



eLINK Newsletter – October 2012

President's Message

Fall weather is here, and we welcome the change as the school campus has been a flurry of activity! Club fair, Homecoming activities, Seniors visiting with college representatives and working on college applications, fall sports, performing arts, and other extra-curriculars are all in full swing. The energy and school spirit is vibrant! And most importantly, our students are settled into their classes and engaging in learning.

Your PTSA has been in high gear, too, with the following:

- Membership drive
- Legislative advocacy
- Visits to our Sister School, Peres Elementary
- Providing home/school communications
- Hosting lunch for our wonderful staff
- Planning for Grad Night 2013
- Hosting Parent Education events
- Supporting the Primo's Run for Education
- Promoting the PTA Reflections National Arts Program

Coming up on November 3 and 4 is the San Ramon Valley High PTSA Ski and Snowboard Swap. This incredible event draws participation from all around the East Bay. Read further in the newsletter for more details. The proceeds from this fundraiser directly benefit our students, in the form of teacher and staff grants. It takes a huge number of volunteers to make this event a success, so I encourage you to sign up for a shift during the weekend. It's a lot of fun and contributes to a great cause!

Our next PTSA meeting is on November 1 at 9:00 am in the Career Center. We have the opportunity during these meetings to hear from our Principal, teachers and leadership students, as well as receive updates from all of the booster groups and much more! We welcome you to join us.

Best regards,

[Karen Schumann](#)

SRVHS PTSA President

Principal's Message

Dear SRVHS Community,

As we head into October there are a dizzying array of events coming up. Between Homecoming week and Red Ribbon Week we have the homecoming rally, parade, game, dance, and then Primo's Run! This is an incredibly busy time of year and our staff, students and parents are doing an amazing job getting ready for all the different events. Janet Willford (our leadership teacher) is an outstanding role model and teacher for our students. She helps to guide their enthusiasm and ideas as they plan events for the student body and staff over the next two weeks. I have been really impressed by the level of spirit and pride in our students and they do an incredible job of representing everything that is great about SRVHS.

Our athletes are also on their way to some outstanding seasons. I have been able to watch some of the girls tennis, water polo and volleyball games and have been really impressed by the talent and sportsmanship of our students. Our football team is also beginning to establish a strong league record after some early season struggles and I am hopeful that this will be another stellar year for our athletic teams.

We are also trying to navigate the transition from the current STAR testing program toward the newly developed Common Core standards during our staff development day on October 5th. These standards have been developed in an attempt to address some of the inadequacies that were presented by the STAR program. They will also create some consistency across each of the different states. STAR requires the acquisition of a wide range of content standards that leave little room for depth and inquiry. In contrast, Common Core focuses more on expanding levels of knowledge and skills based learning. However, the transition from one system to another is never simple and it is unclear how all of the components will fall into place over the next couple of years.

Finally, researcher and author Madeline Levine spoke at SRVHS on Monday night this last week. She is the author of two books "The Price of Privilege" and "Teaching Our Children Well". This was a combined presentation from Rakestraw Books in Danville and EPIC, a resource based support group founded by Robin Kelly. Madeline Levine's presentation focused on the challenges of raising our children in a time where competition, pressure and academic preparation for college are making it difficult for our youth to find any breathing room as they juggle increasingly intense schedules. Her focus on intrinsic vs. extrinsic motivation in students (as also researched by Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman, "The Praise Paradox") provided some interesting advice for everyone present.

Sincerely,

Ruth Steele

PTA News and Information

34th ANNUAL PTSA SKI AND SNOWBOARD SWAP - NOVEMBER 3rd & 4th



Volunteers Needed!

We need over 200 volunteers to make this event happen. Volunteers are needed in the following areas: door monitors, floor monitors, inventory check in, and clean up. Just visit our Signup Genius using this link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094BADAC2E5-34th1> and pick a shift that works into your schedule. It's that easy. If you have any questions, email us at srvswap@aol.com.

You do not need to know how to ski or snowboard to work at the swap. If you would like to work with a friend or your student, let us know and we will schedule you together!

