Good afternoon!

This week we celebrated our Homecoming with lunch time “Quad Day” performances. The staff kicked off the week, with the Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors each showcasing their talent, athleticism, and creativity during lunch in front of their peers, staff, and guests. Activities such as these are fantastic project based productions that challenge the participating students to write and remember a script, select appropriate music, choreograph dances, create decorations and props, collaborate with their peers to troubleshoot challenges and integrate each others’ strengths, and ultimately perform under pressure. Almost every member of the Senior class participated today and some of our Seniors expressed mixed emotions regarding the pride of performing and sadness of it being their last “Quad Day” performance.

Here are links to the videos of the shows if you missed them (or want to watch them again!)

- [Staff Quad Day Performance 2019: Camp Rock](#)
- [Freshmen Quad Day Performance 2019: Radio Rebel](#)
- [Sophomore Quad Day Performance 2019: Lemonade Mouth](#)
- Junior Quad Day Performance 2019: Teen Beach Movie (video to be linked when available)
- Senior Quad Day Performance 2019: High School Musical (video to be linked when available)

Tonight, our Varsity football team looks forward to their first league game of the year versus Homestead and the Frost-Soph team takes the field again after being unable to play the past three weeks due to low participation. Tomorrow night, we conclude Homecoming Week with our Homecoming Dance. This week is a true testament to Saratoga’s school pride, the student’s school spirit, and the dedication of the staff who were involved in the decorating days this past weekend and the practices in the evenings.
Academically, the 1st grading period ends today and we continue to analyze our data, feedback, and evidence as a part of our WASC self study. We will continue to write our report at the October 8 all-staff workday and we look forward to meeting our WASC Visiting Chair in a couple of weeks. A big thank you to all of the students and parents who have attended our focus group meetings and added invaluable insight and contributions. Special thanks to Risa Carter, Emma Hsu, Tom Cobourn and Sheeba Garg for spearheading the student and parent groups, respectively. Also, a big shout out to English teacher and WASC Coordinator Amy Keys. We couldn’t do it without her great leadership.

In addition, we are inching closer to opening the Tutoring Center after school Monday through Thursday from after school until 5pm. We already have four volunteers on tap to help with math and science classes and we can not wait to announce the launch date.

Before we know it, next week will be here. Here’s an overview:

**Monday, September 30: (BLUE Day)**
- Women’s Varsity Golf vs. Los Gatos, 3:30pm

**Tuesday, October 1: (RED Day)**
- Men’s Water Polo vs. Fremont, V 3:30pm/ JV 4:45pm
- Women’s Varsity Golf vs. Palo Alto, 3:30pm
- Women’s Field Hockey vs. Lynbrook, V 4pm/ JV 5:15pm
- Women’s Water Polo vs. Homestead, JV 5:45pm/ V 6:45pm

**Wednesday, October 2: (BLUE Day)**

**Thursday, October 3: (RED Day)**
- Women’s Water Polo at Mountain View, V 3:30pm/ JV 4:45pm
- Women’s Field Hockey at Monta Vista, V 4pm/ JV 5:15pm
- Varsity Women’s Tennis at Los Altos, 4pm
- JV Women’s Tennis vs. Los Altos, 4pm
- Women’s Volleyball at Cupertino, JV 5:30pm/ V 6:45pm
- Men’s Water Polo at Monta Vista, JV 5:45pm/ V: 6:45pm

**Friday, October 4: (BLUE Day)**
- Varsity Football at Monta Vista, 7pm

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**IN OTHER NEWS...**

**SHS TV September 27 Episode**
Here is the most recent episode of the [SHS TV Broadcast for September 27](#).
October Break: October 7-8, 2019
Students can enjoy a four day weekend after this coming week. Saratoga High School will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, October 7 and 8. Staff will be at an all-day collaboration meeting at Los Gatos on October 8 to focus on writing for the WASC Self-Study Report.

PTSO Meeting/Parent Education Speaker Series: October 10, 2019
The General PTSO meeting is at 8:30am in the cafeteria, followed by the PTSO Parent Education Speaker Series at 9am, featuring Visual Performing Arts/Electives Department Chair, Michael Boitz.

