

SHS-PTSO Keyword Reference Guide

Commonly Used Words in the Saratoga High School Community

All information accessible via SHS school website: www.saratogahigh.org

Keyword	What is it?	When?	Learn More
ACT	Standardized college admissions test based on achievement for junior and senior students.	Throughout the year.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp ACT nonprofit organization http://www.actstudent.org/
Administration	Principal, assistant principals, guidance counselors and all the support staff.	Year long.	http://www.saratogahigh.org
Aeries	Online student information, grade and attendance records.	Year long.	Guidance Office https://aeries.lgsuhd.org
All Bands Concert	Concert performance of all music groups.	Spring.	Music Boosters http://saratogamusic.weebly.com/
All School Picnic	PTSO Sponsored annual lunch event for students and staff.	End of the 1st week of school in August.	PTSO http://www.saratogahighptso.org/
AP Exams	Advanced Placement Exams for AP classes, which are the College Board program offering college class credit for some colleges.	In the Spring.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp?rn=5915994
API	Academic Performance Index: a measurement used in the California school system. Scores range from a low of 200-1000.	California is re-defining API in the Smarter Balanced/ Common Core era. Roll out of new API scores to be determined	Guidance Office http://lgsuhd-ca.schoolloop.com/file/1246559499542/1238131251731/2985916099441615298.pdf California Department of Education http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/
ASB	Associated Student Body (student government): elected student leaders responsible for social events, clubs, athletics, school spirit activities, i.e., Rally, Homecoming,	Various activities throughout the year.	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/
Athletics	Voluntary interscholastic sports program, competes with other schools and requires extra time outside regular school hours.	Throughout the school year.	SHS Athletic Department http://ca.8to18.com/SaratogaHS/
Attendance	Located in the Administration building the Attendance office is	Required throughout the	Administration http://www.saratogahigh.org/

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	called for all students' early dismissals or excused absences.	year.	apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=67188&type=d&pREC_ID=118821
Back to School Movie Night	A social movie showing event on the upper sports field.	First Friday back to school.	
Back to School Night	Annual Showcase of students' schedule of classes and campus-wide organizations, including a chance to meet teachers, see classrooms and other facilities, i.e., Multimedia Center, Library, etc.	Last week of August.	Administration and Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Bell Schedule	Daily time schedule of classes.	Year long.	Administration http://www.saratogahigh.org/about/bells.jsp
Benefit Fashion Show	Annual fundraising event sponsored by the ASB Benefits Commission which donates all funds to notable charities.	Usually in the Spring.	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/commissions.html
Berkeley Math Tournament	Annual "outside" math competition held by UC Berkeley	Either Spring or Fall.	Math Department http://www.togamath.com/Home
Bombay in the Bay	Indian Cultural Awareness Club annual performance showcase	Spring	Hana Chen- faculty advisor
Cafeteria	School's Falcon Nest Cafe: serves breakfasts and lunch.	Year long.	Administration http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=193699&type=d&pREC_ID=401142
CAHSEE Exam: 10 th grade only	California High School Exit Exam	Sophomore year.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Canvas	Learning Management System- used by teachers to communicate class lesson/s activities with families	Beginning of school year	Individual teachers
Career Day	Bi-Annual school-wide event where students attend presentations on various careers	Spring every two years.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp?rn=9304238
CASSY	Counseling And Student Support Services.	Year long	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=230756&type=d&pREC_ID=526222
Collaboration	A meeting period for teachers	Every	Guidance Office

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	and staff. Open for students.	Wednesday	http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
College and Career Center	Resource for college and career information for students and parents.	Varies.	http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=66212&type=d&pREC_ID=106676
Common Core State Standards	U.S. education initiative to align states curricula and improve standards and assessments.	Year long.	Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District http://www.lgsuhd.org/cms/page_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1338797661185
Community Resources	District level community resources.	Year long.	Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District http://www.lgsuhd.org/comm.parents
Course Offerings	Catalog of courses offered.	Year long.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=228201&type=d
Deadline for 1st Semester Adds	Final day for adding a class to the schedule.	Beginning of semester. NOTE: critical deadline. See link.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Deadline for 1st Semester Drop	Final day for dropping a class from the schedule.	Within 1-2 weeks after the First Grading Period. NOTE: critical deadline. See link.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Deadline for 2 nd Semester Adds	Final day for adding a class to the schedule.	Beginning of semester. NOTE: critical deadline. See link.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Deadline for 2 nd Semester Drop	Final day for dropping a class from the schedule.	Within 1-2 weeks after the First Grading Period. NOTE: critical deadline. See link.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
District Office (LGSUHSD)	Administrative headquarters for both high schools, Saratoga and Los Gatos.	Year long.	Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District http://www.lgsuhd.org/cms/p