In recent years, our PTSA's Ski and Snowboard Swap has generated profits of approximately \$30,000 in just one weekend. All funds go back to the school in the form of teacher grants. These grants fund everything from books for enrichment to the latest and greatest in technology for the classrooms. We have funded the purchase of equipment such as microscopes for science, sound equipment for vocal music and culinary arts equipment. We have also supported the Renaissance program for Leadership, the robotics club and much, much more. We hope you will consider being a part of this awesome community event. **Come to buy, come to sell, come to volunteer!!!**

For more information on the swap please visit our website at www.skiandsnowboardswap-srvhs.com and visit us on facebook, [San Ramon Valley High School Ski and Snowboard Swap](#). Hope to see you at the swap!

PRIMO'S RUN

Students and Parents! Register to **Run, Walk or Volunteer** for this year's **Primo's Run** being held on **Sunday October 14, 2012!** Last year SRVHS won the category of "Top in Runner Registration". Let's do it again! We could even set an additional goal and work towards "Top in Volunteer Points". As a High School, we only have to do better than the three other area high schools! You can still register right up until Race Day, Sunday, October 14. Register to Run or Walk at www.primosrun.com. **Primo's Run** has a 1/2M chip timed race, a 5K chip timed race and 5K Fun Run/Walk (not timed). If Running or Walking is not your specialty, consider volunteering. There are so many great opportunities to get involved and earn volunteer points for our school. The volunteer jobs range from cheering on runners/walkers on the race course, to pre-race preparation, to post race duties. Check with your school club and see if you can earn volunteer hours by volunteering for **Primo's Run**. To volunteer, check out the Volunteer page at <http://www.primosrun.com/volunteer/volunteer.aspx>.

Primo's is also hosting a Pasta Feed on Saturday, October 13th from 4pm to 10pm, drop your kids off at Homecoming and head over **Primo's** (you need to pre-register for the Pasta Feed). Order tickets online at www.primosrun.com. Questions, contact Kelly Kaplan, our SRVHS Primo's site representative at akkapfam@sbcglobal.net. See you on race day, Sunday, October 14, 2012!

REGISTER TODAY to Run or Walk in Primo's Run at www.primosrun.com! Be sure to specify **San Ramon Valley High School as your home school!**

LEGISLATIVELY SPEAKING...

PTA Supports Measure D

The San Ramon Valley High PTSA has voted to support Measure D, which will upgrade our San Ramon Valley schools so all students have access to safe and quality classrooms that support a 21st century education. Measure D will be on the November 2012 ballot.

The SRVHS PTSA has voted to support Measure D because it will upgrade our school facilities so that all students will have access to safe and well-maintained classrooms that prepare them for college and 21st century careers. Measure D will upgrade technology infrastructure and renovate aging science labs, classrooms, and school facilities to facilitate teaching and learning of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curricula, as well as language arts and history. The full list of projects, as well as more information, can be found on the school district's website: <http://www.srvusd.net>.

SRVUSD schools rank among the top in the state and the nation by nearly every measure. Consequently, families with school-aged children are moving into our valley, and this has caused our schools' populations to swell throughout the district. Upgrades and new facilities are needed to accommodate this growth and better ensure that students can attend their neighborhood schools.

The funds from Measure D will go directly to our San Ramon Valley Unified schools and are controlled locally. The State cannot touch the money. In addition, an independent citizens' oversight committee will ensure that funds from the measure are spent as promised.

If you have questions or would like to help with legislative activities for our school, please contact your PTA VP of Legislative Advocacy, Jean Maguire, jean_maguire@sbcglobal.net. Together we can make a difference in our community and make sure our schools continue to rank among the top in the state!

PERES SISTER SCHOOL

Halloween is around the corner and SRVHS students are starting plans for giving almost 600 Halloween Goody Bags to the students of our sister school, Peres Elementary in Richmond, along with gently used or new costumes. Please look for specifics in the daily bulletin on what we are collecting this year. Additionally, we need SRVHS students to help put the goody bags together and travel to Peres on

Halloween to visit the classrooms and hand out goody bags. If you or your student is interested in participating, please contact Susan Austin at susanlaustin@gmail.com.

The Sister School program is a district-wide endeavor that pairs each school in our district with a Sister School in a neighboring disadvantaged area of the East Bay. Through collaborative determination of need, schools in the SRVUSD conduct a minimum of two drives and / or activities per year that benefit the children of our Sister Schools.

