Good afternoon!

This week marked the end of the 2nd grading period. Can you believe we are ⅓ of the way through the 2019-20 school year? Once again, this was a very busy week. In fact, Saturday was very busy! Our Varsity Women’s Volleyball team battled in the first round of the Division III CCS Playoffs, losing to #5 El Camino High School. At the Clovis North Regional, our SHS Cheer Team placed 3rd and qualified for the national tournament in February. At the Sierra Cup Classic at Fresno State University, our Marching Band and Color Guard team took home the championship trophy and 1st place in the captions of Music, Visual, and General Effect.

Monday night, we had our monthly Sports Boosters Club meeting. The staff worked together Tuesday morning to identify the prioritized strengths and areas for growth for our WASC Self-Study and Superintendent Grove was on campus for his “Office Hours” to meet with staff. Thursday, PTSO hosted their General Meeting in the morning and two of our Science teachers presented to the audience, we hosted the Bell Schedule Stakeholder Input meetings for parents, students, and staff throughout the day, and in the evening, the Booster Presidents met to discuss fundraising shortfalls and successes before the MSET Robotics Parent Organization convened in advance of this weekend’s qualifier event.

Tonight, the Sophomore class hosts a movie night (“Home Alone”) and our football teams travel to Cupertino to close out the regular season. If Varsity wins, they secure their spot in the CCS Playoffs! Saturday, our Men’s Water Polo team begins the CCS tournament versus Stevenson High School at Santa Cruz High School beginning at 1pm. On Sunday, our MSET-Robotics club hosts the FTC Qualifier for the 7th consecutive year.

This coming week, we will have a three day weekend and a four day week due to Veteran’s Day on Monday. On Tuesday, the Saratoga Staff will have an all-staff meeting in the afternoon to discuss the findings from last year’s California Healthy Kids Survey, and on Thursday, parents, students, staff, and community members are invited to learn more about vaping and the abuse of e-cigarettes. The presentation will be at 6:30pm in our Cafeteria. At the end of the week, we will hopefully host a CCS Playoff game and the Fall Play, “Sense and Sensibility” opens in the McAfee.

Here’s an overview for next week:

**Saturday, November 9:**
- CCS Men’s Water Polo vs. Stevenson @ Santa Cruz HS, 1pm

**Sunday, November 10:**
- Robotics FTC Qualifier (11am-4pm)

**Monday, November 11: NO SCHOOL-Veteran’s Day**

**Tuesday, November 12: (BLUE Day)**
- All-Staff Meeting, 2:20pm
Wednesday, November 13: (RED Day)
● Vaping Presentation, 6:30pm, Cafeteria

Thursday, November 14: (BLUE Day)

Friday, November 15: (RED Day)
● Bell Schedule Input Session at Los Gatos High School
● CCS Football game?

Saturday, November 16:
● CCS Football game?
● Fall Play: Sense and Sensibility, 7:30pm, McAfee

Sunday, November 17:
● Fall Play: Sense and Sensibility, 2pm, McAfee

IN OTHER NEWS...

AP Exam Emergency: Unable to Order for Some Students
For SHS to order an AP Exam, students need to complete two steps: paying on Total Registration and registering on College Board. On Thursday, November 7th emails were sent to parents of students for whom SHS was unable to order an exam. If you received this email, please follow the steps to see how to fix your ordering error. Check your email to see if this applies to you.

The **deadline to complete both parts of the registration is November 12th at 5:00 pm.** Corrections made after November 12th will be assessed a $40 late fee per College Board policy. Contact Kathy Sheridan email (ksheridan@lgsuhsd.org) or phone (408) 867-3411 ext 401 with questions.

SHS TV: November 8 Episode
Here is the most recent episode of the **SHS TV Broadcast for November 8.**

Marching Band and Color Guard Update
Last Saturday, the SHS Marching Band and Color Guard finished their season at the Sierra Cup Classic in Fresno. For the preliminary round, the students took 1st place in their division as well as winning all captions (Music, Visual, General Effect, Color Guard, and Percussion). For Finals, the top 10 scoring bands competed, and Saratoga took home the championship trophy and 1st place in the captions of Music, Visual, and General Effect. Special shoutout to all the amazing parent volunteers who gave up endless hours throughout the season to ensure our students enjoyed the best possible experience! Here is the **video of their championship performance at the Sierra Cup Classic at Fresno State University.**
Congratulations to Cheer Team
The SHS Cheer placed 3rd this weekend at the Clovis North Regional and qualified for the national tournament in February!! Toga cheer is back!!

Congratulations to Jason Shiuan
Jason Shiuan has been selected to represent California in the upcoming December 2019, 22nd annual “50 Directors Who Make a Difference” issue of School Band and Orchestra magazine. For over two decades, the December issue honored nominated music directors, featuring only one music educator from each state. It is a prestigious honor to be nominated, and have that nomination selected by their editorial review committee. The directors are submitted by either a student (past or present), a co-worker/colleague, parent of a student, administrator or other person familiar with their work. Often, it is a combination. These people thought enough of the director’s work to take the time to submit their name and bring their music education service to our attention this year. What they said in their submission led to this recognition.

Sophomore Movie Night Fundraiser: Friday, November 8, 7pm
On Friday, November 8th, the Sophomores are hosting a free movie night: “Home Alone.” Bring your blankets and bean bags and come watch a holiday classic, eat free popcorn, and hang out with your friends. Donations will be accepted.

Senior Sweets
Anyone can give a FREE senior sweet to a senior to support them during this stressful time. Come to the Students Center at tutorial on Tuesday, November 12 or Wednesday, November 13 to write a note and pick a candy! They will be distributed during 2nd period on Thursday.
Senior Class T-Shirts
Want to buy a Senior Class t-shirt? Bring $25 to the Senior Sweets station on Tuesday, November 12 or Wednesday, November 13 to order.

