Tuesday Letter: November 26, 2019
Good afternoon!

Here’s your special edition “Friday Letter for Families” due to the Thanksgiving Week break. Yesterday, the Rally Commission hosted lunch time events for our students to enjoy playing with each other and today the Relay for Life club, led by Anna Novoselov and Emilie Zhou, hosted the Turkey Trot Relay for Life event during an extended lunch. It was fantastic to see hundreds of our students walk or run around the track, stop at the various wellness booths, and enjoy each other’s company during this week dedicated to being thankful.

Today, our Men’s Soccer teams play Harker at 3:30pm and our Women’s Basketball team hosts Leigh High School. Our JV team tips off at 5:30pm and our Varsity team finishes the night beginning at 7pm.

Here’s an overview for the rest of this week and next week:

**Wednesday, November 27: (No School: Thanksgiving Holiday)**
- Men’s Basketball vs. Silver Creek High School, JV 5:30pm/V 7pm

**Thursday, November 28: (No School: Thanksgiving Holiday)**
- HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

**Friday, November 29: (No School: Thanksgiving Holiday)**
- Women’s Basketball Varsity Alumni Game, 4:30pm
- Men’s Basketball Varsity Alumni Game, 6pm

**Saturday, November 30:**
- Men’s Basketball at Branham High School, JV 4:30pm/V 6pm

**Monday, December 2: (RED Day)**
- Tutoring Center opens (3:45pm-5pm)

**Tuesday, December 3: (BLUE Day)**
- AM Collaboration (Late start schedule)
- Tutoring Center open (2:15pm-5pm)
- Women’s Varsity Basketball at Fremont Tournament
- Men’s Soccer vs. Leigh High School, 3:30pm
- Women’s JV Basketball at Sacred Heart, 5pm
- Concerto Competition, 6pm, McAfee

**Wednesday, December 4: (RED Day)**
- Tutoring Center open (3:45pm-5pm)
- Women’s Varsity Basketball at Fremont Tournament
Thursday, December 5: (BLUE Day)
- Tutoring Center open (2:15pm-5pm)
- Women’s Varsity Basketball at Fremont Tournament
- Women’s JV Soccer at Los Gatos, 3:30pm
- Men’s Soccer vs. Leland, 3:30pm
- Women’s JV Basketball vs. Pinewood HS, 5pm
- Band Winter Concert, 7pm, McAfee

Friday, December 6: (RED Day)
- Lip Dub at Tutorial
- Men’s Basketball vs. Los Gatos, F 4pm, JV 5:30pm, V 7pm
- Comedy Sportz, 7pm

Saturday, December 7:
- Women’s JV Basketball at Half Moon Bay High School
- Winter Formal, 7:30pm-10:30pm, Gym

IN OTHER NEWS...

Relay for Life Update and Raffle Winners
Thanks to everyone who came out to the track to participate in the Relay for Life Turkey Trot! Thanks to all the parent volunteers and PTSO for also helping us with the event. We really appreciated your help and hope you enjoyed the food and activities. Most importantly, thank you to Anna N, Emilie Z, Aliza Z, Jessica S, Nicole L, Urmila V, Chrystal W, and the Campbell/Los Gatos/Saratoga Relay for Life Leadership Team for organizing today’s event. Overall, more than $1000 was raised for the American Cancer Society! Here is the link to the official SHS ACS donation page if anyone is still interested in donating. Here is a form to fill out if you're interested in learning more about RFL and helping with future events.

Here are the winners for the raffle prizes. Please pick them up in the office from Ms. Alas during lunch on Monday.
- AirPods: Nithya Krishna
- Speaker: Vivian Wu
- Gift bag: Crase Delp
- Belay Lesson: Juliette Prawat
- Polaroid camera: Maya Vasudev

Tutoring Center Opens Monday, December 2!
Beginning December 2, the Tutoring Center will be open Monday through Thursday, from after school until 5pm. Volunteer extraordinaire, Sheeba Garg will serve as our Tutoring Center coordinator while we continue to find someone who can permanently fill the vacancy. We also have three community volunteer tutors available during the week.
AM Collaboration Schedule: Tuesday, December 3
Students will have a late start to the school day on December 3, which is our last AM Collaboration schedule for the 2019-20 school year. The Library and Student Center will be open for students who arrive to school earlier. The schedule is as follows:

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Caltech Harvey Mudd Math Competition Results
Congratulations to the Saratoga High School Math team “Vroom, vroom. Just kidding” for finishing first at the 2019 Fall Caltech Harvey Mudd Math Competition. Brandon Wang finished in 1st place and Anthony Wang rounded out the top 10 individuals.