In addition to the Halloween event, SRV supports Peres through donations for the Holiday Adopt-A-School event, Read Across America Book drive in March, Emergency Supplies collection and distribution, school supply distribution and ongoing family outreach. More information will be provided on specific events as they get closer. We couldn't be as effective on such a large scale without the collective support of SRV students, parents, and local businesses. If you are interested in being part of the parent committee that supports various activities our students do for Peres, please contact Carolyn Gwynn at (925) 336-7525 or cggwynn@empirera.com.

REFLECTIONS 2012

Calling all student artists, dancers, musicians, photographers, writers, and filmmakers! Let your talent shine and express your creativity by participating in this year's National PTA Reflections Program. This year's theme is "**The Magic of a Moment**". You may enter as many original pieces as you like. All entries must include an artist's statement that describes how each piece relates to the theme. Arts areas include Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts.

To participate, visit <http://srcpta-ca.schoolloop.com/Reflections> to get your student participation form and rules. **Deadline is Friday, October 26, 3:30PM.** A drop off box will be located near the Principal's office beginning October 22. Questions? Please contact Mona Tom at mtomsf@aol.com.

You may [view the Reflections Flyer here](#), and you may [view the Reflections rules here](#).

PTSA MEMBERSHIP

Wow! The SRVHS community has once again proven to be wonderfully supportive of our students, staff and school programs. We are already over 1600 members strong including students, parents and teachers! SRV has historically had the highest participation in the district, and this year we are on track to do so again.

If you have not yet taken the opportunity to join, it is possible to do so from the school website under Parents, PTSA, "Click here to donate". This will be a PayPal purchase. If you are joining as a teacher or staff member, please write in "teacher" or "staff" after your last name. It is also possible to join by completing a membership form and submitting payment. Forms are available in the Career Center.

Just a few of the many programs PTSA supports at SRV are:

- Reflections
- Ski Swap
- Staff Grant Program
- Health and Safety
- Legislative Support
- Parent Education
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Sister School Program

In addition to supporting programs at our school, being a PTSA member means being part of a national organization that advocates for students on a national, state and local level.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Laurie Wolfe, ljwolfe@pacbell.net.

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 September 13, 2012:

Question: Are block schedules still being considered? Why or why not?

Response: Block schedules are a multi high school issue, and as a result the superintendent evaluates it across the entire district. It is not a site decision. Block schedules may be discussed/considered at a later date, and when that happens high school principals will be involved in discussions.

Question: Can we place an emphasis on kid's carpooling to school? Is there any program in place to emphasize the value of carpooling?

Response: An emphasis on carpooling goes hand in hand with our limited parking on and around campus. We will continue to encourage carpooling. As we revisit the parking permit process, carpooling will be a part of the solution component. The town of Danville supports carpooling through awareness flyers given out at registration.

Question: Why must kids carry Student ID at all times and what are the repercussions if they do not have it with them?

Response: The student ID policy is maintained for both the convenience and safety of our students. Students must present a student ID to attend sports and school events and conduct necessary school business – checking out textbooks, buying dance tickets, etc. Juniors and Seniors must show their student ID's to leave campus for lunch. Having their student ID at all times allow students to participate in all events and activities. From a campus safety standpoint, students are occasionally asked to show ID to ensure they belong on campus and are not a visitor without approval.

Question: The first week of school teachers asked for specific supplies (notebook, book, etc.) but made the requests on different days. Some offered points if items were brought in the next day. So some parents felt they had to go out each evening for the specific requested item. Can this be coordinated next year and all items be requested together the first day of school or on school loop before school begins?

Response: The administration will work with the teachers next year to coordinate a timeline for suggested classroom items.

Question: Will students be allowed to wear appropriate length “track shorts”? Other shorts sold at stores are too short.

Response: Appropriate Track shorts are ok for school. Please refer to the dress code policy for further detail.

Question: Is there a process that interested out of SRVHS boundaries students must follow to gain entrance to SRVHS? How many did SRVHS accept this year and is there a cap?

Response: There is an intradistrict (coming from within our district) transfer policy and an interdistrict (coming from outside the district) transfer policy that all students must follow for consideration for SRVHS placement. 125 students were accepted in the 2012-13 school year from the combined processes. The district will close enrollment to incoming students when the enrollment limits are met. The higher the numbers per class – our Freshman and Sophomore class – the earlier enrollment will close. SRVHS is the home to 2191 students today.

