Friday Letter: February 7, 2020

Good afternoon!

This week the Guidance Counseling department visited Redwood Middle School to welcome our future Class of 2024. Also on Tuesday, during Tutorial, Saratoga students were introduced to the new Saratoga High School app and learned how to use the new TeachMore program to make appointments and sign in using their ID cards. Tuesday night, the Incoming Sophomore Parents met with the Counselors and Administrators to talk about course requests and what to expect during their second year of high school, while on Thursday night, the incoming Freshmen families learned about how to transition to high school, what their schedule will look like, and who will be there to support them for the next four years. Thursday also was an opportunity for families to attend the PTSO General Meeting and to share their feedback and insights regarding various drafts of the 2020-20 bell schedule by participating in a dot activity (pictured left).

This Saturday night, our Saratoga Music Boosters will transform the music building for the Jazz Cabaret: “For the Love of Jazz” and some of our students will travel to Westmoor High School to participate in the Bay Section Leadership Conference.

Here’s an overview for the next week:

**Saturday, February 8:**
- Saratoga Music Boosters Jazz Cabaret, 7pm

**Monday, February 10: (RED Day)**
- Tutoring Center open (3:45pm-5pm)
- Sports Boosters meeting, 6:30pm (Community Room)

**Tuesday, February 11: (BLUE Day)**
- Tutoring Center open (2:15pm-5pm)
- Women’s Basketball at Wilcox (JV 5:30pm/ V 7pm)

**Wednesday, February 12: (RED Day)**
- Tutoring Center open (3:45pm-5pm)
- SCVAL JV League Finals, 1pm
- Women’s Soccer at Homestead, 3:30pm
- Men’s Soccer vs. Wilcox, 3:30pm
- Men’s Basketball at Wilcox (JV 5:30pm/ V 7pm)

**Thursday, February 13: (BLUE Day)**
- Tutoring Center open (2:15pm-5pm)

**Friday, February 14: (RED Day)**
- Bombay in the Bay, 6pm (McAfee)
- Men’s Basketball vs. Lynbrook (JV 3pm/ V 7:45pm)
- Women’s Soccer vs. Mountain View (JV 3:30pm/ V 6pm)
- Men’s Soccer at Milpitas (JV 4pm/ V 6pm)
- Women’s Basketball vs. Lynbrook (JV 4:30pm/ V 6:15pm)

**Saturday, February 15:**
- Bombay in the Bay, 6pm (McAfee)
Saratoga Music Boosters Jazz Cabaret: *For the Love of JAZZ*

This Saturday, February 8, at 7:00pm, is the annual Saratoga Music Boosters Jazz Cabaret. Our Jazz Cabaret these days overtakes and transforms the SHS Music Building into sparkling lighted splendor. *For the Love of JAZZ* will feature the Jazz Bands and Choirs of SHS and RMS. There will be desserts, savory treats, a build-your-own candy and snack bar, games, and plenty of live music and dancing! Advanced online tickets can be purchased [here](#) ($15 for adults, $10 for students/performers). All are invited, so share the flyer, put on your dancing shoes, and bring your family, friends, neighbors, anybody and everybody! This is an event you can arrive and depart however it works for your schedule. We’d love to see you!

**MSET Robotics Update**

Two of our MSET FTC teams, Cuttlefish and Jellyfish, competed in a competition at Jefferson High School in Daly City. What an amazing day they had. After the qualification rounds, Cuttlefish stood at #3 and Jellyfish stood at #6 (out of 32 teams). #1 team paired with Jellyfish and #2 team paired with Cuttlefish to compete in the finals. Our two fish teams competed well. Jellyfish alliance walked away winning the competition while Cuttlefish won the Control Award. Both teams were also runner-ups for multiple other award categories.

The Control Award celebrates a team that uses sensors and software to increase the robot’s functionality in the field. This award is given to the team that demonstrates innovative thinking to solve game challenges such as autonomous operation, improving mechanical systems with intelligent control, or using sensors to achieve better results. The control component should work consistently in the field. The team’s engineering notebook must contain details about the implementation of the software, sensors, and mechanical control, but does not need to include copies of the code itself.

Cuttlefish and Jellyfish both advanced and will be competing in NorCal Regional Championships on March 7th and March 8th.

**SHS TV February 6 Episode**

Here is the most recent episode of the [SHS TV Broadcast for February 6](#).
Parent Volunteers Needed: Saratoga High School Career Day
We need many parent volunteers to help host our SHS/PTSO sponsored 2020 Career Day on Monday, March 2nd and Tuesday, March 3rd from 8:30am to 11am. This is a really great event for our students to listen to speakers in career fields of their interest. With your help, it will run smoothly. Please consider signing up here: SHS/PTSO Career Day

BOMBAY IN THE BAY 2020!!
It's that time of year again! The Saratoga Indian Cultural Awareness Club is excited to announce the 2020 production of “Bombay in the Bay!” It will be a weekend of Indian Dancing, Singing, and Culture put on entirely by the students in the club. The show dates are Friday, February 14 at 6pm and Saturday, February 15 at 6pm in the McAfee Theatre here on campus. Tickets are $15 for the Friday night show and $20 for the Saturday night show. On Saturday night there will be food trucks on campus after the show with food available for purchase. This is a slight change from how the show has normally handled dinner and the students are very excited to try something new.