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Drama Boosters	Parent organization supporting the needs of the theater arts.	Year long.	http://www.saratogatheatrearts.org/
Electives Night	Preview of classes for incoming 8th grade families.	Last week in January.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
End of School/Graduation /Grad Night	Last day of school, including Senior graduation ceremony and graduation party.	June.	Administration and PTSO http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=69594&type=d&pREC_ID=452481
eScrip	PTSO electronic fundraising.	Year long.	PTSO http://www.escrip.com/organizations/
Falcon Fest	PTSO Schedule pick-up day.	August	PTSO http://www.saratogahighptso.org/index.html
Falcon Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon	PTSO appreciation luncheon for parents, teachers, staff.	Spring	PTSO http://www.saratogahighptso.org/index.html
Fall Play	Drama Department student production.	Fall.	Visual and Performing Arts Department http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=69375&type=d
Fall Sports Night	Sports Booster sponsored parent information night.	Fall.	Sports Boosters http://www.falconsportsboosters.com/
Finals Week	Final Exam week.	Twice a year.	Administration
First Day of School	New school year begins 1st semester.	August	Administration
First Day of Second Semester	School begins after December holiday break.	January	Administration
Food for Finals	PTSO sponsored event. Volunteers needed.	Twice a year.	PTSO http://www.saratogahighptso.org/volunteer.html
Freshman Focus Meeting with Link Crew Leaders	Meetings designed to help familiarize 9 th grade students with school procedures and strategies for success	Several times yearly	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Freshman Orientation	Student-led event introducing 9 th grade students to high school	Typically Friday before the first day of school Monday	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Freshman Parent	See Incoming Freshman Parent		

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Guidance	Office for Academic Advice and Counselors.	Year long.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Homecoming Week	ASB led week-long school-wide spirit building activities.	Fall. Week long.	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/commissions.html
Idol Musical Auditions	See Saratoga Idol Musical.		
Incoming Freshman Parent Night	Information night for families of current 8th graders, new to the school.	January	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Incoming Junior Parent Guidance Night	Information night for families of current sophomore students.	February	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Incoming Senior Parent Guidance Night	Information night for families of current junior students.	February	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Incoming Sophomore Parent Night	Information night for families of current freshman students.	February	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Interstellar Math Madness	Web-based national math competition. Includes Redwood Middle School and SHS Math Clubs	Spring	Math Department and Math Club http://in-ter-stellar.com/math_madness/about
Junior Parent Guidance Night	See Incoming Junior Parent Guidance Night.		
Junior Prom	Semi-formal dance for junior students.	Spring	ASB Junior class
Library Website	Destiny, SHS Library Catalog and links to research databases.	Year long.	SHS Library http://saratogahighlibrary.weebly.com/index.html
Link Crew	Freshman Transition Program to welcome incoming freshman. Students apply for leadership training.	August	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=69597&type=d&pREC_ID=106729
Link Crew Freshman Social	Social activities for incoming freshman led by Link Crew leaders.	Fall	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=69597&type=d&pREC_ID=106729
MAP	Multimedia Arts Program is a collaborative academic program integrating English, Social Studies and Media Arts.	Year long.	Multimedia Arts Program http://www.saratogamapfolios.com/shsmap/index.html