Question: Has there been a drop off area established to replace the Den?

Response: The Den has been turned into an office space for our School Resource Officer. A replacement drop off spot is in process, and will be announced as soon as space has been identified.

Question: Currently our band trailer is being stored in a lot in Martinez, which is extremely inconvenient and expensive. We would like to have storage on campus, preferably in the parking lot near the band room/theater room loading dock. How can we move forward on this issue?

Response: District facilities maintenance staff has indicated there is not space on campus for a storage facility. Ruth will continue to look into it further with the district.

2012-2013 SRVHS PTSA MEETING CALENDAR

All Meetings are held in the SRVHS Career Center at 9 am unless otherwise noted.

November 1, 2012

December 6, 2012 (Holiday Brunch, location TBD)

January 10, 2013

February 7, 2013

March 7, 2013

April 4, 2013

May 2, 2013

June 6, 2013 (End of Year Celebration, location TBD)

Parent/Teen Education and EPIC/Healthy Choices

With October already upon us, it's always amazing how we so quickly "pick up where we left off" in regards to the "school in session" routine. There's something rather comforting in the regimen of structure yet there's a sense of chaos that plays out in many homes as well. With schedules full, and teens and parents busy keeping up with many expectations, it's important to remember to take the time to stop and de-stress...take a deep breath, stop and smell the roses...don't lose sight of what really matters...and that is this amazing job we've been given...to raise our once little kids into healthy minded citizens of the community. When was the last time you stepped back and attempted to take an objective look at the young adult in your home? Who is this person? What makes him/her unique and special? How do you nurture these things? We have so much to be proud of as parents, and this goes beyond academic successes, trophies or ribbons earned. This month, take the time to acknowledge the intrinsic qualities your child has....and more importantly, let them know you recognize these parts of them!

The "**Dads On Campus**" group had their first evening event on September 27th. The turnout was great and they had the opportunity to hear from various school group representatives about programs at SRVHS. These included the San Ramon School Ambassadors, Athletic and Academic Boosters, Sister School-Peres Elementary School. **Dads on Campus** is looking for ways to become more involved with our student population, a win-win situation for all involved!! Dads are planning on hosting a breakfast to become more visible on campus. Ideas for the year were discussed and the next Dad's Night will be November 29th. Stay tuned for events that are "just for Dads". Any questions can be directed to Breck Lutz at blutz@ccareyynkf.com.

Our next "**Mom's Night**" will take place on Tuesday, October 9th from 7-9PM in the Career Center. Our speaker is local chiropractor and nutrition specialist, Dr. Haley Harvey. She will focus on wellness and share information on how we can take care of our physical, emotional and mental well being. She will also share tips on nutrition and health ideas for our teens. These are relaxed and friendly evenings so please join us!

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

Carrie Paulus, carrie@paulus.com

Vice President - Parent Education

Carol Moore, carolsmtihmoore@sbcglobal.net

Chairperson - EPIC/Healthy Choices

Breck Lutz, blutz@ccareyynkf.com

Coordinator – “Dad’s on Campus”

Dates to Remember:

November 8th, Tuesday, 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

When you are stressed out and feel you can't think straight...try this breathing technique...

Close your eyes and breathe in through your nose, slowly counting to 4...

Then count to 4 letting out your breath through your mouth at that same slow pace.

You will feel your body relax and allowing the oxygen to get to your brain, you will have the opportunity to think more clearly.

Academic Boosters

We are excited to announce that the 2012-2013 Student e-Directory was emailed to all families who provided their student information during registration. Due to the large volume of directories, and the daily limit on how many emails we can send, we had to create several email accounts for distribution. The directory was emailed from srvhsdirectory@hotmail.com, srvhs-directory@hotmail.com and srvhs.directory@hotmail.com so if you did not receive it, check your spam folder or adjust your email settings to accept email from these addresses. All three will read “SRVHS Directory.” It is in an easy to use pdf format that you can print out if you want a paper copy or save it to your desktop or to most smartphones for easy electronic access.

