Dear Falcon Parents and Students:

I hope you are enjoying an incredible summer and looking forward to an excellent 2019-20 school year. I am excited to begin my tenure serving the Saratoga community and I look forward to meeting with students, staff, parents, and community members. Saratoga is an amazing academic institution and I am honored to be a part of the continued success. I recognize that I am stepping into shoes previously filled by an inspiring, Hall of Fame type Principal and I am tremendously impressed with the maturity and capabilities of our students, the professionalism and quality of the certificated, classified, and administrative staff, the commitment of parent and community involvement, the breadth of academic opportunities, and the highly competitive athletic and extra-curricular activities offered throughout the year. Students who graduate from Saratoga High School should expect a first-rate education, off the charts school spirit, and lifelong relationships forged from positive experiences.

In a few weeks, the 2019-20 school year will kick off with a variety of sensational events:

- **Friday, August 9**
  - *Falcon Fest.* The Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District worked towards making the student registration, schedule pickup, and donation process more streamlined, which should reduce paper consumption and increase efficiency. You should receive a summer postcard with more information during the beginning of August.

- **Tuesday, August 13**
  - *New Student Orientation,* 6pm in front of the large gym. All new students including non-Redwood 9th graders are invited to attend
  - *Homecoming Reveal,* 7:00pm in the front parking lot

- **Wednesday, August 14**
  - *Freshmen Orientation,* 8am-12pm in the large gym
  - *First Annual Parent Camp,* 9am-12pm. All new 9th grade parents and any parents new to Saratoga High School are invited to attend. More details will follow soon.

- **Thursday, August 15**
  - *First day of school.* We will begin on a RED day schedule, with 1st period beginning at 8:15am and Tutorial starting immediately after at 9:45am. Specific to tutorial, there will be an emphasis on tutorial practices to improve academic intervention effectiveness, decrease student stress, and increase accountability to meet state guidelines regarding instructional minutes.
Also, during this school year, we are looking forward to the renovation of our 900 building, and completing our full self-study by hosting a visitation team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Accrediting Commission for Schools March 22-25, 2020.

This year, when I visit classrooms, attend school events, and meet with students, parents, staff, and members of the community, I look forward to learning all about the amazing elements that characterize the Saratoga High School culture, the common concerns that need attention, and the strategies to expand upon to ensure SHS students flourish academically and socially-emotionally. My office is open and everyone is invited to meet with me so that I understand how to best serve the Toga community. Please feel free to email me at glouie@lgsuhsd.org, call my office at 408-359-4204, or drop in. Together, we will continue to foster a growth mindset, develop personal grit, and RISE UP!

Sincerely,

Greg Louie, Principal