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MAP Boosters	Parent volunteer organization supporting the needs of MAP.	Year long.	MAP Boosters http://www.saratogamapboosters.com/?page_id=24
MAP Speaker Series	Speaker events hosted by the MAP Boosters.	Varies.	MAP Boosters http://www.saratogamapboosters.com/?page_id=24
McAfee Center	McAfee Performing Arts and Lecture Center. Venue for SHS and non-SHS events.	Year long.	Administration http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=66217&type=d&pREC_ID=106748
Middle College	Alternative curriculum at West Valley College campus for high school students age 16+. Class credit applied to graduation and college.	Year long.	Los Gatos-Saratoga Union School District Office http://www.lgsuhd.org/middlecollege
Mr. Saratoga Night	Talent show for boys only.	Winter	
MSET	Mechanical Science Engineering Team (Robotics Club)	Spring	http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=69594&type=d&pREC_ID=452481
Music Boosters	Parent organization supporting the needs of the music program.	Year long.	Music Boosters http://www.saratogamusic.org/
National Service Day	Community service activity.	January.	PTSO http://www.saratogahighptso.org/index.html
Naviance	An online college and career readiness program for students and parents.	Year long.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
New Student BBQ	Annual BBQ social sponsored by the ASB and Link Crew for transitioning new students.	Fall.	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/commissions.html
Orchestra Concert	Music Booster's event.	Spring.	Saratoga Music Boosters http://www.saratogamusic.org/
Pancake Breakfast	Music Booster's fundraiser.	Spring.	Saratoga Music Boosters http://www.saratogamusic.org/support-smb/volunteers
Parent Class Representative	Parent volunteer specific to grade level. Supports the needs of ASB.	Varies.	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/commissions.html
Powder Puff Game	Flag football spirit boosting event for girls.	Spring	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/commissions.html

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Prom	Annual Senior class formal dance event. See also Senior Ball. See Junior Prom	Spring.	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/commissions.html
PSAT	Preliminary SAT for sophomore and junior students. Score does not count toward college admissions.	Fall.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
PTSO	Volunteer Parent, Teacher, and Student Organization to promote education and strengthen the SHS community through activities, events, and programs.	Year long.	PTSO http://www.saratogahighptso.org/index.html
Quiet Week	Week before final exams for review and study focus.	Winter, Spring.	Guidance Office
Sadie Hawkins Dance	Spring Dance Event; girls invite boys.	Spring	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/commissions.html
Saratoga Idol	Annual musical talent show. Open to all students	Spring	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/commissions.html
SAT	Standardized college admissions test based on aptitude.	Throughout the year.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp College Board nonprofit organization https://www.collegeboard.org/
School Accountability Report Card (SARC)	California Department of Education required report of the school's condition and performance.	February	Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District http://www.lgsuhd.org/school data California Department of Education http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/
School Profile	Summary of student achievements, college plans, and extracurricular activities.	Typically updated during September each year	http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/download/2/AKHihsSidRptAvFuroQPzKbLUsjIA6HbelFZ7hHZD4gZR8jh.pdf/School%20Profile%202014-2015%20Final.pdf California Department of Education http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/ac/ap/

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School Site Council	Council of principal, teachers, parents, students for the development, recommendation, implementation of the Single Plan for Student Achievement.	Year long, monthly.	School Site Council http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=69612&type=d&pREC_ID=106803
SCVMA Field Day West Valley (Math)	Outside math competition sponsored by the Santa Clara Valley Mathematics Association.	Spring.	Math Department, Math Club http://www.togamath.com/ SCVMA http://www.scvmath.org/
Senior Ball	Formal dance event for senior students. See also Prom.	Spring.	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/commissions.html
Senior Finals	Second semester final exams for senior students.	May.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Senior Grad Night	Graduation party for senior students.	June. Evening of graduation day.	Administration and PTSO. http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=69594&type=d&pREC_ID=452481
Senior Parent Guidance Night	See Incoming Senior Parent Guidance Night.		Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Senior Talent Show	Talent show for senior students only.	Spring.	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/commissions.html
SHS Foundation	Nonprofit fundraising organization supporting large capital projects.	Year long.	SHS Foundation http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=69614&type=d&pREC_ID=162071
SHS-TV	Online video and audio channel.	Year long	http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=73826&type=d&pREC_ID=125868
Silicon Valley Regional	Annual outside robotics competition	Spring	http://www.firstsv.org/#
Single Plan for Student Achievement	A plan of action to raise students' academic performance according to the California Education Code	Annual.	School Site Council http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=69612&type=d&pREC_ID=106803 Single Plan, revised Feb. 2014 http://www.saratogahigh.org/