SAVE THE DATE: December 12: Adolescent Substance Use & Abuse: A Counseling Perspective
Learn about LGSUHSD’s substance use support partnership for students & their families provided through Adolescent Counseling Services (ACS).

Senior Clinicians will be sharing information about their contract with the district, current adolescent substance use in the Bay Area, the adolescent developmental trajectory, warning signs of drug use problems, how parents can support their teens (and themselves!) during this time, and other resources available to families. There will be time for Q&A following the presentation. Here is a copy of the flyer. Please signup online through Signup Genius so we can set up appropriately.

SAVE THE DATE: BOOKMOBILE, December 19
Immediately following finals on Wednesday, December 19, 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.

Budget Advisory Committee membership vacancy
The LGUSHSD Budget Advisory Committee is looking for representation from the Saratoga High School community. 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.
City of Saratoga Updates

- **Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony** this Friday, November 29 at 5:30 p.m.
  - Kick off the holiday season with a one-of-a-kind Saratoga tradition at the annual Holiday Tree Lighting! The festivities will be held the day after Thanksgiving on Friday, November 29 at 5:30 p.m. in Blaney Plaza. After the tree is lit, explore the Saratoga Village to have dinner and start your holiday shopping. The evening will also include horse-drawn carriage rides, a holiday exhibit at the Saratoga History Museum, and children's activities! For more information, visit www.saratoga.ca.us/treelighting.

- **Celebration of Light** on Saturday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m.
  - Come celebrate diversity and unity, and build community with the Saratoga Ministerial Association and the City of Saratoga at the Celebration of Light - a symbol of hope, joy, and faith across cultures. The event will be held on Saturday, December 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Blaney Plaza. The event will include music, performances, and a candle lighting ceremony. For more information, visit www.saratoga.ca.us/celebrationoflight.

- **Donate to the City of Saratoga's Holiday Food & Toy Drive** through December 12
  - 'Tis the season! Help those in need by donating to the City of Saratoga's annual Food and Toy Drive through Thursday, December 12. New, unwrapped, non-violent toys can be dropped off in the City Manager’s Office (13777 Fruitvale Avenue) and will be donated to Sacred Heart Community Services. Non-perishable food can be dropped off at the City Manager’s Office, Senior Center (19655 Allendale Avenue), or Trader Joe’s (5269 Prospect Road) and will be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank.

- **Calling All Saratoga Artists! Submit your application for Paint the City: Utility Box Art Project by January 13**
  - You can apply to turn plain utility boxes into works of art through the City of Saratoga’s 2020 cycle of Paint the City: Utility Box Art Project. Through this program, 5 more City utility boxes will be painted by Saratoga artists. Submit your application to leave your mark on Saratoga by January 13, 2020. The program is open to Saratoga residents age 10 and older. Selected artists will receive a stipend of $600. For more information, visit www.saratoga.ca.us/paintthecity.

- **City Information Now Available in Chinese**
  - As part of an effort to make the City of Saratoga’s communications more accessible and inclusive, key City publications are translated into Chinese, the second most common language used in Saratoga households. These materials include a Back to School information sheet (English)/Back to School information sheet (Mandarin), a general City fact sheet, and monthly Saratoga Source newsletter, and the annual Saratogan publication. You can find these translated publications online at www.saratoga.ca.us/translate.
TEDxSaratogaHighSchool, March 15, 2020  (Yes! The date changed!)

We still need your help with speaker recommendations! The TEDxSaratogaHighSchool event will be on Sunday, March 15th. 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!

'TOGA ATHLETICS

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.”

Men’s Water Polo Update
Following the water polo boys’ varsity League Championship (Saratoga’s first since 2013), a number of our players were selected for All League honors. Marcus Kuo was named MVP Field Player. Nima Aminzadeh, Bryan Chu and Eng Kwa were selected for First Team. Grant Chen was named to the Second Team. In addition, Kian Kwa and Andrew Hong were named to the Frosh-Soph All League First and Second Teams, respectively. Congratulations to our coaches and players for a successful season!

CCS Cross Country Update
The Men’s Cross Country team was very close to qualifying to the state tournament. Although they finished in fifth place, the spread between first and fifth was only 11 points. The boys fought hard and came up a bit short. Our varsity team consists of Harrison Dance, Shivam Verma, Kole Tippetts, Niyanth Rao, Jonathan Zhao, Sina Salehi and Bryan Young.

We did have Harrison Dance and Shivam Verma move on as individuals to states and will be running November 30th in Fresno! Harrison Dance came in 1st and Shivam Verma came in 3rd.

FALCON’S NEST CAFE

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 restful Thanksgiving break!!

Sincerely,

Greg Louie, Principal