We continue to sponsor the Academic Letter Award. Applications for the Spring 2012 Semester will be available in the Career Center beginning on October 15th. The applications will be collected during brunch and lunch the week of October 22nd in the kiosk. (The Fall 2012 applications will be collected in February 2013 and awards for both semesters will be distributed in Spring 2013.) For those who are not familiar with this program, it is a program we sponsor to recognize students who achieve excellence in academics. Each academic award level is awarded to students who have maintained an academic grade point average of 3.5 or above for the semester. Weighted grades will be used. All courses are accepted excluding teacher aide, physical education, adult education, repeated classes for improved grades and continuation school. Your first award is Level 1 and as you continue to earn awards each semester, you move up the chart. Freshmen can apply after completion of their Fall Semester. Students who apply and

qualify every semester can achieve Level 7 upon graduation. There will be a list of all levels posted in the career center as well as on the school website under the student section and Academic Letter once the qualification period is complete. Please watch the eBulletin for details about application collection and award posting and distribution. If you have any questions, contact Penny Davis at pennyd5@yahoo.com.

The various award levels are as follows:

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

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14th at 10:30am in the Career Center. Please join us! 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

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The SRVHS Instrumental Music program is rocking! Jazz Ensemble and Marching Band did a great job at the Alamo Festival. At back to School Night, parents were entertained by a jazz combo. Our wonderful Marching Band continues to pump up our SRV football fans with plenty of school spirit. Classical music lovers should plan to attend the Fall Concert (details below).

Upcoming Instrumental Music Events

October 12 – SRV vs. Cal High (pre-game & half time)

October 14 – Primo's Run at 2000 Bishop Drive San Ramon 8:30 - 9:30 AM

October 23 – Fall Concert, PAC 7:00 PM

October 26 – SRV vs. De la Salle (pre-game & half time)

October 31 – Halloween parades at local elementary schools

November 3 – Grape Bowl Competition (Lodi)

November 10 – Central Cal Competition (Merced)

December 11 – Winter Concert, PAC 7:00 PM

January 19 – Flea Market, SRV Commons 8:00 AM

January 26 – Benefit Concert, PAC 7:00 PM

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 and 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!!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE to ALL Instrumental Music Families: On Wednesday, October 17th at 7:00 PM in the Instrumental Music Room, we have an informational meeting regarding the Collaborative 2014 Music Tour to Spain. A representative from World Projects, our international tour company, will be here to present this tour. This is a collaborative trip with the music students from Acalanes, Las Lomas, Albany, San Ramon Valley, and possibly Ygnacio Valley High Schools. The tentative itinerary, dates, cost(s) and payment schedule will be covered. The ideal goal is to put together one large wind ensemble and a string ensemble. There are several opportunities for us to add on side trips. Please come and hear what may be one of the most exciting music trips available to you and your student during high school.

VOCAL MUSIC

DINNERSHOW RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED! The Golden-State award winning SRVHS Choral program is presenting their annual Dinner Show October 18th and 19th at Community Presbyterian Church in Danville. For this popular event, we need donations for our raffle. Looking for suggestions? Give something you already have, like gift certificates or gift baskets, sporting event or theater/movie tickets, cabin stays or timeshare weekends, sports memorabilia, jewelry, quality homemade items or personal services. A donation of a good or service is a great way to advertise your business. If you prefer, we also accept monetary donations - every little bit helps!

Thank you in advance for your generosity. The monies raised directly benefit the vocal music program. All items must be received no later than Friday, October 12th. For questions contact Debbie Bromley at 831-0334, showbizhome@gmail.com, or Shelley Peterson at 837-7074, shelley@petersonhome.net.

Wolf Foundation

SRVHS Rewards is Here! Sign up today and start earning rewards on your online purchases for you and SRVHS at www.SanRamonValleyHSRewards.com. Over 600 brand name online retailers are part of the program. It's FREE to sign up and only takes a few minutes. Once you register, click to shop at your favorite stores from the SRVHS Rewards website and start earning on your first purchase! Questions? Contact Susan Lowe at susanannlowe@gmail.com. Thank you for your support!

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 Shawna Frielder for planning and running our recent trip to Water World!

Volunteer Opportunities

We have had two wonderful women step up to chair Homecoming, Dawn Garlieb (garlieb@sbcglobal.net) and Linda Ficenec (LindaFicenec@gmail.com). If you see them please give them a huge thank you. Please contact them to find out ways to help out. There is plenty to do.

