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Principal's Update

Brad Coscarelli, SRHS Principal, bcoscarelli@srcs.k12.ca.us, 528-5292

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the 2014-15 school year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone for making this another amazing year at Santa Rosa High School. It is the students, parents, staff and school community that make our school so great. All of you care deeply about our school history, our amazing school pride and spirit, the facilities and the ongoing learning that gives our students such a wonderful foundation to go out into the world and achieve their dreams. I am grateful for all of the ongoing support we receive for our school and for our students. This truly is the best school!

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I would like to thank the following students, teachers and parents for all of their hard work in making our school look so fabulous at our last "Green-Up Day." They are: Marisa McCrea, Kim Cabral, **Gabriela Avila, Andrew Eljumaily, Alphonso Avila**, Barb and Breck Beatie, **Dane Beatie**, Stacy and Bob Mertz,

Jeffry Winters, Connor Jeffries, Lynn and Brad Valentine, Staci Pastis, Anne Weilepp-Alchemy, Stacy Dunn, Anita Markoff and **Cheryl Lane, Sean Gustafson, Bonnie Donovan, Rheanna Vasquez, Anthony Costamagna, Ethan Frei, Henok Mesfun, Raul Garcia**. I apologize if I have forgotten anyone! Thank you all so much for your incredible work!

We've now finished STAR and Smarter Balance testing for the year. I want to again thank all of the students, parents, faculty and our school community for their support. The testing went very smoothly and we are interested and curious to see the test scores when they come out for our students.

June 5th, 2015 will be a day of celebration for us as our graduating class enters Bailey Field at Santa Rosa Junior College for graduation ceremonies. Immediately following graduation will be Project Grad, which takes place in the North Gym and Main Building at Santa Rosa High School. This is an all-night party, put on by volunteers and paid for by generous donations, to keep our Seniors safe. Please consider volunteering or sending in a donation to this wonderful organization. For more information, please contact them at SRHSProjectGrad.com or call the Main Office at 528-5292.

Again, I would like to thank everyone for a successful and amazing year. I am proud to be the Principal of such an outstanding school. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Brad Coscarelli, Principal

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Bell Schedule

Period 0 6:59-7:54 a.m.
 Period 1 8:00-8:55 a.m.
 Period 2 9:01-9:56 a.m.

Break 9:56-10:10 a.m.

Period 3 10:16-11:16 a.m.
 Period 4 11:22-12:17 p.m.

Lunch 12:17-12:52 p.m.

Period 5 12:58-1:53 p.m.
 Period 6 1:59-2:54 p.m.
 Period 7 3:00-3:54 p.m.

Normal school hours are
 8:00-2:54 (Periods 1-6)

Minimum Day Schedule
 School lets out at 12:20 p.m.

Attendance: 528-5112 or
 528-5344

Remember...

Please remind your student to return their lock and keys at the end of the year to the health office. Locks must be returned by 2:00 p.m. on June 5th (last day of school). If they are not returned you will be charged \$12 to replace the lock. Also, if locks are not returned or fees paid it could jeopardize your senior receiving their diploma or student receiving their schedule next year school year.



Prom Appreciation...



We want to thank the following businesses who are generously donating tuxedo rentals and/or prom dresses for the less fortunate juniors and seniors who want to experience one of American life's great rites of passage. They are: Brides 'n Maids, Princess Boutique, Boutique Bellos Sueños, Starlet Bridal & Tuxedo, Hot Couture Vintage Fashion and Wine Country Bridal.

SRHS 2015 CALENDAR

PLEASE CHECK BACK EACH MONTH FOR ALTERATIONS OR CORRECTIONS THAT MAY BE MADE TO THE CALENDAR!

