Friday Letter: December 13, 2019

Good afternoon!

Our Fall semester is coming to a close. Next week, we conclude the 1st semester with four days of finals before a well deserved two week Holiday Break. When we return in January, our Winter Sports will begin league competition and our Seniors will begin to receive their various acceptance letters.

Also, during the Spring semester, we will add technological enhancements to our tutorial program to help manage appointments and student accountability, roll out our new Saratoga High School app to help with communication, finish final preparations for our WASC visit in March, and continue students to “Just Learn It.” Before we know it, we will be celebrating the graduation of the Class of 2020!!!

Here’s an overview for the next few weeks:

Saturday, December 14:
- Panda Express Fundraiser for Senior Class Office (12PM-Closing)
- Women’s Varsity Basketball at SCVAL vs. BVAL Tournament
- CoEd Varsity Wrestling at Webber Lawson Tournament
- Women’s Varsity Soccer at Firebird Classic, Prospect High School

Monday, December 16: (Finals: Day 1)
- Tutoring Center open (3pm-5pm)

Tuesday, December 17: (Finals: Day 2)
- Tutoring Center opens (1pm-3pm)
- Men’s Basketball vs. James Lick HS, JV 5:30pm/ V 7pm

Wednesday, December 18: (Finals: Day 3)
- Second Harvest Food Bank Drive Ends
- Tutoring Center open (1pm-3pm)
- Men’s Soccer at Cupertino, JV 2pm/V 4pm
- Men’s JV Basketball at Santa Cruz HS, 5:30pm

Thursday, December 19: (Finals: Day 4)
- Men’s Soccer at Los Gatos, 3:30pm

Friday, December 20: (No School)
- Women’s JV Basketball vs. Evergreen Valley HS, 5pm

Saturday, December 21:
- 12/21: Women’s Varsity Basketball at Hunt Memorial Tournament
- 12/21: CoEd JV Wrestling at Carlmont Tournament
- 12/21: Men’s Basketball vs. San Jose HS, JV 4:30pm/V 6pm
December 23-January 5: Holiday Break

- 12/26-12/28: Men’s Varsity Basketball at Aptos Tournament
- 12/27-12/30: Women’s Varsity Basketball at West Coast Tournament
- 1/3: CoEd JV Wrestling at Ruppell 2nd Man Tournament
- 1/3: Men’s Varsity Soccer at Fremont, 3:30pm
- 1/3: Men’s Basketball vs. Fremont, JV 3pm/V 7:45pm
- 1/3: Women’s Basketball vs. Los Altos, JV 4:30pm/V 6:15pm
- 1/4: CoEd Varsity Wrestling at Bianchini Tournament, 9am

Monday, January 6: (RED Day)

- Tutoring Center opens (3:45pm-5pm)
- Women’s Soccer vs. Westmont, 3:30pm

Tuesday, January 7: (BLUE Day)

- Tutoring Center open (2:15pm-5pm)
- Women’s Basketball at Cupertino, JV 5:30pm/V 7pm

Wednesday, January 8: (RED Day)

- Tutoring Center opens (3:45pm-5pm)
- Men’s Varsity Soccer vs. Gunn, 3:30pm
- Women’s Soccer at Santa Clara, JV 4pm/V 6pm
- Men’s Basketball at Gunn, JV 5:30pm/V 7pm
- Women’s Basketball vs. Mt. Pleasant, JV 5:30pm/V 7pm

Thursday, January 9: (BLUE Day)

- Tutoring Center open (2:15pm-5pm)
- CoEd Wrestling vs. Milpitas, JV 5:30pm/V 6pm

Friday, January 10: (RED Day)

- Tutoring Center open (3:45pm-5pm)
- Women’s Basketball vs. Los Gatos, JV 3pm/V 6:15pm
- Women’s Soccer vs. Los Gatos, 3:30pm
- Men’s Varsity Soccer at Lynbrook, 3:30pm
- Men’s Basketball vs. Santa Clara, JV 4:30pm, V 7:45pm

Senior Class Fundraiser, December 14: Panda Express

Senior class office is hosting a fundraiser at Panda this Saturday. Come support the Senior Class this Saturday, December 14th at Panda Express from 10am-10pm! Come with friends and make sure to tell the cashier that you’re there to support the Senior Class at Saratoga High. The address is: 1320 El Paseo de Saratoga, San Jose, CA 95130. Here is a copy of the flyer.

SHS TV: December 12 Episode

Here is the most recent episode of the SHS TV Broadcast for December 12. SHSTV will return with its first broadcast of the year on Thursday, January 16.
Haiku Holiday Film Fair
Request from Kumi Kobayashi from LGHS to help spread the word about this fair to our SHS community. Here is the flyer.

Finals Schedule, December 16-19
Here is a copy of the Fall Finals Schedule

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Student honored at Saratoga City Council meeting
Sophomore Anouk Yeh earned a commendation from Saratoga City for her work founding and running Saratoga City’s annual “Celebrating Differences” Carnival for individuals with special needs.

BOOKMOBILE, December 18
Immediately following finals on Wednesday, December 18, the Saratoga Library will have its bookmobile in the quad. Stop by and take home some books to read over vacation. For more information, please check out the flyer.

Pick up/Drop off Reminder During Finals
With everyone starting and ending at about the same time, we anticipate more traffic before and after school. Please make arrangements to carpool, pick up or drop off before or after peak times, or use alternative means of transportation. We appreciate your patience and support.