Homecoming

Our theme this year is S-RV ROADTRIP! And our destination is NEW YORK, NEW YORK! Show your spirit for the class! Please look for ways to HELP with this week. It takes a Village!

Important Dates:

- Float Building: September 28th-October 11
- Rally: October 12th at 1:20pm
- Homecoming Parade: October 12th @ 2:40pm
- Homecoming Game against Cal High: Oct. 12th @ 7:00pm
- Homecoming Dance: October 13th

Homecoming Shirts are \$15! Remind your student to come by the commons during Homecoming Week starting October 8th to buy their class shirt and represent the Great Class on Friday, October 12th!

Homecoming tickets go on sale September 30th in the webstore and in the bookkeepers office! Seniors are allowed to take outside guests this year!

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!

Looking for an easy way to help out? Then perhaps you would be interested in volunteering to bring snacks and water for the Float workers... bags of chips, a box of cookies or protein bars with a case of water, or a case of Vitamin Water or Gatorades, homemade sandwiches and snacks. Trust us – the workers and parent supervisors really appreciate ANYTHING you can drop off! With Float Building, Rally

T-Shirts, Football Game and Dance, there are lots of opportunities to get involved as a student and a parent. Please contact Tonya Colton at tonyacolton@msn.com if you can help.

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 screenprinted 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. 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**. These 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

Shawna Friedler friedler6@gmail.com

Class of 2013 Parent Reps

GRAD NIGHT 2013

Grad Night at SRVHS started 34 years ago, long before Grad Night parties were in vogue. We were definitely ahead of the trend and now it's an institution in our community. Our PTSA sponsors this substance-free party for our grads because we want them to have fun with all of their friends... and to do so in a safe manner. As automobile accidents are the number one killer of high school seniors, and graduation night is the one night they are most likely to be involved in an alcohol related accident, keeping them off the road is a priority. To do that, we encourage every graduate to come. If they're all at the same place, there's no need to go party-hopping.

Tickets:

If you're **not sure if you've already registered**, please [click here](#) for a list of students that have already paid.

To **sign up**, [click here](#) to download the registration forms. Print, fill out and sign the forms and mail them to the address indicated on the form.

To **pay on-line**, [click here](#), and scroll to the bottom of the page. Tickets may be purchased on-line through Monday, October 15th.

To **pay by check** (before October 15th) include your check for \$145 (made out to "SRVHS PTSA-Grad Night") with your forms.

After October 15th, the price increases to \$160 and may only be paid by 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 potential donors or underwriters. 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. For donations, please [click here](#) and complete the form.

Problems with the links above? Go to www.srvhs.net, click on Class of '13 on the left, click on Grad Night (right column) and go to the bottom of the page for the registration forms, donation form and list of paid students. To pay online, go to www.srvhs.net, Parents tab at top, select PTSA, then click on "Click here to donate or make purchases"; Grad Night is at the bottom of this page.

Ink Cartridge Fundraiser:

Now is the time to start sending in your ink cartridges! 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.

We've had great support thus far and we hope to build friendships and great memories throughout this year.

Thank you,

Laurel Portman and MaryBeth Turner
Chairs for Grad Night 2013
laurel.portman@sbcglobal.net

JUNIORS – CLASS OF 2014

Thank you to the Darrah family for hosting our "float building" for Homecoming! Also, a special thank you to Dave Anderson and Paul Silliman for their help with the more complicated tasks that involved our Homecoming Float. Thank you to Valley Crest Landscape/Cresco for arranging the truck for our float and all of the parents who so generously donated their time, materials and donations which made the Class of 2014's Homecoming Float so amazing!

Presently, we are working on Junior Prom and securing a venue to hold our Senior Ball (yes, that is correct ... Senior Ball). If anyone is interested in helping out with Junior Prom, please contact Melissa Thornton at samkenmia@aol.com.

This year is a very busy year for our kids. Just remember to take a step back and breathe! They will all make it through!

Thanks for your support.

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Class of 2014 Parent Reps

FRESHMEN – CLASS OF 2016

The Freshman Class is off to a fabulous start! The Freshman Parent Reps are Elizabeth Patton and Kelly Welch. Our Homecoming Chair is Nicole Shay.