May, 2015

5 / 1, Vocal Music Command Performance, 7:00, Aud.
 5 / 2, SAT, 8-2:00 (Reg. at www.collegeboard.com by 4/6)
 5 / 2, Jr/Sr Prom, 9:00-Midnight, Mary Agatha Furth Center, Windsor (new venue)
 5 / 4, School Site Council, 3:10, Library
 5 / 5, STP Meeting, 7:00, Staff Lounge
 5 / 5-15, AP Exam Window
 5 / 7, Instrumental Music Spring Concert, 7:00, Aud.
 5 / 9, UC Writing Test, 8:00-12:00
 5 / 9, 10, Project Grad Work Days
 5 / 12, Calif. High School Exit Exam CAHSEE
 5 / 12, SRHS Foundation, 4:30, Library
 5 / 12, Ag Boosters Meeting, 6:30, Ag Building
 5 / 13, Calif. High School Exit Exam CAHSEE
 5 / 15-16, AQ Dance Company Performance, 7:00, Aud.
 5 / 16, 17, Project Grad Work Days
 5 / 19, Project Grad, 7:00, Library
 5 / 21, Non-Senior Awards, 7:00, Auditorium
 5 / 22, Country Fair Day
5 / 25, Memorial Day - No School
 5 / 26-29, Dead Week
 5 / 28, Senior Awards, 7:00, Auditorium
 5 / 28-31, Project Grad Work Days
 5 / 29, Senior Trip
 5 / 30, Senior Breakfast

June, 2015

6 / 1, School Site Council, 3:10, Library
 6 / 1-6, Project Grad Work Days
6 / 3-5, Minimum Days - Finals - 8:00-12:20
6 / 5, Final Instructional Day
 6 / 5, Graduation Ceremony, 6:30, Bailey Field, SRJC
 6 / 5, Project Grad
 6 / 6, SAT, 8-2:00 (Reg. at www.collegeboard.com by 5/8)
 6 / 9, SRHS Foundation, 4:30, Library
 6 / 11, Last Day AQ Office open until next school year
 6 / 13, ACT Test, 8-2:00 (Reg. at www.act.org by 5/8)

August, 2015

8 / 19, First Day of School!

September, 2015

9 / 11, Foundation Golf Tournament - Save the Date!

Graduation Update

Dear SRHS parents and family members,

This information will be mailed out ASAP. Below is important information about graduation this year:

- Graduation will be held at Bailey Field at Santa Rosa Junior College on Friday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m.
- Every graduating senior is allowed to pick up six free graduation tickets in the Business Office. Due to capacity issues, two additional tickets are available for purchase for ten dollars each. Ticket prices have increased due to cost increases.
- Beginning May 1st, Santa Rosa High School will only accept cash, cashier's checks, or money orders for payment in the Business Office.
- Seniors must pick up their graduation tickets by June 1st in the Business Office. Any tickets not picked up will be open to the public and sold to families that would like to purchase more tickets.
- Every person, regardless of age, even infants and newborns, needs a ticket in order to attend graduation. This allows enough seats for everyone and to have an accurate population count.
- Seniors must return their cap, gown and tassel in excellent condition on Monday, June 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Attendance Office in order to receive their thirty dollar (cap, gown and tassel) deposit back.
- There will be a mandatory senior meeting on April 29th to discuss graduation and the 25 Day Rule.
- Graduation rehearsal is mandatory for all seniors!
- We encourage all seniors to attend Project Grad. For more information on Project Grad, please see the Panther Purr or go to santarosahighschool.net.

If you have any questions, please call the Attendance Office of SRHS at 707-528-5344.

Sincerely,

Forrest Harper, Assistant Principal

SRHS Student Orientation 2015-2016

Orientation Dates and Times

In July, students will receive the **STUDENT ORIENTATION PACKET** by mail. The packet includes instructions for Orientation, Lifetouch Photography information, Home Access Center (HAC) information, emergency card, athletic team information, and more! Come to orientation prepared to have your photo taken for the student ID card and yearbook, and please have the name of your chosen locker partner! All lockers must be shared with a classmate.

