Good afternoon!

What a week this was!! Monday and Wednesday, our WASC Focus Group leaders convened to clarify our lists of strengths and identify our areas of growth; Tuesday, all staff met to learn about facilities updates, new course timelines, and how to best report their absences to effectively communicate with our substitutes; and Thursday we welcomed an international delegation of 18 educators from Taiwan. Our guests from Taiwan were very impressed with the classes and facilities available to our students, often referring to them as “amazing” and “luxurious.”

In addition, our new ASB sponsored wall graphics were completed, which includes the one seen above, behind our guests from Taiwan, one above our Student Center, and one in our Student Center.

On Saturday, our Marching Band and Color Guard participate in their third competition of the season on October 26th at Foothill High School. Hopefully, the air quality in that area does not negatively affect the opportunity for our amazing students to perform and showcase their hard work and dedication.

This coming week, we look forward to hosting our five Board Members as they tour classes during 4th and 6th period and meet with students from our campus for lunch. We also host the LGSUHSD Board Study Session and LGSUHSD Board Meeting on Tuesday at 4pm and 6:30pm, respectively. Wednesday, the Leadership students are organizing a Red Ribbon Awareness activity, and on Thursday, we celebrate the Halloween holiday with our annual Trunk or Treat at 5pm in the Herriman Parking Lot. Finally, on Friday, we have our final home regular season football game of the season, which means we also honor our Senior football players,
Cheerleaders, and Dance Team members. (Rumor has it we will also honor our 1999 CCS Baseball team.)

Here’s an overview for next week:

**Monday, October 28: (BLUE Day)**
- Board Visit, 10:15am-2:10pm

**Tuesday, October 29: (RED Day)**
- Board Study Session, 4pm, Library
- Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Library
- Women’s Varsity Golf (SCVAL League Finals)
- Women’s Varsity Tennis (SCVAL League Finals), 1pm
- Women’s Volleyball at Fremont, JV 5:30pm/V 6:45pm

**Wednesday, October 30: (BLUE Day)**
- Red Ribbon Awareness Day, tailgate before school and awareness activities at Lunch-both in the Quad
- Department Collaboration
- Women’s Varsity Tennis (SCVAL League Finals) 1pm
- Women’s Field Hockey vs. Homestead (SENIOR NIGHT), JV 6:15pm/V 7:30pm

**Thursday, October 31: (RED Day)**
- Halloween!!!
- Trunk or Treat in the student parking lot from 5pm-7pm
- Cross Country at Lynbrook High School, 3:15pm
- Women’s Field Hockey at Presentation, Varsity 4pm/ JV 5:15pm

**Friday, November 1: (BLUE Day)**
- Football vs. Lynbrook (Senior Night), FS 4:00pm/V 7pm

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**New Campus Artwork**
The SHS Campus has a little more color! Thanks to the work of our Activities Director/Assistant Principal, Matt Torrens and the funds left behind from the Class of 2019 and their advisor, Julia Peck, we now have three great new additions to our walls: one near the Falcon’s Nest Cafe ala Carte windows, one above the Student Center, and one inside the Student Center.
Marching Band and Color Guard Update
Last Saturday, at the Irish Guard Invitation at Dublin High School, the Saratoga HS Marching Band took 3rd place overall! Tomorrow, the marching band and color guard will take the field at Foothill High School at 9:30pm for the Foothill Band Review! Come show your red pride and cheer on the Falcon Marching Band!

SHS TV: October 25 Episode
SHS TV is back! Here is the most recent episode of the SHS TV Broadcast for October 25.

Attendance for the Month of September
Thank you to the Freshmen class for recording the best average daily attendance for the month of September with an astounding 99.03% attendance. Our Sophomores were not far behind at 98.34% and our Juniors were less than 1% away at 98.02%. Our Seniors have room to improve with a 96.78% attendance rate.

When Should Students Stay Home?
We all know that attendance is a critical piece of academic success. With the flu and cold season around the corner, attendance will be critical. Please read and adhere to the guidelines:

- **Vomiting** - stay home until no vomiting for 24 hours
- **Cough** - if productive stay home until symptoms subside
- **Fever** - if fever is 100 or greater - stay home until student is fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT the use of fever reducing medications (Tylenol, etc)
- **Diarrhea** - stay home until symptom free for 24 hours
- **Eyes - Red** eyes with **Exudate** and drainage - should be seen by physician for medication and may return to school when on medication for 24 hours and Redness decreases.

Consult your physician if the above symptoms persist for longer than 24-36 hours.

