Good afternoon!

What a week!!  We kicked off the week with an amazing Electives Night for our incoming 9th graders (Class of 2024!).  During this event, the symphonic orchestra, drama students, choir, and band awed the audience in the McAfee.  There was a literal gasp from the audience when the curtain went up to showcase our music students on stage.  Afterwhich, the standing room only audience walked to the gym to watch the winter percussion, winter color guard, cheerleaders, and dance team perform.  Again, our new families were utterly impressed with the performances.  To close the night, all of our Freshmen electives were on display in the small gym, with teachers and students answering the myriad of questions regarding the course, program, and commitment--and that was just Monday!

On Tuesday, our PTSO organized a parent presentation with Adolescent Counseling Services to share current information regarding nicotine, THC, vapes, and other illegal products.  For those who attended the presentation (and for those who missed it), here is a copy of the ACS Parent Presentation slide show from January 28.

Thursday, we hosted our second Parent Teas and that night we had the January School Site Council meeting, the Bell Schedule Input Session, and two class scheduling presentations, one for Incoming Seniors (Class of 2021) and one for Incoming Juniors (Class of 2022).

This afternoon, Men’s Soccer hosts Lynbrook and Women’s Soccer faces Los Gatos.  Tonight, is the opening night of You Have the Right to Remain Dead, a show audience involved murder mystery by our Saratoga Theatre Arts.  The show begins at 7pm in the Thermond Drama Center.  In addition, our Men’s Basketball team travels to Santa Clara High School and our Women’s Basketball team travels to Los Gatos High School.

Next week, we kick off the month of February.  On Tuesday, the Guidance Counseling department will visit Redwood Middle School to welcome our future freshmen.  Also on Tuesday, during Tutorial, Saratoga students will learn how to use the new TeachMore program to make appointments and sign in using their ID cards.  Students will also be introduced to the new Saratoga High School app, which can be downloaded by searching “SHS Falcons” in your mobile app store.  That Tuesday night, the Incoming Sophomore Parents are invited to a meeting with the Counselors and Administrators to talk about course requests.  On Thursday, students, staff, and parents/guardians will have an opportunity to review the more recent iterations of next year’s possible bell schedule and provide feedback to the Bell Schedule Committee.  In addition, the PTSO will have their General Meeting at 8:30am in the cafeteria and that night, Incoming Freshmen Parents will be welcomed back again to talk about course requests.

Here’s an overview for the next week:

**Saturday, February 1:**
- Student Production: “You Have the Right to Remain Dead,” 2pm and 7pm

**Monday, February 3: (BLUE Day)**
- Tutoring Center open (2:15pm-5pm)
- Incoming Sophomore Course Selection meeting during Tutorial (McAfee)
Tuesday, February 4: (RED Day)
- Tutoring Center open (3:45pm-5pm)
- Wrestling vs. Homestead HS (JV 5:30pm/ V 6pm)
- Women’s Basketball vs. Palo Alto HS (JV 5:30pm/ V 7pm)
- Incoming Sophomore Parent Meeting, 7pm-9pm, McAfee

Wednesday, February 5: (BLUE Day)
- Tutoring Center open (2:15pm-5pm)
- Department Collaboration meeting (after school)
- Men’s Soccer at Monta Vista (3:30pm)
- Women’s Soccer vs. Palo Alto HS (3:30pm)
- Men’s Basketball vs. Monta Vista (JV 5:30pm/ V 7pm)

Thursday, February 6: (RED Day)
- Tutoring Center open (3:45pm-5pm)
- SHS PTSO Meeting Presentation, (Cafeteria), 8:30 a.m. followed by Input Session in the SHS Student Center
- SHS Staff, Student & Parent Drop-in Input Sessions, Student Center, 8:30-3:00 p.m
- Wrestling at Los Altos HS (JV 5:30pm/ V 6pm)
- Incoming Freshmen Parent Meeting, 7pm-9pm, McAfee

Friday, February 7: (BLUE Day)
- SHS Foundation Board meeting, 8:30am (Trimble Room)

IN OTHER NEWS...

Coronavirus Update
Please click here to read the Superintendent’s update on the Coronavirus.

SHS TV January 31 Episode
Here is the most recent episode of the SHS TV Broadcast for January 31.

Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizens Award
Kaitlyn Thompson is the third place winner of the DAR Good Citizens Award! She will be honored at the DAR meeting on Monday, Feb 3. Congrats Kaitlyn!

Upcoming Guidance Presentations
- Incoming Sophomore Parent Meeting, Tuesday, February 4, 7pm-9pm, McAfee
- Incoming Freshmen Parent Meeting, Thursday, February 6, 7pm-9pm, McAfee
Green Team Club and Red Cross Club Fundraiser
Green Team and Red Cross are combining together to raise funds for victims of the Australian fires through Australian Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Unit. Coin jars are in the English Classes starting today, 1/31 and will be in the classrooms for 2 weeks. We will be providing cookies to the classes who raise more than $100 within the first week and donuts to overall winner after 2 weeks.