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 in South Gym

Seniors	January-June birth month	9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m
	July-December birth month	9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m
Juniors	January- June birth month	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m
	July -December birth month	11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 12, 2015 in South Gym

Sophomores	January-June birth month	8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m
	July-December birth month	9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Freshmen	January-June birth month	10:30 a.m - 12:00 p.m.
	July-December birth month	12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Freshman, New Student and Parent Assembly

7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 11, 2015 SRHS Auditorium

New students and their parents will be able to meet the administration and learn about the many opportunities at SRHS. Following the assembly, campus tours by students will be available and everyone will have the opportunity to connect with the many organizations that enhance and support SRHS's community.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

We are looking for volunteers to work one or both days of Orientation. Please contact Karen McCulloch at karenmcculloch@yahoo.com or 707 479-3991 if you can help. SignUpGenius will also be available for email sign ups.

Counselors' Corner

Blaire Murphy, Counselor, 528-5302 bmurphy@srcs.k12.ca.us

SRHS Awards Nights

9th-11th Grade Awards: Thursday, May 21

Senior Awards: Thursday, May 28

Both events will be held in the SRHS auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

Summer School

If a student has failed a class that they need in order to graduate, he or she may qualify for summer school. See your Counselor immediately for an application, as there is limited space available. Summer School will be held at Elsie Allen High School from June 15-July 22.

The California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

The CAHSEE will be given May 12th (English) and May 13th (Math) for Juniors and Seniors who need to pass and for Sophomore make-ups. This state-mandated exam ensures that students who graduate from high school can demonstrate competency in English and Mathematics. It is important for those needing to take the exam to be in attendance. For best results: get a good night's sleep the night before, eat a good breakfast, take your time and do your very best.

Check out our website! <http://www.santarosahighschool.net/counsel.shtml>

Student Opportunities

This page offers information about a variety of opportunities outside of SRHS for our students to explore.

Scholarship Alert

Please refer to this page to keep abreast of the many scholarship opportunities as your Senior begins to navigate the cost of college next year.

Class of 2015

SRJC Spring Grades for Seniors

Seniors taking SRJC classes to fulfill graduation requirements must turn in their final grade/s to their SRHS Counselor as soon as it is posted on their SRJC online account. **Failure to do this by June 1st will jeopardize their graduation.**

Final Transcripts

Any student taking classes at another institution like the Santa Rosa Junior College need to **turn in final grades to the Counseling Office as soon as they are available online**, so they can be placed on your High School transcript. Request your final HS transcripts to be sent to colleges before the end of the school year. Request forms are available in the SRHS Counseling Office. If you have any questions about diplomas or transcripts, please contact the Registrar, Patty Stage at 528-5594 or email to pstage@srcs.k12.ca.us

Diplomas

Diplomas for graduating seniors will be available for pick up in the Counseling Office the week of June 22nd-26th, as well as June 29th and 30th. The counseling office will be closed during the month of July, therefore, please arrange to pick up your diploma by June 30th or you will need to wait until August to do so. Loss of Privilege (LOP List) - Any student who owes fees to SRHS will need to return the materials or pay the fees before diplomas will be issued.

Scholarship Recognition

We are extremely proud of our students and would like to assure that each scholarship recipient receives all due recognition. Please be sure to inform the Main Office of every scholarship offer your student receives, whether they choose to accept it or not. They will be honored with their peers at the Senior Awards Assembly.

Student-Teacher-Parent Organization (STP)

Lynn Valentine, STP President, president@srhsstp.org



As the school year draws to a close, I'd like to thank all the parents, staff and students who continue to make SRHS one of the most successful and desirable schools in Sonoma County. It is the Santa Rosa High School community that makes the wheels of this institution move. Without everyone's participation, we could not offer Staff Appreciation events with the glorious food that arrives each and every time. We could not hold events like Prom, Senior Breakfast or the Toga Dance. Moreover, without the funds from generous donors STP could not help support some of the special projects and programs that enrich all our students' lives.

Special thanks to the STP Board: Sharon Post, Brenda Russell, Ginger Schechter Gong, Barbara Beatie, Sharon Junkel, Stacy Mertz and Kim Nielsen-Glynn. Ginger will be graduating with her son, **Nathen Gong**, and we wish them all the best in their future adventures!