**Communicable Diseases**
This year has seen an unusual increase in REPORTABLE communicable diseases. This is a reminder that when a student is diagnosed with a communicable disease (such as Whooping Cough) it is important to keep your student home as directed by your physician. Coming back to school before the recommended time places others at risk for contracting any communicable disease. Many vaccines are not 100% effective, so it is important to protect not only others in our school community, but also others in our wider community.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
Congratulations to Marisa Tjahjadi and Luke Wire who were nominated by their teachers and recognized as Students of the Month for October.
COMING SOON: After School Detention and Saturday School
We managed more than ½ a semester without an after school detention or Saturday School program, which negatively affects the budget, but declining attendance, excessive tardiness, academic integrity violations, and leaving campus without permission suggests a need for consequences. SHS is working towards a partnership with the Saratoga community to create a productive use of the Saturday School program and the assigned students. In the meantime, to avoid after school detentions, Saturday School, and loss of privileges, do the right thing.

Trunk or Treat, October 31
This year Saratoga High School will be hosting our second annual Trunk-Or-Treat! The student body will line up their cars in the front parking lot, decorate their cars, and hand out candy to trick-or-treaters. There will be a bounce house and arts and crafts table for the whole community to enjoy! We are putting on this event for the neighborhoods within our community and invite our community to attend the event for a night of family fun. Donations of unopened bags of candy are also appreciated. If you have any questions, please reach out to our Activities Director, Mr. Matt Torrens at mtorrens@lgsuhsd.org.

SPEECH AND DEBATE UPDATE
SHS’s Speech and Debate Club went to the New York Bronx School of Science National Speech Tournament last weekend to compete in this international competition. Congratulations to Ashwin Ramakrishna and Siva Sambasivam for breaking into the sextodecimo final round in public forum debate. Ashwin and Siva are currently ranked in the top 25 in the Nation!

After School Tutoring Center Coordinator Position Posted on EdJoin
We are trying to find someone to oversee our After School Tutoring Center Monday through Thursday from after school until 5pm. Duties include recruiting student and community tutors; encouraging students to use the tutoring center; maintaining records of when students are using the Tutoring Center; and monitoring the space while it is open. For more information, please call Principal Louie at 408-359-4204 and to apply, please review the EdJoin posting for School Resource Aide-Academic Support Program.

Parents Volunteers Needed for Crossing Guard Roles
Thank you to the parents who assist the safe passage of our students. We still need more help. Please support our SHS students 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 use 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.
**COMING SOON: TEDxSaratogaHighSchool, January 18, 2020**

The TEDxSaratogaHighSchool event will be on Saturday, January 18th. 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!

**COMING SOON: SHS Career Day 2020: March 2-3, 2020**

SHS and PTSO will be hosting a Career Day on March 2nd and 3rd during the tutorial period for our students to explore career paths. We are looking for 75+ speakers from various fields to talk to our students. We are asking staff to reach out to their network to help recruit speakers who can share their field of work with the students in one or two 40 minute sessions. An outline of topics to include in their presentation will be provided, as well as a continental breakfast. Please refer them to this link or email us with their contact information. [Career Day Sign Up](#)

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These are just some of the types of fields we are hoping to find speakers for:
- Biotech, BioEngineering, Chemical Engineering, Computer Engineers, Software/Hardware Developers,
- Astronomist, Environmental Scientist, Renewable Energy, Marine Scientist, Data Scientist,
- Neuroscience/Cognitive science, Psychologists, Geneticist, Video Game Designers, Veterinarian, Media Arts,
- Writer, Journalist, Reporter, Professional Blogger, Graphic Design, Multi-media Artists and Animators,
- Actor, Producer, Musicians, Teachers, College Professor, Fashion Merchandiser, Interior Design,
- Fine Artist, Healthcare, Doctors, Nurse, Pharmacist, Nutritionist/Dietician, Social Worker,
- Physical/Occupational Therapy, Sports Medicine, Professional Athlete, Entrepreneur, Lawyer, Marketing professional,
- Human Resources, CEO, Economist, Finance or Accounting, Restaurant Owner, Chef,
- Mayor, City Planning, Police/Sheriff, Forensic Scientist and many more.

**Women’s Golf Update**

Congratulations on making it to CCS! The following six travel players will be excused from school on Tuesday, October 29: Sally Kim, Nikita Pawar, Mita Kongetira, Jane Loo, Alice Kim and Savannah Lin. Their tee time is at 8:10am at Laguna Seca GC.

Monday, October 21:

- Girls Varsity Tennis falls to Mountain View High School 4-3. Nice try today girls. We lost a tough match. #1 singles: Monica Stratakos defeated Dasha T. 6-3, 6-3, #2 singles: Alyssa Pinai defeated Elyse J. 6-2, 6-0, and #3 doubles: Naisha Agarwal/ Peixuan He
defeated Mandy L./ Olivia L. 6-4, 6-3. Our last home match is on Wednesday against Monta Vista. Let’s go Falcons!

