Good afternoon!

What a week this was for Saratoga students, staff, and parents. This past weekend, our Debate team participated in their first tournament of the year at the 9th Annual Robert Garcia Invitational that took place at St. Francis in Mountain View. Adhit Sankaran, Ronak Pai, Ashwini Ramakrishna, Siva Sambasivam were quarterfinalists, and Neil Shah, Sajiv Shah, Vicky Bai, Nolan Chen were Octafinalists. Adhit Sankaran received the 1st Speaker award in Public Forum and Arnav Garg earned the 7th speaker award in Lincoln Douglas.

On Monday night, the Sports Boosters and the Saratoga Music Boosters each hosted their first meetings of the year. The Sports Boosters reported how they are more than $20,000 below their anticipated goal for donations, raising just under $10,000 so far. In fact, all booster groups are reporting that they raised less money to start the year than in previous years. There is a plan to do a mailer home at the beginning of October to solicit donations for our various support groups and booster clubs.

Tuesday morning was our second Morning Collaboration schedule. The staff, parents, and students involved in our WASC Self-Study convened to review the collected evidence to identify our strengths and areas of growth. We look forward to developing strategies to address our areas for growth.

During Tutorial on Tuesday, students watched the Academy Award nominated Campus Policies video. In the past, Administration visited each and every Social Science class to make the same presentation. To make things more efficient, and to spread the knowledge among all teachers, Assistant Principal Kerry Mohnike wrote the script and with the help of five of our amazing students (Ritika Kuppam, Sarah Smails, Ranna Zahabi, Shauna Zahabi, and Natalie Tarbox), the four administrators put on an award winning performance!!

Also on Tuesday, Senior Ashvin Maheshwar received from Mayor Liccardo and Vice Mayor Jones a commendation issued by the City of San Jose for his work through his non-profit organization "No App Maker Left Behind" (www.appkidventor.com) to help underserved K-12 students in the community. Ashvin crafted an after school curriculum that makes building apps fun using MIT App Inventor. Ashvin’s ultimate goal is to help kids bring their natural creativity to the field of computer science, apply critical thinking when designing apps, and develop core problem solving skills--critical 21st century skills that expose them to a new world of opportunities. Ashvin’s after school workshops impacted 100+ students, with 40+ apps being entered for MIT App Challenge and 4 App Inventor awards being awarded to his students. Ashvin recognized Saratoga High for providing a nurturing

\[^{1}\] The video was not actually nominated for an Academy Award.
environment that has been instrumental in giving him the confidence to pursue such passions outside of school. Here is a video link to the award presentation and his speech.

Tuesday and Thursday, respectively, we welcomed our Sophomore and Freshmen parents to campus for our Guidance Information Nights. Kerry Mohnike and Frances Saiki led the Sophomore Parent meeting and Brian Safine and Eileen Allen educated the Freshmen Parents. You can find all parent presentations here.

On Thursday, our PTSO hosted their second PTSO General meeting and welcomed Social Science Department Chair, Hana Chen to speak as part of their monthly Parent Ed Speaker Series. Next month will feature Michael Boitz, Department Chair for our Visual/Performing Arts.

Athletically, most of our Fall Sports started competition.

- This past weekend, the women’s JV volleyball team played in the JV Spikefest tournament at Independence and Milpitas High Schools. They lost their first 2 matches of the day, but didn't give up and went on to win one of the tournament division championships with 3 straight match victories! It was a great accomplishment and a great example of our “Just Learn It” theme this school year.
- On Monday, the Women’s Golf team defeated Mountain View 216-212 and Women’s Varsity Volleyball defeated Prospect High School 3-1.
- On Thursday, Women’s Varsity Tennis defeated Los Altos 4-3.
- Also on Thursday, Men’s Water Polo beat Monta Vista. The F/S team won 9-1 behind the great goalie play of Andrew Hong. The varsity boys won their first league game 16-8 with big contributions from Eng Kwa and Bryan Chu.
- Our Women’s Water Polo teams battled this past week, losing a close game versus Mountain View 12-9.
- The Varsity Football team is currently 2-0, after defeating Gunderson 47-7 and Silver Creek 44-7. Tonight, they travel to Piedmont Hills for another non-league game. On the other hand, the JV Football team needed to forfeit non-league games versus Silver Creek, Piedmont Hills, and Los Gatos due to not having enough healthy players. Hopefully, by our Homecoming game versus Homestead, they will have enough players to compete. In a couple of weeks, the Cross Country teams and Field Hockey teams will have their first official competitions.