Upcoming Drama Production
This weekend, Saratoga Theatre Arts invites you to an audience-interactive murder mystery! You Have the Right to Remain Dead, by Pat Cook, tells the story of a troupe of actors - and their intrepid director and lone tech crew members - trying to produce a murder mystery play. When someone gets murdered for real, everyone in the theater is a possible suspect: including you! This zany and original comedy is appropriate for audiences of all ages. Performances are Friday, January 31st at 7pm and Saturday, February 1st at 2pm AND 7pm. Tickets are $7 for students/seniors, and $10 for general admission.

SAVE THE DATE: Saratoga Music Boosters Jazz Cabaret
Our annual Saratoga Music Boosters Jazz Cabaret is just around the corner – Saturday, February 8th at 7pm! Join us as Jazz Cab 2020- For the love of JAZZ- overtakes and transforms the SHS Music Building into sparkling lighted splendor. For the love of JAZZ will feature the SHS and RMS Choirs, Vocalists, Combos and Jazz Ensembles. There will be desserts, 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). All are invited, so bring out your family, friends, neighbors, anybody and everybody!

TOGA Dance Team Success!!
Our TOGA Dance Team is off to a fantastic competition season, scoring 1st place in Pom, 2nd place in Large Jazz and 2nd place in Small Jazz at their first competition. Last weekend, they did amazing taking home 2nd place for Small Jazz, Hip Hop, and Pom and 3rd place for Lyrical. Come support the team at their last local competition on February 8th at Monta Vista High School!
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.

2020-2021 Bell Schedule Input Sessions

On behalf of the District’s Bell Schedule Evaluation (BSE) Planning Group we hope you can attend one of our upcoming stakeholder input sessions. This will be the second set of input sessions facilitated by the members of the BSE. We are seeking input on sample bell schedule possibilities for the 2020-2021 school year. For more information about the bell schedule evaluation process, please visit our website.

The sample bell schedules that will be presented, were developed by the BSE considering our parameters and the stakeholder input collected so far. The sample schedules are subject to change based on feedback. Our planning group hopes you can stop in at one of the upcoming designated days/times and share your thoughts.

January/February Input Session Information

- **SHS PTSO Meeting Presentation**, Saratoga High School-Cafeteria, Thursday, February 6, 2020, 8:30 a.m. followed by Input Session in the SHS Student Center
- **SHS Staff, Student & Parent Drop-in Input Sessions**, Saratoga High School- Student Center, Thursday, February 6, 2020, 8:30-3:00 p.m

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!
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.”

January 28:
- Women’s Junior Varsity Basketball beat Cupertino High School 64-19.
- Women’s Varsity Basketball beat Cupertino High School 38-26.

January 24:
- Men’s Varsity Soccer falls to Milpitas High School 3-2.
- Women’s Junior Varsity Soccer falls to Mountain View 4-0.
- Women’s Varsity Soccer falls to Mountain View 3-1.
- Women’s Varsity Basketball falls to Lynbrook High School 46-31.

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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Wellness Center Happenings from Ms. Barnes

Stress relief activities are being offered during tutorial in the Wellness Center. There was a generous donation from PTSO for Starting Arts Mindful Music Program. We are slowly introducing this to students in the Wellness Center and to our Staff to try in their classrooms.

This Wednesday was our 5th yoga class with Angela Liu. In 2012, Angela left her job in biotech to complete Bikram yoga teacher training. After becoming a Mom, her interest in yoga expanded to Moms, kids, and older adults. Angela has grown her passion into slower and softer style of yoga. In 2017, she earned her 200-hour Gentle Yoga
certification at Yoga Source Los Gatos. Angela’s goal is to bring the multitude of mental and physical benefits that yoga has to offer to everyone through teaching. She teaches classes weekly at LGS recreation.

Some mindfulness activities we have done are drawing, painting, gratitude journaling, and mindful communication. More on Vivensity’s “imSparked” in a future newsletter.

Falcon's Nest Special for the week of February 3rd is "BURRITO BAR". Build your burrito with diced chicken, veggie beans, rice, cheddar cheese, corn, sour cream, salsa and jalapenos for $4.50 each. Tortilla chips are included too.

Falcon's Nest themed salad bar is "SANTA FE". A large salad is $5.00 and small $4.00. Add a cup of diced chicken for $.75.

Thank you! I hope you enjoy a great Super Bowl Weekend and your favorite team wins!!!

GO NINERS!

Greg Louie, Principal