Good afternoon!

Despite this being a short week for staff and a shorter week for students, we made the most of the time! On Tuesday, Saratoga staff met at Los Gatos High School to work in committees to analyze the evidence for their particular parts of the WASC Self-Study and came to identify strengths and recommended areas for growth.

During the school week, the Student Outreach Commission hosted “It Starts with a Smile Week,” which included a variety of activities and giveaways during lunch on Wednesday, a luncheon for students new to Saratoga on Thursday, and staff versus students volleyball games on Friday. In addition, due to the lack of electricity for some of our students and their families, we opened the Student Center until 10pm on Wednesday and Thursday nights so that our students without power were able to complete their homework, charger their devices, and enjoy some pizza.

Today, our WASC Visiting Chair, Mr. Fred Veenendaal spent the day visiting classes and meeting with the Administration team, WASC Focus Group Leaders, and parents in advance of our March 2020 visit. Considering the tremendous work of our staff, students, and parents regarding the WASC Self-Study Report and our day to day practices of engaging our students in their academic progress and co-curricular opportunities, Mr. Veenendaal expressed his awe and excitement for the full visit with the rest of the WASC Visiting Team.

Tonight, at 7pm, our 5-1 Varsity football team looks to add to their winning record as we host a league game versus 4-1 Gunn High School. Similarly, after earning their first win of the season last weekend, our FS football team is excited to play the Titans.

Saturday, our Marching Band and Color Guard participate in their first competition of the season on October 12th at Cupertino High School. The Falcons will take the field at 9:15pm, but we encourage you to show up early to grab a good seat and catch some of our neighboring schools (performance schedule found here). This is the most local show we do all season, so come hear some Timeless classics by Vivaldi, Saint-Saens, Gershwin, and Pink Floyd!

Next week, we’ll be back to a five day school week, with a handful of fantastic performing arts events on tap. Here’s an overview for next week:

**Monday, October 14: (BLUE Day)**
- Women’s Varsity Golf vs. Palo Alto, 3:30pm
- Saratoga Sports Boosters meeting, 7pm, Team Room

**Tuesday, October 15: (RED Day)**
- Women’s Varsity Golf at Mt. View, 2:45pm
- Men’s Water Polo at Cupertino, V 3:30pm/ JV 4:45pm
Women’s Varsity Tennis vs. Mt. View, 4pm
Women’s JV Tennis at Mt. View, 4pm
Women’s Field Hockey vs. Presentation, V 4pm/ JV 5:15pm
Women’s Volleyball vs. Lynbrook, JV 5:30pm/V 6:45pm
Women’s Water Polo at Los Gatos, JV 5:45pm/ V 6:45pm
Choral Concert, “Spirits and Spooks” 7pm, McAfee (Free Admission)

Wednesday, October 16: (BLUE Day)
• PM Department Collaboration

Thursday, October 17: (RED Day)
• Women’s Water Polo vs. Palo Alto, V 3:30pm/ JV 4:45pm
• Women’s Varsity Tennis at Los Gatos, 4pm
• Women’s JV Tennis vs. Los Gatos, 4pm
• Women’s Field Hockey at Lynbrook, V 4pm/ JV 5:15pm
• Women’s Volleyball at Santa Clara, JV 5:30pm/ V 6:45pm
• Men’s Water Polo vs. Harker, JV 5:45pm/ V 6:45pm

Friday, October 18: (BLUE Day)
• National Merit Scholars Breakfast, 7:45am
• Band and Orchestra Senior Night, 6pm-10pm

Saturday, October 19
• PSAT Test

IN OTHER NEWS...

SHS TV: No Episode This Week
Due to the short week, there is no SHS TV Episode this week. Check back next week for the next episode!

SHS Marching Band and Color Guard Competition, October 12
Cheer on the SHS Marching Band and Color Guard as they enter their first competition of the season on October 12th at Cupertino High School. The Falcons will take the field at 9:15pm, but we encourage you to show up early to grab a good seat and catch some of our neighboring schools (performance schedule found here). This is the most local show we do all season, so come hear some Timeless classics by Vivaldi, Saint-Saens, Gershwin, and Pink Floyd!

Fall Choral Concert: “Spirits and Spooks”, October 15, 7pm
The spooky season is coming at full force. Come to SHS choir’s fall concert, "Spirits & Spooks" on Tuesday, October 15th at 7:00-8:00pm! All are invited with free admission. Join us for some darker seasonal songs, and cookies and refreshments. Click here to view the flyer.
PSAT Exam, October 19th
The PSAT/NMSQT will be held on campus the morning of October 19th. All students who registered must be on campus no later than 8:20 am. The exam will begin promptly at 8:30am. Once the exam starts, students will not be admitted into classrooms. The exam will end around 12:00pm or 12:30pm.
Here’s a few reminders:
- Students must bring:
  - a few number 2 pencils with attached erasers,
  - an approved four-function scientific or graphing calculator, and
  - their student ID.
- Classroom assignments for the PSAT will be posted on the main office doors this Wednesday afternoon. It is advised that students check their room assignments before Saturday morning.