The STP invites more of you to become active in your teen's school. It's a fleeting four years, and before you know it, this opportunity will have passed. We have lots of creative and exciting projects upon which we'd like to embark next year. I hope you decide to come along on the journey!

Contact.....Lynn Valentine, President, president@srhsstp.org
Regular meetings.....First Tuesday of each month, 7:00 p.m., Staff Lounge
Next meeting.....May 5, 7:00 p.m.



The **Student Teacher Parent Organization (STP)** works to improve the experience of every child and every staff member at our remarkable school. From Ag to ArtQuest, from English to Special Ed., we are there to provide volunteers (dances, orientation, Project Grad and other events), funding (field trips, new desks, college info nights, etc.), and communication (Panther Purr parent newsletter, monthly emails, STP Website).

Your student deserves to have a rich and fulfilling high school experience. STP is here to help make that happen – but we can't do it without you! We welcome any level of involvement! Join us for one of our monthly meetings (first Tuesday of each month at 7:00), volunteer to help out at an event, bring food for one of our staff appreciation days, or just send a donation. Get connected, find answers, make a difference!

We gratefully accept tax-deductible donations in any amount. If you can, please help fund valuable programs across the entire campus!

Find us at **www.srhsstp.org** and donate through PayPal! Or send your check to: **SRHS STP**
1235 Mendocino Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Parent Name(s) _____ Email(s) _____

Student(s) Name(s) _____ Year(s) _____

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Ag News

By: **Samantha Hansen**



Bingo FFA Meeting

Joyous shouts of BINGO could be heard around the entire Agriculture building on Wednesday, March 4th. Thirty-seven members in search of victory and a full-size candy bar prize poured into the vet-tech lab at lunch, rallying for the perfect combination of numbers that would guarantee them a win. The victors then proudly munched down on their tasty prizes. Thank you to all of the participating members - we hope you enjoyed your prizes!



Cupcake Meeting

The delectable smell of Sift cupcakes wafted through the Ag cage on Wednesday, March 11th. This scrumptious scent caught the attention of 42 hungry members, each of whom traversed about the cupcake walk-circle in the hope of winning a tasty cupcake. The winners were awarded their prize when the number they stood on was called, and proudly strutted off with a Sift cupcake in their hands.

See's Candy Fundraiser

Everyone's nerves were strained - the countdown was on. Five days, four days, three, two, one... finally, it was time to collect the See's Candy orders! From February 25th-March 13th, candy orders were being filled out left and right. The day after the end of spring break arrived, and the newly found owners grasped their bags of candy with a wide grin on their faces.





Ag News, CONTINUED

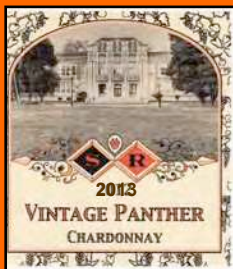
Penny wars

Pennies are always thought of as the most useless coin in the currency - however, they put up quite a fight in the epic Penny Wars! From March 3rd through March 17th, a battle raged between the classrooms of Ms. Stornetta, Mr. Lokka, Mr. Horner, Mr. Charter, Mrs. Carrell. Silver coins meant sabotage, while the humble penny meant victory. Each teacher chose a charity to support - the winner would receive all of the money collected by all of the competing classrooms. The Ag department won out in the end, with Ms. Stornetta being able to donate \$98.87 to the Multiple Sclerosis Society.



Movie Night

Blankets were bundled, pillows were puffed, and movie popcorn was munched on at the showing of "Guardians of the Galaxy" on Wednesday, March 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The movie night was a nice break from the busy week, and the 30 members enjoyed just chilling out with their best buds. Thank you to the Sift bakery for giving the Santa Rosa FFA a discount price on their delicious cupcakes! They were delectable as always, and the chapter truly appreciates your support.



The 2013 Panther Vintage Chardonnay is bottled and ready for purchase!

Just go online to www.srhsagboosters.com or use an order form.

You can also find it at the Bottle Barn in Santa Rosa!