Tuesday, October 22:

- Girls Varsity Water Polo beat Homestead High School 13-10. In an exciting overtime game, the SHS Varsity Girls Water Polo Team beat Homestead 13-10. Morgan Bruun-Jensen (11) led the offense with 4 goals and Sammy Mokhberi (12) and Thaila Morganstern (12) led the defense with 9 saves and 3 steals, respectively. Additional goals were made by Grace Stuart (11), Julia Yoo (12), Nadia Selby (12), and Grace Green (11).
- Girls Junior Varsity Water Polo falls to Homestead High School 6-2.
- Boys Varsity Water Polo beat Fremont 12-8. The boys clinched the regular season league championship with a 12-8 win over Fremont. Jumping out to a 4-2 lead after the first quarter, the boys were able to add to the lead winning by four big goals. Nima Aminzadeh and Dylan Overby played great in the goal taking away several scoring opportunities from Fremont. The offense was led by Eng Kwa with 3 goals, Bryan Chu, Marcus Kuo, Kendal Jarvis, and Christopher Wu scored 2 goals each, and Armeen Aminzadeh scored 1 goal.
- Boys Junior Varsity Water Polo falls to Fremont 6-1.
- Girls Varsity Field Hockey beat Monta Vista (Cupertino) High School 5-0. This was a very good game from Saratoga, and a convincing win. With excellent possession and ball movement, Rima Christie was able to find the back of the net and open up the scoring. Senior Ella Parr gave the Falcons a bit more breathing room with a second goal off of a short corner routine. Sartoga did not let up in the second half and was able to score three more goals, by Jasmin Reddy, Rima Christie, and Veda Sethuraman.

Thursday, October 24:

- Girls Varsity Tennis beat Monta Vista (Cupertino) High School 4-3. What a way to finish the season! Great job Toga! #2 singles: Varsha Horantur defeated Ramya 6-1, 6-2; #3 singles: Naisha Aggarwal defeated Sue K. 5-7, 6-3, 10-7; #4 singles: Peixuan He defeated Meehakshi 6-1, 6-0; #1 doubles: Alyssa P./ Vivian L. defeated Zara/ Jai 4-6, 6-4, 11-9. Let’s keep this up for CCS!
- Girls Varsity Water Polo falls to Los Altos 14-2.
- Girls Varsity Field Hockey beat Palo Alto High School 1-0. Saratoga looked to get a win on the road today against the only team that had handed them a loss so far. Opportunities were created early by Saratoga, but a strong display of goalkeeping and defending kept the Falcons scoreless in the first half. After 40 minutes of play, Saratoga finally got a result from all their hard work with junior Viveca Ganti scoring the lone goal. The result secures Saratoga a spot in CCS!!
- Girls Junior Varsity Tennis falls to Monta Vista (Cupertino) High School 4-3. Single #2 Amy Li won the long, tough game. However, Double #2 had a heart breaking loss on split set (10-12). It was great competitive last match of the season.
- Boys Varsity Water Polo beat Santa Clara High School 13-12. Senior game was entertaining before the game began as underclassmen shared heartwarming stories and funny jokes. The game itself was a ticker tester as the game was played right down to the wire. The team pulled out a 13-12 win with furious defense to end the game. Nima Aminzadeh (senior) was tested with several shots, but he was able to come up big in the
second half. Eng Kwa (senior) scored 7 of the 13 goals including a helicopter goal to tie the game at 11. Bryan Chu (senior) provided 2 goals. Kendal Jarvis also provided 2 goals, Byron Jin and Jaime Fernandez da Ponte each scored 1 goal.

FALCONS IN THE NEWS!

Ava Bender competed at the Morgan Grand National and World Championship Horse Show in Oklahoma City, the week of October 14-18. On Sunday, October 13, Ava received a National Championship in Classic Pleasure Driving 14-17.

FALCON'S NEST CAFE

Falcon's Nest special for the week of October 28th is "CHOP STICKS". We'll be serving Mandarin Orange Chicken Monday, Wednesday, and Friday and Teriyaki Chicken Tuesday and Thursday--$4.50 each. We'll also be serving Chow Mein ($2.50) and Egg Rolls ($2.00).

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

WIN LUNCH FOR YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS!

Make sure you come by and enter the pumpkin contest. Guess the correct weight of all the pumpkins and win lunch for you and your friends.

HELP WANTED

We're looking for a few students to work during 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 enjoy an excellent weekend!!

Sincerely,

Greg Louie, Principal