St. Olaf Band West Coast Tour, January 31
One of America’s preeminent bands, the St. Olaf Band, conducted by Dr. Timothy Mahr, will perform at Saratoga High School’s McAfee Center on Friday, January 31 at 8pm during its 2020 West Coast Tour. Founded in 1891, the St. Olaf Band performs the very best compositions and transcriptions for symphonic band, producing an exciting, crowd-pleasing style. Tickets are $10 for general admission, and free for all students. Here is a link to the Facebook Event post.
PSAT Results in CollegeBoard Account
Students' results from the October 2019 PSAT exam are available in CollegeBoard’s My Score Report. Access scores and exam details by visiting CollegeBoard’s “View Your PSAT/NMSQT Scores” webpage. If your student does not have an account with the College Board, they will need to “sign up” for an account to access their PSAT results. If you have any problems, call CollegeBoard at 1-866-433-7728 or visit Mrs. Sheridan in Guidance to receive a hard copy of your scores.

Yearbook Sales
To order a copy of the 2020 Talisman yearbook, please bring a check for $100 to the Activities Office. The check should be made out to Saratoga High. If your student already has an ASB package, they automatically get a yearbook. Please order your yearbook now to ensure your student a copy when the books are distributed in late May. Only those who preorder a book are guaranteed to get a copy of the Talisman during distribution.

TEDxSaratogaHighSchool, March 15, 2020
The TEDxSaratogaHighSchool event will be on Sunday, March 15th. 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!

‘TOGA ATHLETICS
Here are the results of this past week. If you have news about a winter sport, please send details to Greg Louie at glouie@lgsuhsd.org with the email title “For Friday Letter: ‘Toga Athletics.”

Congratulation to our Traditional Competitive Cheer Team
Recently, the Saratoga High School Cheer team placed 2nd in our division at the CCS Branham Invitational for Traditional Competitive Cheer.

This Saturday, the USA Regional competition will be at James Logan High.

Wrestling Update
On Saturday December 7, the SHS wrestling team brought six varsity boys (Kole Tippetts, Robbie Bilic, Trevor Green, Nico Sobato, Sean Yeung and Xander Kim) to the Half Moon Bay Varsity tournament. Robbie Bilic and Kole Tippetts placed 7th and 8th, respectively, earning medals in a bracket of 32 wrestlers. The other young men each had 2-3 wins out of their 5 matches fought throughout the day. This was definitely a good first tournament for the boys!
Women’s Varsity Soccer Update
The Women’s Varsity soccer team started the season with a heartbreaking 1-0 loss in the torrential pouring rain last Saturday afternoon right before the Winter Formal. On Thursday, they celebrated their first win with a 2-0 victory over Scotts Valley with solid defense led by senior captain goalie Adrienne Chan and amazing goals scored by senior captain Ananya Krishnan, assisted by senior Neta Riaziat and sophomore Casey Gilligan. The lady Falcons have their next non-league game this Saturday, December 14 at 11:00am at Prospect High School.

Winter Sports Updates
December 12:
- Women’s Varsity Basketball beat Evergreen Valley High School 57-36. This was a great win for the girls and played good team ball.
- Women’s Varsity Soccer beats Scotts Valley High School 2-0. Two goals from senior Ananya Krishnan helped the Falcons to victory over the Scotts Valley Falcons in our pre season tournament match up.

December 11:
- Boys Junior Varsity Basketball beat Burlingame High School 53-44

December 10:
- Women’s Varsity Soccer falls to Christopher High School 3-0. A tough game for the Falcons versus a very strong Christopher team.

December 9:
- Women’s Junior Varsity Basketball beat Oceana High School 53-4
- Women’s Varsity Basketball beat Oceana High School 51-22. They played well as a team.

December 8:
- Men’s Junior Varsity Basketball beat Lynbrook High School 39-36

December 7:
- Men’s Varsity Basketball beat Westmont High School 63-48. The Falcons beat the Westmont Warriors in the opening round of the Lions Club Tournament at Los Gatos HS.

December 5:
- Women’s Junior Varsity Basketball beat Pinewood High School 48-31

Tutoring Center Now Open After School
Our Tutoring Center is now open, Monday through Thursday until 5pm. We have a couple of community volunteer tutors signed up to help with math and science and volunteer extraordinaire, Sheeba Garg volunteered to open the facility until we officially hire someone. Here is the schedule for the remainder of this semester.

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Just Learn It.
World Language Triple E Fall Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received the World Language Triple E (Effort, Engagement, and Enthusiasm) Fall Awards. The students were selected by their teachers and received a certificate and a “Just Learn It” card to enter the “Just Learn It” weekly raffle.

**Spanish 1**
- Prady Balaji
- Ela Machiroutu
- Jeremiah Chung

**Spanish 2**
- Neel Dankar
- Amrita Gopal
- Aarav R Badani
- Nidhi Mathihalli
- Jeffrey Zhu

**Spanish 3**
- Miranda Olson
- Soorya Kuppam

**Spanish 4H**
- Bella Lin
- Pooja Manapat
- Stefano Corno

**Spanish AP**
- Vignav Ramesh
- Oishani Chatterji
- Nikhil Nair

**French**
- Travis Potter
- Connor Oaklander
- Giulio Morini Bianzino
- Christopher Okuno

**Chinese**
- Chinese 1-Arlan Visser
- Chinese 2: Ryan Dowlat
- Chinese 3-Brianna Lee
- C3 Global- Lauren Sutioso
- Chinese 4H-Audrey Mah
- Chinese 5H: Ashley Ko
- AP Chinese-Taylor Zhou

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**FALCON'S NEST CAFE**

Falcon's Nest Special for Monday, December 16th, is "OPEN FACED ROASTED TURKEY SANDWICH W/ MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY", $4.50 each. Included with the special is Cranberry sauce and a holiday cookie.

The themed salad bar for the day is "AMERICANA".

All the cafe folks want to wish everyone a wonderful holiday season.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!!

Sincerely,

Greg Louie, Principal