Thursday, November 14: “Protecting Your Students from Vaping”
On Thursday, November 14 at 6:30pm in the SHS Cafeteria, learn how to recognize vaping devices, the harmful effects of vape devices, and how to recognize if your children or their friends are users. Come hear the “What,” “Why” and the “OMG” about vaping from Deputy Russell Davis, School Resource Officer from the Santa Clara County Sheriff Departments West Valley Patrol Division.

Fall Play: “Sense and Sensibility”
Kate Hamill’s playful new adaptation of Jane Austen's beloved novel follows the fortunes (and misfortunes) or the Dashwood sisters - sensible Elinor and sensitive Marianne - after their father's sudden death leaves them financially destitute and socially vulnerable. Sense & Sensibility examines our reactions, both reasonable and ridiculous, to societal pressures. When reputation is everything, how do you follow your heart? Shows are November 16, 22 & 23 at 7:30 pm and November 17 at 2:00 pm in the beautiful McAfee Center. All tickets are $10 and you can Buy Tickets Now.

Wednesday, Nov. 20: “Analyzing the California Healthy Kids Survey”
Last Spring, students in the LGSUHSD took the California Healthy Kids Survey to share their insights with regards to connections, stress, bullying, illegal substances, safety, and personal well-being. Join us on Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30pm in the SHS Library as we analyze the data as a community in a World Café format. You won't want to miss this opportunity for parents, students, staff, and community members to be in a conversation together about how we can best serve our students’ safety and their social-emotional well-being.

Relay for Life and Turkey Trot, November 26
On November 26, 2019, during an extended lunch (from 11:50 a.m-12:40 p.m), Saratoga High School will be hosting a Relay for Life/Turkey Trot walk-a-thon at the Saratoga High track to spread awareness for cancer and fundraise for the American Cancer Society. Students and faculty members will learn about Relay for Life, visit different informational booths, participate in activities, enjoy delicious food from food trucks, and walk around the track to show their support for those battling cancer, survivors, and their families.
We are looking for volunteers to help run the event (such as distributing raffle tickets, managing activities, etc). If you are available, please fill sign up through here.

We are also looking for prize donations for our raffle. If you would be willing to donate, please click here. If you would like to donate directly to our team page on the official Relay for Life donation website, please click here. Any amount is greatly appreciated. We hope that you will help make this event a success! Please contact relayforlifesaratoga@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Parents Volunteers Needed for Crossing Guard Roles

Thank you to the parents who assist the safe passage of our students. We still need more help. Please support our SHS students by serving as a morning crossing guard. Volunteers need to be fingerprinted. Helping students stay safe and helping drivers move orderly through the parking lot helps relieve the morning rush and brings calm to the beginning of the school day. If you can spare 30 minutes or so once a week, please use the link below to sign up. It's not only about traffic control--greeting the students in the morning is an important part of making them feel welcome on campus. We'll help anyone learn the ropes, and if you want to do it with a partner, it's all the more enjoyable! Sign up HERE.

Budget Advisory Committee membership vacancy

The LGUSHSD Budget Advisory Committee is looking for representation from the Saratoga High School community. If you are a parent/guardian who has an interest in helping the LGSUHSD explore cost saving opportunities, explore revenue enhancement opportunities, or propose approaches to improve budget related community awareness and support, the BAC needs you! The next BAC meeting is at the District Office on Monday, December 9 from 3pm-5pm. For more information, please contact Principal Greg Louie at 408-359-4204.

COMING SOON: TEDxSaratogaHighSchool, January 18, 2020

We still need your help with speaker recommendations! The TEDxSaratogaHighSchool event will be on Saturday, January 18th. The TEDx event incorporates a group of individuals who are brought in to showcase ideas worth spreading. For this year's theme, “It Starts With Us,” we are looking for speakers who are taking initiative to promote change in their communities. Please fill out the TEDxSaratogaHighSchool Speakers form if you are interested in being a speaker or have a nomination. This is a big part of making the event happen so all efforts are appreciated!
Here are the results of this past week. If your sport is not here, please send scores, stats, and narrative to Greg Louie at glouie@lgsuhsd.org with the email title “For Friday Letter.”

Saturday, November 2:
- Girls Varsity Volleyball falls to El Camino High School 3-0 in CCS Playoffs. Fighting all the way till the last point, the lady Falcons's offense was led by senior Francesca W. with 8 kills, hitting 0.200, plus Berry B., Ria P., and Jordyn S. each with 4 kills as well. They were assisted by our senior setter Gabby J. and junior Hermione B.. Defense did their best to keep the Falcons in the game with senior Lauren H. gathering up 18 digs total. In addition, Jordyn S. and Danielle M. had 5 digs each; junior Karen L. also contributed 2 digs. At the net, Berry B. led the team with 2 solid blocks. Freshmen Anika K. and Brook E. had an assist and a dig, respectively, in their first CCS appearance.

FALCON'S NEST CAFE

Falcon's Nest Special for the week of November 12th is "PASTA FIZULE". We'll be serving pasta with a choice of Marinara, Alfredo or Creamy Pesto sauce for $4.00. Add diced chicken or meatballs for $4.50.

Our themed salad bar is "ITALIANA". A large salad is $5.00 and small $4.00. Add a cup of diced chicken for $.75.

HELP WANTED

We're looking for a few students to work during lunch. You'll be paid with a free lunch. Please come by and see Pam Carlino for more details.

Students, please make sure you have your ID cards. We no longer take verbal numbers. You won't be able to purchase food if you don't have your card. If you don't have an ID card, get one in the office. You can also take a picture of it with your phone.

Thank you and I hope you have a memorable weekend!!

Sincerely,

Greg Louie, Principal