Tickets will be available for purchase starting Tuesday, February 4 at 6am and will be available through Friday, February 14 at 3pm. Use the Bombay in the Bay tickets link to purchase tickets. Any unsold tickets will be available for purchase the night(s) of the show at the door, but be warned, we frequently sell out. Be sure to get yours in advance! All proceeds this year go to the charity Vikalp India. Thank you all for the support and we cannot wait for you to see what we have in store for this year's show!

Yearbook Sales
To order a copy of the 2020 Talisman yearbook, families can now order online using our Saratoga High School webstore!! Please click here to access our webstore and order your yearbook. Families can also 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 a copy of the Talisman during distribution.

TeachMore/Tutorial Update
Tutorial is intended to be used for academically relevant and social-emotionally appropriate activities. On Tuesday, students and staff participated in our third School Wide Lesson: Successful Practices for the Advisory/Tutorial to learn about the new TeachMore program, how to activate their account, how to scan in during tutorial, and how to download the new Saratoga High School app. For the first week, more than 70% of the students scanned in during tutorial. Due to substitutes, distribution of equipment, and other technical issues during this rollout, not all students scanned in. Next week and when we return from Winter Break, all students will need to have their ID card and all staff should have the ability to scan students in during tutorial. As a reminder, students can not leave campus during tutorial. Student caught leaving campus during tutorial will be assigned a Saturday School. Also, to be fair, know that I have dispatched staff to some of the more popular off-campus tutorial escapes to identify students.
Saratoga High School App
On Tuesday, we formally announced the Saratoga High School app. Students, staff and families looking to download the app can do so by going to their app store and looking for SHS Falcons. The SHS app will help improve communication via push notifications and put information about our school directly on your mobile device. Periodically, Mr. Torrens and Mr. Louie will award students during lunch if they have the SHS app.

MAP Fundraiser: Ben's BBQ on Prospect Avenue, February 7
Dinner’s ready!! Starting at 6pm tonight, head over to Ben’s BBQ on Prospect Avenue to support the MAP Program.

MAP’s 48
MAP's 48-Hour Film Festival kicks off in the Annex this afternoon with the theme reveal. The contest is open to the entire SHS student body, and entries are due on Sunday at 6pm.

‘TOGA ATHLETICS

Winter Sports Updates
Here are the results of this past week. If your sport is not here, it is because I did not receive any details before sending this out. Please feel free to send scores, stats, and narrative to Greg Louie at glouie@lgsuhsd.org with the email title “For Friday Letter: ‘Toga Athletics.”

February 5:
● Women’s Varsity Soccer falls to Palo Alto High School 1-0

February 4:
● Women’s Varsity Basketball falls to Palo Alto High School 44-39

January 31:
● Women’s Junior Varsity Basketball beat Los Gatos High School 50-10
● Women’s Varsity Basketball falls to Los Gatos High School 46-34
● Men’s Junior Varsity Basketball falls to Santa Clara High School 52-48
● Women’s Varsity Soccer falls to Los Gatos High School 3-0
● Women’s Junior Varsity Soccer falls to Los Gatos High School 2-0
● Men’s Varsity Soccer falls to Lynbrook High School 2-0

Wrestling Update
Just wanted to let you know that the varsity boys wrestling team competed in the Colt Invitational at El Camino High School in South San Francisco yesterday. With only six boys competing: Xander Kim, Nima Aminzadeh, Robbie Bilic, Sean Yeung, Trevor Green and Kole Tippettts, we came in 16th place out of 48 teams. We had two boys medal and 5 boys come in
the top 10 in a 32 man bracket. Congratulations to Kole Tippetts for coming in 3rd in the 154 weight class, Trevor Green coming in 4th in the 162 weight class, Sean Yeung coming in 7th in the 134 weight class, Robbie Bilic for coming in 7th in the 172 weight class and Nima Aminzadeh coming in 10th in the 162 weight class.

**Sports Booster 2020 Falcon Fun Run**
The Falcon Fun Run is taking place on Sunday, March 15. The sports boosters are offering a pizza party to a group that has 12 or more participants (team, class, friend group etc). Come out and participate yourselves! Or come and cheer. The proceeds support SHS athletics.
Tutoring Center Now Open After School

Our Tutoring Center is open, Monday through Thursday until 5pm. We have a couple of community volunteer tutors signed up to help with math and science. Also, if you would like to help peer tutor, please see Principal Louie. Here is the schedule for next week.

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FALCON'S NEST CAFE

Falcon's Nest special for the week of February 10th is "BURGER BAR". Build a burger with cheese, bacon, onion rings, lettuce, tomato, jalapenos, red onions, pickles, pineapple and assorted sauces for $4.50 each.

Falcon's Nest themed salad bar is "AMERICANA". A small salad is $4.00 and large $5.00.

Come on by and enter the Valentine’s contest. Guess the correct number of candy hearts and win a pizza lunch for you and your friends.

Thank you! I hope you enjoy an excellent weekend.

Greg Louie, Principal