bags. They spent time playing with the children during lunch and recess and talking to the students.

**Halloween Carnival:** During lunch on Halloween, Leadership set up fun booths around the quad with different Halloween activities and games such as cookie decorating, Ghost toss, Witch pitch, and a donut eating contest. Kids were encouraged to dress up in their Halloween costumes.

**Water Polo:** We are proud to announce that our Women and Men's teams are EBAL League Champions! Varsity women are seated first and play November 3rd to start the process of getting to NCS.

**Dodge Ball:** The week of November 5-9 is Fall Dodge Ball! We have 16 teams who will be playing throughout the week at lunch. Teams play each other in a 4 team bracket and the best teams move on after Wednesday to the Quarters, Semis and Finals on Thursday and Friday. This year there is a strong Staff team! Good luck to all!

**Glove Challenge:** Help SRV with the 2012 Glove Challenge for underprivileged youth in San Francisco! Bring in any old baseball gloves (age 5-18) by January 8th, 2013 and help SRV win 20 free tickets to see the S.F. Giants next season! All donations should be brought to A2. Every glove will receive one raffle ticket! Go Wolves!

## 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 easily update, add or remove your email address 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. If you have an article to contribute to the eLINK newsletter, [please email it to Christy Christoffersen](#). The deadline for the December eLINK is: Thursday, December 6th, 2012.

## Calendar

- 11/5 – **Wolf-Tones Booster Meeting**, 7pm, Old Staff Lounge  
11/5 – **Athletic Booster Meeting**, 7pm, Career Center  
11/8 – **Parent Resource Night**, 7-9pm, SRVHS  
11/12 – **No School**, Veterans Day  
11/14 – **Academic Boosters Meeting**, 10:30am, Career Center  
11/14 – 11/16 – **Winter Dance Show**, 6pm, PAC  
11/19 – 11/23 – **Thanksgiving Break**  
11/23 – **SRV Vocal Music** performs at Oak Tree Lighting  
11/28 – **Reflections Council Showcase**, 7-8pm, Charlotte Wood Middle School  
11/29 – **Dads on Campus**, 7pm, New Staff Lounge  
11/29 - 12/1 – Brighton Beach Memoirs, 7:00pm, PAC  
  
12/1 – **Winter Boutique and Fair**, 10am–3pm, SRVHS  
12/5 – **Brown Bag Lunch**, 12-1pm, New Staff Lounge  
12/11 – **Instrumental Music Winter Concert**, 7pm, PAC  
12/14 – **Winter Dance**, 8-10:30pm  
12/18 & 12/19 – **Vocal Music Winter Concert**, PAC