Good afternoon!

This week we said goodbye to two of our staff members
- Ms. Sevilla, Campus Monitor (retiring), and
- Ms. Christeson, Administrative Assistant in the Guidance Department (moving to Southern California),
welcomed two new staff members
- Ms. Jarrett, Campus Monitor, and
- Ms. Sheridan, Administrative Assistant in the Guidance Department),
practiced the “Hide” part of the “Run, Hide, Defend” drill in the case of an on-campus threat, and
kicked off Homecoming Week with a fantastic rally!

Tonight, we welcome the Wildcats of Los Gatos to our Falcon Stadium for a non-league battle of undefeated football teams. Here is a fantastic hype video created by Nakul Nagaraj. In addition, students from Redwood Middle School’s band program will perform with our marching band during the game.

Next week is Homecoming Week, with quad day performances each day during lunch, and our Homecoming Dance on Saturday. Due to the Quad Day Performances, we will have CLOSED CAMPUS during lunch all next week. In addition, we will have our third Morning Collaboration on Tuesday, with the 1st grading period ending on Friday.

Here’s an overview of Homecoming week: “Growing Up in 2000’s”!

**Monday, September 23: (RED Day)**
- Staff Quad Day performance (“Camp Rock”)

**Tuesday, September 24: (BLUE Day)**
- **Morning Collaboration schedule** (future AM Collab dates: 11/5 & 12/3)

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● Freshmen Quad Day performance (“Radio Rebel”)
● Women’s Golf vs. Los Gatos, 3pm
● Men’s and Women’s Cross Country, 3:15pm
● Men’s Water Polo vs. Cupertino, V 3:30pm, JV 4:45pm
● Women’s Varsity Tennis at Mt. View, 4pm
● Women’s JV Tennis vs. Mt. View, 4pm
● Women’s Field Hockey at Mitty, V 4pm, JV 5:15pm
● Women’s Volleyball at Lynbrook, JV 5:30pm/ V 6:45pm
● Women’s Water Polo vs. Los Gatos, JV 5:45pm/ V 6:45pm
● Board Meeting at Los Gatos High School, 6:30pm

**Wednesday, September 25: (RED Day)**
● Sophomore Quad Day performance (“Lemonade Mouth“)

**Thursday, September 26: (BLUE Day)**
● Junior Quad Day performance (“Teen Beach Movie“)
● SHS Booster President’s Meeting, 2pm
● Women’s Golf vs. Palo Alto, 3pm
● Women’s Water Polo at Palo Alto, V 3:30pm/JV 4:45pm
● Women’s Varsity Tennis vs. Los Gatos, 4pm
● Women’s JV Tennis at Los Gatos, 4pm
● Women’s Field Hockey vs. Los Altos, V 4pm/ JV 5:15pm
● Volleyball vs. Santa Clara, JV 5:30pm, V 6:45pm
● Men’s Water Polo at Harker

**Friday, September 27: (RED Day)**
● End of 1st grading period
● Senior Quad Day performance (“High School Musical”)
● Homecoming Football game versus Homestead, FS 4pm/ V7pm

**Saturday, September 28:**
● “High School Musical” Homecoming Dance, 8pm-10:30pm

**IN OTHER NEWS...**

**SHS TV September 19 Episode**
Here is the most recent episode of the [SHS TV Broadcast for September 19th](#).

**Students Need Their ID Cards: TAKE A PICTURE**
Students need to have their ID cards with them at all times when on campus. Students are encouraged to take a picture of their ID card on their mobile devices if they do not or cannot carry their actual plastic card. Doing so tremendously helps the staff at the Cafeteria, in the textbook room, and in the library.
End of 1st grading period Report Cards
The end of the 1st grading period is Friday, September 27. Report cards should be available on
the 3rd or 4th of October. This year, we will include attendance information.

September Student of the Month
Congratulations to Claire Smerdon, who was selected as the September Student of the Month.
Claire is the Senior Class President and was nominated by a number of the staff members. Mr.
Safine recalled, “I recently had the chance to speak with Claire as I transported her on the golf
cart while she moved between loading her car with homecoming decorations and making signs
for the first football game of the season. It was classic Claire: moving joyfully from one event to
another. I asked Claire if she ever grew tired of being front and center at seemingly all school
activities. She simply said, ‘No, I love this stuff.’ She is the most consistently upbeat person on
campus. SHS would not be the same without her.”

Ms. Keys shared, “Claire has been one of the most authentically enthusiastic learners I’ve ever
seen. Whatever she is doing–practicing for a presentation, explaining math problems to friends
in tutorial, debating a point of a story’s implications and style–she throws herself fully into it with
unflagging energy and with infectious energy. She has given me ideas for my current Creative
Writing course, and she’s not even in it. Seeing her makes my day; teaching her made my
class.”

Claire is a tremendously friendly and charismatic student leader and a perfect example of our
very best students. Congratulations Claire!

Just Learn It.
Four weeks into our “Just Learn It.” campaign, staff have
recognized dozens of students demonstrate the grit and
growth mindset behaviors that are essential to being a
lifelong learner. Whether it is planning and practicing for
this upcoming week’s quad day performances, studying
to learn the content for an assessment, or giving their
best athletically and extra-curricularly, Saratoga students
continue to “Just Learn It.”