Ag News, CONTINUED



North Coast Regional Meeting/ State Degree Recipients

The drive down to Livermore was long; however, once the twelve state degree recipients and four Regional Proficiency winners arrived at Livermore High School for the North Coast Regional Spring Meeting, we could feel the excitement in the air. There were North Coast Region FFA members buzzing all over the campus, a busy hive of blue and gold. Unfortunately, there were six state degree recipients and five Regional Proficiency winners who could not attend. Thankfully, they later received their awards in their agriculture classrooms. Congratulations to the eighteen state degree recipients and nine Regional Proficiency winners! While at the meeting, the Regional Scrapbook winner was announced... and guess who came out on top? The Santa Rosa FFA Chapter, that's who! Congratulations to **Hannah Lipman**, the creator of the Santa Rosa FFA Scrapbook - you did an amazing job, and we are excited to see how you do at the State competition.



ArtQuest

Jan Sofie, ArtQuest Director

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Four AQ Students Clinch NATIONAL Scholastic Arts Awards

ArtQuest is pleased to announce that four Advanced Placement Studio Art students have won at the **National** level in the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards for 2015. The four were all from the ArtQuest Visual Fine Arts specialty area. **Tyler Gonzales** won Silver for his portfolio of 8 works and also Silver for his self-portrait paper dolls, with costumes of various musicians. A Silver went to **Miles MacDiarmid** for his large-scale charcoal monument drawing, titled "Chimp Games" and **Megan Ramirez** won Gold for her drawing with watercolor, "Spaghetti Cheeks." **Kate Trapnell** took Gold for her self-portrait paper dolls with costumes of notable American Women, and also Silver for her piece, "Living Room Diptych." The winning students, their *very* happy teacher, Brooke Delello, several of their parents and a grandparent, plan to attend the congratulatory weekend in New York City this June, which includes a celebration of the national award winners at Carnegie Hall. All four students plan to attend four-year colleges and all have received large scholarships. Both Tyler and Megan are deciding between Cornish and S.F. Art Institute (SFAD), Miles is leaning toward SFAI and Kate will attend Oberlin. This is only the second year that ArtQuest students have entered the Scholastic Art & Writing Competition. They also garnered 59 Awards at the regional level earlier this year. The Scholastic competition identifies teenagers with exceptional artistic or literary skill and promise, and brings their remarkable work to a national audience. It is the longest-running, most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in the U.S.; noteworthy past winners have included the likes of Andy Warhol, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Joyce Carol Oates, Robert Redford and Stephen King. Congratulations to these four students - you are all certainly in good company!

AQ 21st Spring Showcase Looks Back 20 Years and a Blast From the Past

April 2nd was a great night and celebrating the first 20 years of ArtQuest was definitely in the air, on the screen and in lots of other works shown! **Miles MacDiarmid**, Advanced Placement Studio Art and AQ Visual Fine Arts student, was lauded on stage as the winning entry for the Showcase poster image. With the poster's image of an eight-armed man holding icons of each of the AQ Arts Specialties, it captured the essence of the AQ anniversary. Miles was awarded a \$250 prize from AQ and Friends of AQ for his achievement. Performances in the Auditorium during the first part of the show included two beautiful pieces by the SRHS Orchestra and two lovely works by the Chamber Singers. Emcee Annie Samuels, AQ English teacher, kept the show rolling and Jan Sofie, AQ Director discussed the significance of ArtQuest's 20 year mark and the importance of authentic Arts Education at school. The AQ Dance Company performed an in-process contemporary performance piece depicting a family gathered at a table and their challenging relationships, which Ms. Samuels quipped "kind of reminded her of an AQ staff meeting!" *ArtQuest@20*, a video produced by an AQ Video Arts student crew and directed by Advanced Video student, **Alex Rennie**, was a highlight of the night. Portraying the last twenty AQ themes through a lens of humor, the film focused on capturing the essence of each year in about 30 seconds or so and culminated in a "more perfect union" (from last year's theme) of a few hundred AQ students tuning into the call of AQ and running out to gather together on the front steps of Desoto Hall to hold up individual white flags forming a giant number "20", with fireworks exploding all around them. (If you missed it, or want to see it again: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaMhKY42ImI>.) AQ Theatre Arts students performed excerpts from their last few plays and other selected scenes and pieces in the Black Box Theatre. Time-based media from Digital Arts and Video Arts was screened in the Library Computer Lab to an enthusiastic crowd and Core projects were displayed in the main part of the Library. The Multipurpose Room was filled, as usual, with a long line to see the incredible works by Digital Arts, Photography and Visual Fine Arts students. The Main Building hallway was also an exciting exhibition space this year, with large-scale Digital Arts self-portraits hung all along the upper wall and multiple display cases filled with interesting works from all of the visual arts disciplines. Another new element for 2015 was the photo booth provided by "A Flying Camera" which gave everyone a chance to pose for photos with their friends, with each photo strip having an imprint of the Showcase event as a memoir. HUGE thanks go out to the Friends of ArtQuest Board and its many volunteers who helped make the event such a success. A very special thank you to Christi Corradi, Friends of AQ Volunteer Coordinator, for her extra efforts in helping make everything go smoothly. Here's to the next 20 years of Arts Education excellence at AQ and SRHS!