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.”

Saturday, September 21:
- Boys Varsity Water Polo falls to Aragon High School 8-6, James Logan High School 13-7 and beats Monterey High School 12-2 at tournament. The boys ended the tournament on a great note. Playing the 3rd game in the day, the boys were able to play a complete game, winning by 12-2 margin. Nima and Dylan each allowed only one goal, and Nima scored at the halftime buzzer to increase the margin to 6-1. Dylan took over in the second half and was able to hold Monterey to 1 goal. Marcus Kuo led the team with 5 goals, Eng Kwa scored 4 goals, Nima Aminzadeh, Grant Chen, Isaac Le, and Alan Zu scored 1 goal apiece.

Tuesday, September 24:
- Girls Varsity Golf beat Los Gatos High School 220-224. Saratoga came back late to beat Los Gatos 220 to 224. Alice Lin continued her stellar play with a 38 at La Rinconada CC. Jane Loo shot 41 and both Sally Kim and Savannah Lin had 46. Nikita Pawar shot 49 and Mita Kongetira had 54. Los Gatos looks for revenge next Monday at Saratoga CC.
- Boys Junior Varsity Water Polo beat Cupertino High School 5-3. Everyone played strong and knew when to drop and help in the hole set. Scoring early really help to set the tone for the game.
- Boys Varsity Water Polo beat Cupertino High School 15-6. The boys got out to a sluggish start, but were able to get a lead, 3-2 at the end of the first quarter. The team pulled away in the second quarter, scoring 4 unanswered goals. Playing great team defense, they won the game 15-6. Nima and Dylan played great in the goal.
- Girls Junior Varsity Tennis beat Mountain View High School 6-1.
- Girls Junior Varsity Water Polo ties Los Gatos High School 6-6. In an exciting game, the JV water polo team tied Los Gatos. The team was led on offense by Adriana Lamano (11) with two goals and by goalie Rosie Kline (9) on defense
- Girls Varsity Water Polo falls to Los Gatos High School 11-3. Despite strong 1st and 4th quarters, girls varsity water polo fell to Los Gatos.
Thursday, September 26, 2019

- Girls Junior Varsity Tennis beat Los Gatos High School 4-3.
- Girls Varsity Tennis beat Los Gatos High School 5-2. Singles #1: Monica S. defeated Anjali 6-3, 3-6, 13-11, Singles #3: Alyssa P. defeated Maya 6-4, 6-3, Singles #4: Juhi P. defeated Alex 6-1, 6-3, Doubles #1: Vivian L./Katie L. defeated Seraphina/Aubrey 6-3, 0-6, 10-6, Doubles #3: Naisha A./ Peixuan H. defeated Emily/Meera 6-2, 1-6, 10-4
- Boys Junior Varsity Water Polo falls to Harker High School 8-7. It was a hard battle, with multiple lead changes. We had multiple opportunities, but did not convert on all the chances that we were given. The boys played hard and did great in the pool.
- Boys Varsity Water Polo beat Harker High School 12-10. A great consistent effort by the boys and a great offensive battle with just enough defense sprinkled in. Nima and Dylan dealt with a harsh sun for half the game and yet were able to hold Harker to 5 goals each half. The offense was a team effort with great passes from many players, but a key pass from Christopher Wu to Bryan Chu to score a back breaking goal proved to be too much. Marcus Kuo led the team with 4 goals, Eng Kwa and Kendal Jarvis chipped in with 3 goals each, and Bryan Chu scored 2 goals. The boys now move into a tie for first place in the league!
- Women’s Varsity Volleyball sweeps Santa Clara 3-0.

FALCON’S NEST CAFE

Falcon's Nest Special for the week of September 30th is "PASTA FIZULE". Pasta with a choice of Marinara, Alfredo or Pesto sauce for $3.50. Add diced chicken or meatballs for $4.00. Our themed salad bar is "ITALIANA".

Thank you and I hope you enjoy an amazing weekend!!

Sincerely,

Greg Louie, Principal