As parents, (I am one too) it is very easy to fall into the trap of asking our students “What grade
did you get?” when we really should be asking our students, “What did you learn?” As the
adults, we need to nurture what we ultimately value for our students, which is, “Did you try your
best?” “Did you refuse to quit?”, and “Is what you are doing making you happy?” Students
need to learn to enjoy the process of learning and avoid the temptations of cheating. “Just Do
It” is a Nike thing. “Just Learn It.” is an all of us thing.

Each Friday this year, we will randomly select two winners from the “Just Learn It.” cards
dropped off in the raffle tumbler in the Wellness Center. Winners receive $5 gift cards. If you
would like to donate $5 gift cards to places of interest for our students, please feel free to
bring them by Mr. Louie’s office or the Activities Office during the week.
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. In the mean time, this is what was received.

On Monday, September 16:
- Women’s Golf defeated Gunn 214 to 222, due to one of the best individual scores in SHS’s history--Alice shot a 3 under par 31. Here are the scores and averages for the year for each round played and average position in each match.

  ○ Alice 31 (36) (1.5)
  ○ Jane 46 (42) (2.5)
  ○ Savannah 43 (42.5) (2.5)
  ○ Sally 44 (45) (4.0)
  ○ Nikita 50 (47.5) (4.5)
  ○ Mita 53 (53.5) (6)
  ○ Ananya Sekharan 55
  ○ Harshini 57
  ○ Ananya Seth 65
  ○ Melody 78

On Tuesday, September 17:
- Women’s Varsity Field Hockey lost to Los Gatos 5-0. Despite Los Gatos having nearly 40 players on the team, the ’Toga Women battled in the heat and earned the respect of their rivals.
- Women’s Varsity Tennis defeated Palo Alto High School 4-3. #1 singles Monica S. defeated Iris 6-2, 6-0, #3 singles Alyssa P. defeated Anya 6-1, 6-1, #1 doubles Vivian L./Katie L. defeated Gwyn/Lauren 6-4, 6-2, and #2 doubles Sanya K./Aindri P. defeated Agnes/Riya 6-3, 4-6, 10-4.
- Men’s Varsity Water Polo defeated Lynbrook 11-6. After ending the first quarter tied 3-3, the boys finished off the game on a 8-3 run. The defense held Lynbrook to 1 goal in the second half and pulled away with a 11-6 win. Nima and Dylan spearheaded a great defense. Marcus Kuo led the offense with 6 goals, Eng Kwa scored 2 goals, Grant Chen, Bryan Chu, and Kendal Jarvis each scored 1 goal each.
- Women’s Junior Varsity Water Polo loses to Gunn High School 3-8. Adriana Lamano (Jr.) led the team with 3 goals while Rosie Kline and Stephanie Sun led defense from the cage.
- Women’s Varsity Water Polo loses to Gunn High School 8-19. In their third league game, Grace Stuart (Jr.) and Thaila Morganstern (Sr.) led the team's offense with 4 goals each and goalie Sammy Mokhberi (Sr.) led defense in the cage.
- Women’s JV Tennis defeated Palo Alto High School 4-3 It was another close match. At the end, our #2 doubles (Amanda Zhou & Jenny Kim) won the 3rd Set tiebreak to shield our win!
- Women’s Varsity Volleyball defeated Milpitas High School 3-0. Solid service game with Lauren H. leading with 3 aces. Good spread of blocks with 2 each from Berry H., Lisa F., and Francesca W.. Risa C. and Francesca W. led the team with attack kills, while Lisa F. led the kill percentage for the night. Outstanding Serve-Receive and defense from Lauren H., Francesca W., and Risa C.. Four players contributed in kill assists, Gabby J., Hermione B., Lauren H., and Mia G..
On Thursday, September 19:

- Women's Varsity Tennis falls to Cupertino High School 3-4. It was a great match versus a very strong program. Congratulation to #4 singles Juhi P. who defeated Shreya 6-2, 6-0; #1 doubles Vivian L./Katie L. who defeated Nadia/Preetha 7-5, 7-5; and #3 doubles Naisha A./Peixuan H. who defeated Lauren/Akanksha 6-1, 6-2
- Women’s JV Tennis defeated Cupertino High School 5-2.
- Men’s Varsity Water Polo defeated Milpitas High School 13-9. A shot by Bryan Chu at the end of the first quarter made it a 2-2 game. Despite foul trouble for 2 starters, the team created multiple opportunities and were able to win each of the last 3 quarters. Nima and Dylan were big in the goal and the defense made plays to grow the lead. Bryan Chu led the team with 4 goals, Grant Chen and Kendal Jarvis scored 3 goals, Eng Kwa, Byron Jin, and Christopher Wu each scored 1 goal each.
- Women’s Varsity Volleyball narrowly lost to Wilcox 3-2.

FALCON’S NEST CAFE

Falcon's Nest Special for the Homecoming Week of September 23rd is "OVEN BAKED CHICKEN w/ MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY". A roll, butter and chocolate chip cookie are included for $4.00. Our themed salad bar is "AMERICANA".

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 memorable weekend!!

Sincerely,

Greg Louie, Principal