Questions? Please email Mrs. Sheridan: ksheridan@lgsuhsd.org

Parents Volunteers Needed for Crossing Guard Roles
Please consider helping SHS 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 consider using 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.

Parent Group Fundraiser Mailer
Sometime next week, all of our families should receive an October Parent Group Fundraiser Mailer that helps to explain how Saratoga High School and all of our classes and co-curricular programs are funded. The eleven page mailer provides information on each of our eight fantastic parent groups and they describe what they do as a booster or parent group and how they need your charitable contributions to enhance and support all of the amazing opportunities for our students. If you can't wait, here's a PDF version of the Parent Group Fundraiser Mailer to read. We very much appreciate your generosity.

Additional Vending Machines to be Installed
So that students have access to sustenance throughout the day, two more healthy vending machines are going to be installed on campus--one on the northeast wall of the 000 building near the library and one on the north wall of the 900 building across from room 003. Our other two machines are inside the Student Center and the Cafeteria.

As always, if you purchase food, please be sure to consume before going into class if your teacher has concerns about food in the classroom. Thank you, in advance, for recycling and disposing your trash so that our campus continues to be beautiful.
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.”

TONIGHT’S Falcons vs. Titans Game to be Broadcast on 103.3 FM

We’re not talking about pro football; we’re talking about tonight’s Saratoga Falcons vs. Gunn Titans Varsity League game. Central Coast Sports Broadcasting and 103.3 FM KSCU present High School FOOTBALL on the Radio! The Pre-Game show begins at 6:30pm and Kick-Off is at 7:00pm. Join Spencer McLaughlin, Alex Stewart and Kaitlyn Parcell as they describe the game.

WAYS TO LISTEN LIVE:
- Tune your radio dial to 103.3 FM KSCU. Or LISTEN ONLINE… www.kscu.org.
- For Smartphone Listeners… click our Central Coast Sports Broadcasting website for more information. https://www.centralcoastsports.live/

Cross Country Update
On Saturday, October 5th, our boys cross country team participated in the Artichoke Invitational at Half Moon Bay High School. The team came in 3rd place out of over 45 schools. Our top finisher was Harrison Dance in 2nd place. Our top six all finished in the first third of the field. A huge congratulations to our varsity boys team: Harrison Dance, Shivam Verma, Niyanth Rao, Kole Tippetts, Jonathan Zhao, and Bryan Young.

Monday, October 7:
- Girls Varsity Golf beat Los Altos High School 212-262. The Girls Varsity Golf Team improved to 5-1 with a convincing win over Los Altos. Senior Alice Lin led the team followed by Savannah Lin with 41 and Sally Kim with a 42. Jane Loo shot 43 along with Nikita Pawar with 46 and Ananya Sekharan with 57. The Falcons travel to Gunn to play a tough team looking for revenge from an earlier loss this year.

Tuesday, October 8:
- Girls Junior Varsity Tennis beat Palo Alto High School 6-1. There were many split set matches today. Great job ‘Toga ladies. They all finished strong and got a big team win!

Wednesday, October 9:
- Girls Varsity Golf beat Los Altos High School 212-238. Saratoga had a good day on the links with a convincing win over Los Altos. Senior Sally Kim has her best round of the year with a 39 at Shoreline Golf Links. She was supported by Jane Loo with a 40, and 41’s for Alice Lin and Savannah Lin. Ananya Sekharan had a nice 51 in her first away match. The Falcons play Palo Alto for the league title on Monday.
Thursday, October 11:

- Girls Varsity Tennis falls to Cupertino High School 7-0. Today was a tough match. Unfortunately, the Saratoga Girls Varsity tennis team lost to Cupertino 0-7.
- Boys Junior Varsity Water Polo beat Milpitas High School 6-2. Being scoreless in the first period kept all players on their toes. We need to continue to work on our shooting as some players shot completely outside of the goal, though we played strong defense and everyone knew what to do at their positions.
- Boys Varsity Water Polo beat Milpitas High School 17-8. The team played a complete game, beating Milpitas 17-8. A big 7-1 push in the second quarter put the game away. Great defensive awareness and intensity in front of great goalie work by Nima Aminzadeh and Dylan Overby. The offense was supplied by Marcus Kuo with 5 goals, Eng Kwa and Bryan Chu scored 4 goals each, Kendal Jarvis scored 2 goals, Grant Chen and Jaime Fernandez da Ponte scored 1 goal apiece.

FALCON’S NEST CAFE

Falcon's Nest Special for the week of October 14th is "BURGER BAR."
Build a burger with a choice of American cheese, bacon, onion rings and red onions, lettuce, tomato, pickles, jalapenos, salsa, pineapple and assorted sauces for $4.50 each. We'll also have veggie burgers.

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

Students, please make sure you have your ID cards.
We will no longer be taking 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.

Prices to Increase Beginning October 14
The cost of meals at the Falcon’s Nest Cafe will be increasing slightly beginning October 14. Some of the items will increase by $0.50 and some of the items will increase by $1.00.

Thank you and I hope you enjoy a spectacular weekend!!

Sincerely,

Greg Louie, Principal