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SLOs	School-wide Learner Outcomes. Objectives supporting the SHS mission statement.	Year long.	Administration. http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=69425&type=d&pREC_ID=114934
Smarter Balance Assessment	State-mandated annual testing for juniors based on the Common Core Standards for English, Art Literacy and Math.	Spring	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp California Dept. of Education http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/
SMASHN	MAP Media Arts Showcase and Honors Night	May.	Multimedia Arts Program http://www.saratogamapfolios.com/shsmap/gallery.html
Sophomore Parent Guidance Night	See Incoming Sophomore Parent Guidance Night.		
Speak up for Change Week	School-wide week-long event focusing on Project Cornerstone Assets, positive Social/Emotional Learning activities.	Typically during the third week in January	Leadership class- Rebeca Marshburn teacher
Speaker Series, MAP	See MAP Speaker Series.		
Speech and Debate Boosters	Parent volunteer organization supporting the needs of the Speech and Debate Club.	Year long.	Speech and Debate Boosters http://www.saratogasd.org/
Spirit	ASB Student Commission geared to raising the school spirit by leading rally tailgates, decorating the Quad, and selling <i>Red Pride</i> merchandise.	Year long.	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/commissions.html
Sports Boosters	Parent volunteer organization supporting the needs of the Athletic program.	Year long.	Sports Boosters http://www.falconsportsboosters.com/
Spring Fling	ASB sponsored social activities and dance, i.e., Powderpuff Football, Spirit Dress-up Days, Sadie Hawkins Dance.	Spring; week long.	ASB http://saratogahighasb.weebly.com/commissions.html
Spring Musical	Musical drama production by students and Boosters.	Spring	Drama Boosters http://www.saratogatheatrearts.org/aboutshsdrama.htm
Spring Sports	Sports Booster sponsored	Spring	Sports Boosters

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Night	parent information night.		http://www.falconsportsboosters.com/
Staff Appreciation Breakfast	PTSO sponsored event honoring teachers and staff. Volunteers needed.	Spring	PTSO http://www.saratogahighptso.org/volunteer.html
Staff Holiday Lunch	PTSO sponsored holiday event honoring teachers and staff. Volunteers needed.	Winter	PTSO http://www.saratogahighptso.org/volunteer.html
Staff Lunar New Year Lunch	PTSO sponsored holiday event honoring teachers and staff. Volunteers needed.	Winter.	PTSO http://www.saratogahighptso.org/volunteer.html
Stanford Math Tournament	Student-run math competition held at Stanford University.	Winter.	Stanford University Math Organization https://sumo.stanford.edu/smt/
Student Support Services	Social and emotional support services.	Year long.	CASSY http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=230756&type=d&pREC_ID=526222
The Talisman	School Yearbook.	End of the year.	http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=67200&type=d
TEDx event	Student and faculty run event focusing on science and technology.	December	http://tedxsaratogahighschool.weebly.com/about-tedxsaratogahighschool.html
Test Proctor	Parent volunteers helping administration supervise scheduled testing at selective locations.	Winter, Spring.	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Textbook Room	Textbook repository next to the Library. Information on textbooks in use, summer loans, and purchase links available.	Year long.	Textbook Room http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=69374&type=d&pREC_ID=115127
The Falcon Newspaper	School-wide newspaper run by staff and students.	Year long.	SHS Newspaper http://www.saratogafalcon.org/
The Learning Center	Separate facility on campus where students with approved accommodations can take tests	Year long	Guidance Office http://www.saratogahigh.org/portals/guidance.jsp
Tutorial	Open period where students receive help from teachers, review test results, makeup tests or any other study needs.	Year long, three times a week.	Administration schedule. http://www.saratogahigh.org/about/bells.jsp
WASC	Western Association of Schools	Six year cycle.	SHS Info

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	and Colleges is one of six official organizations for accrediting educational institutions.		http://www.saratogahigh.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=254085&type=d&pREC_ID=580417 WASC http://www.acswasc.org/index.htm
Winter Ball	School-wide semi-formal dance event.	December.	Student Government http://saratogahighsb.weebly.com/commissions.html
Yearbook	Photographic memory book of students, staff, teachers and activities held throughout the year.	Yearly; May.	Yearbook Staff http://www.saratogahigh.org/