Here’s an overview of next week:

**Monday, September 16: (BLUE Day)**
- Makeup Pictures, (DURING Tutorial and Lunch in the CAFETERIA)
- Freshmen Class Meeting, during Tutorial in the Student Center
- Women’s Varsity Golf @ Gunn High School, 3:30pm

**Tuesday, September 17: (RED Day)**
- Special Board Meeting to review Measure E expenditures at LGSUHSD Office, 1pm
- Men’s Water Polo @ Lynbrook, V 3:30pm/ JV 4:45pm
- Women’s Varsity Tennis @ Palo Alto High School, 4pm
- Women’s JV Tennis vs. Palo Alto High School, 4pm
- Field Hockey @ Los Gatos, V 4pm/ JV 5:15pm
- Women’s Volleyball @ Milpitas HS, JV 5:30pm/V 7pm
- Women’s Water Polo @ Gunn, JV 5:45pm/V 6:45pm
**Wednesday, September 18: (BLUE Day)**
- All-Staff Collaboration Meeting, 2:20pm, MAP Annex
- Sophomore Class Meeting, during Tutorial in the Student Center

**Thursday, September 19 (RED Day)**
- Women’s JV Tennis @ Cupertino, 4pm
- Women’s V Tennis vs. Cupertino, 4pm
- Women’s Field Hockey @ Cupertino, V 4pm/JV 5:15pm
- Women’s Volleyball vs. Wilcox, JV 5:30pm/ V 6:45pm
- Men’s Water Polo @ Milpitas, JV 5:45pm/V 6:45pm

**Friday, September 20 (BLUE Day)**
- Homecoming Rally in the Gym, 9:45am-10:35am
- Football vs Los Gatos, V 7pm

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**IN OTHER NEWS...**

**SHS TV September 13 Episode**
Here is the most recent episode of the [SHS TV Broadcast for September 13th](#).

**REMINDER: Makeup Pictures, Monday, 9/16**
For those who missed taking their picture at Falcon Fest, your chance to take your school picture for the yearbook, Aeries, and your ID card is on Monday during Tutorial and lunch in the cafeteria. In the past, the back of the ID cards identified the Red and Blue days for the year. This year, the back of the cards is different due to a law that went into effect in July requiring schools to print the number for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline on student ID cards for 7th-12th grade students in public, private, or charter schools. In fact, on the back of the Saratoga High School ID cards for students and staff are the telephone numbers for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, the 24-hour Suicide & Crisis Line, and the Crisis Text Line.

**HOMECOMING DANCE TICKET SALES BEGIN MONDAY**
The Homecoming Dance is Saturday, September 28 from 8pm-10:30pm. Those attending must arrive by 8:30pm and will not be able to leave before 10pm. Homecoming Dance Ticket sales start Monday. Tickets are $10 with an ASB card and $15 without an ASB card. Guest forms are in the Activities Office or on the [website](#). The last day to turn in Guest Forms is 3pm on September 26 in the Activities Office.
AP Exam priority registration begins Monday, September 16 - 27, 2019 for students currently enrolled in AP classes and would like to take a final AP exam. To avoid being waitlisted or incurring additional fees, students should register online through Total Registration during this priority registration period.

Students must first register online through Total Registration and pay for each AP exam. Total Registration will send an email confirmation with the College Board website and appropriate join codes. Then students must go to the College Board website and register for AP exams using their specific join codes. Registration is required in both locations in the specific order listed above.

See the attached document for the AP Registration process.

Note: If you are not in AP Chinese but would like to be added to the AP Chinese Exam priority wait list, you must visit Mrs. Christeson in Guidance during the registration window. Do not register for AP Chinese on the online registration website.

Please see the table below regarding the different deadlines. Again, families are encouraged to register during the priority registration period to avoid being waitlisted or incurring additional fees.

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CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES CARNIVAL
On Saturday, September 21, the Leo Club will be partnering with Saratoga City to host the second annual "Celebrating Differences" Carnival from 3-6pm in the Joan Pisani Center Recreation Room (19655 Allendale Ave, Saratoga, CA 95070). "Celebrating Differences" is a carnival catered specifically towards families and individuals that is completely free of charge.

JON NAKAMATSU TO PERFORM AT McAFFEE, SEPTEMBER 21
On Saturday, September 21, Mrs. Nakamatsu’s husband will perform in the sold out McAfee Center as a part of the Steinway Society of The Bay Area. Jon Nakamatsu is a San Jose native and Stanford graduate who achieved international attention in 1997 with his Gold Medal triumph at the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. Mr. Nakamatsu has performed in Carnegie Hall, the Lincoln Center, the Kennedy Center and for President Clinton in the White House.

FALCON'S NEST CAFE
Falcon's Nest special for the week of September 16th is "CHOP STICKS." We will be serving Mandarin Chicken Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Tuesday and Thursday will be Teriyaki Chicken. Both come with rice and a fortune cookie for $4.00 each. We'll also have veggie Chow Mein for $2.00 and Egg Rolls for $1.50. Our themed salad bar is "ASIAN."

Students if you have your ID cards, please bring them and use them. (Hi-Res pictures of your ID works too!)

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

Sincerely,

Greg Louie, Principal