We can still use volunteers for float building. We are also looking for volunteers for food sales at the Ski Swap on November 3 and 4. We also hope to schedule a few fundraising restaurant nights.

We have enjoyed working with Mr. Osterholt, who is the Vice Principal paired up to approve our freshman activities!

Elizabeth Patton and Kelly Welch
Class of 2016 Parent Reps

Leadership

Planners

The SRVHS planner app for smart phones is updated and available to all students as of earlier last week. It features all of the students' courses and homework assignments, as the app is connected to Schoolloop. There are also school events, club meetings, and school updates. If students still prefer the paper planner,

he or she can put their name down on a list in A2. Those planners are scheduled to arrive October 5th. The new planners will be redistributed in English classes.

Homecoming

Homecoming is here! The theme this year is “S-RV Road Trip”. Friday, October 12th at 1:20pm in the Large Gym, all students are welcome to the Homecoming Rally. Mr. and Mrs. San Ramon will be crowned, as well as class princes and princesses. Fall sport highlights, special videos, class lip sync competitions, the Guy/Girl Dance, Pom, and Cheer performances will wow the crowd as usual! Immediately following the rally, the Homecoming Parade will begin at 2:40pm. Our SRVHS band will lead the parade out of the SRVHS main parking lot, right onto Danville Blvd., and then right to Railroad Avenue. Around 30 exhibits, including the class floats, which all classes started constructing on September 29th, will also be displayed during the parade. Later that night, SRV will play California High School at 7:00pm. We will have a firework celebration at 6:55pm and at halftime, the Homecoming King and Queen will be announced, as well as the class float competition results. Plus, the winning class for the lip sync contest will perform under the stadium lights.

Voting for your SRVHS Homecoming Court Final Round - October 8-10

When: Round 2 Homecoming court elections with the top 6-8 prince and princess candidates in each class will begin on October 8th at 12:30pm and will end October 10th at midnight.

How: Go to the website: <http://eduballot.votenet.com/srvhs/login.cfm>. Your username is your Student ID. (Note if an id number starts with 0 such as 023344, all leading zeros will be taken off, so the id number will be 23344.) Your password is your home phone number including parentheses around the area code, your first 3 numbers, a hyphen then the last 4 numbers. EXAMPLE: (925)123-4567. Select your class ballot and vote for one prince and princess candidate, then select the senior class and vote for one king and queen candidate.

Red Ribbon Week

October 22-26th is Red Ribbon week! On Tuesday, October 23rd, Jeff Davis will present during A Period in an optional assembly. He will give his personal account about his family’s sad experiences with drugs and alcohol. Special Red Ribbon Week bracelets will be passed out on Monday during 3rd period.

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](#). Next deadline for the November eLINK is: Thursday, November 1st, 2012.

Calendar

- 10/8 – **Athletic Booster Meeting**, 7pm, Career Center
- 10/9 – **Mom's Night**, 7-9pm, Career Center
- 10/12 – **Homecoming Rally**, 1:20pm, Large Gym
- 10/12 – **Homecoming Parade**, 2:40pm
- 10/12 – **Football v California**, 7pm
- 10/13 – **Homecoming Dance**
- 10/13 – **Primo's Pasta Feed**
- 10/14 – **Primo's Run for Education**
- 10/18 – 10/19 – **Vocal Music Dinner Show**
- 10/22–10/26 – **Red Ribbon Week**
- 10/23 – **Instrumental Music Fall Concert**, 7pm, PAC
- 10/26 – **Reflections Deadline**
- 10/30 – **College Night**, 6:30-8:30pm

- 11/1 – **PTSA Meeting**, 9am, Career Center
- 11/3 – 11/4 – **Ski & Snowboard Swap**, SRV Campus, 10am – 4pm each day
- 11/5 – **Wolf-Tones Booster Meeting**, 7:00pm, Old Staff Lounge
- 11/5 – **Athletic Booster Meeting**, 7pm, Career Center
- 11/8 – **Parent Resource Night**, 7pm
- 11/14 – **Academic Boosters Meeting**, 10:30am, Career Center
- 11/29 – **Dads on Campus**, 7pm, New Staff Lounge

- 12/5 – **Brown Bag Lunch**, 12-1pm, New Staff Lounge
- 12/11 – **Instrumental Music Winter Concert**, 7pm, PAC