ArtQuest, CONTINUED



“Crazy Season” for AQ Video Arts with Festivals & Awards Galore!

Yes, it's the "crazy season" in Video Arts when, all of a sudden, the hard work and creativity is paying off. Numerous films by various levels of Video Arts students have been selected for presentation and prizes at a number of film festivals. Sophomore Intermediate level student, **James Cornell's** film, *Same Love*, was selected for the “Associated Students of Santa Rosa Junior College's Film Festival” on April 3rd. Two other films by sophomore **David Gomez** and senior **Denali Chin** will also be screened at the festival. Freshman student, **Natalie Gospe** and sophomores **Alexis Padilla** and **Hannah Stenerson**, with senior **Denali Chin**, will be the recipient of awards from the “Russian River Watershed Association's Water Awareness Video Contest.” The award ceremony is April 23rd and each student's Public Service Announcement (PSA) video will be presented and honored by members of the association. Definitely a timely project for our days of drought! **Natalie Gospe's** PSA on suicide prevention took an Honorable Mention in the “Directing Change Student Film Contest.” Her classmates **Conner Macheras** and **Griffen Malone** are also Honorable Mention contenders with their respective PSAs, *Balancing the Equation* and *Brighter Future*. The Directing Change annual competition is focused on student PSAs on the topic of suicide prevention and mental health for teens. Congratulations to all on successful and meaningful efforts!

AQ Photography Part of “Rising Generation” Photography Program

Intermediate and Advanced AQ Photography students were invited to participate this year in the “Rising Generation Photography Program,” a project of the not-for-profit organization “Game Face Productions,” based in Berkeley.

Students were asked to create original work in response to the topic, *Showing: Work, Family, and the Space Between*. *Showing* is designed to be a photography-based exhibition, book, web, archive, and education project involving hundreds of photographers from across the country. The photographs of eleven ArtQuest students have been chosen to appear on the website that archives the project. Some of the work (selection to still be finalized) will also appear on the feature website and in exhibitions, alongside the work of professional photographers. The students will also be paid an honorarium. AQ Photography students whose work has been selected are Advanced students: **Joseph Alongi, Olivia Hernandez, Bryan Masuda** and **Colin Wolford** and Intermediate students: **Sky Arvin, Lizette Chavez, Rose Cozine, Mikaela Grenion, Erin McNeil, Grace Poe** and **Jasiah Sufi**. Apollonia Morill, educational outreach coordinator from the sponsoring organization, presented the project invitation in the Photo classes early this year and is

returning in late April to speak to the AQ students again and to announce the final selections and plans. More information to follow soon.



Pictured here is **Rose Cozine**, AQ Intermediate Photography student, sitting on a fire truck at work with her father who is a firefighter. **Bryan Masuda**, AQ Advanced Photography student, caught this moment for the exhibition and project, *Showing: Work, Family, and the Space Between* sponsored by the “Rising Generation Photography Program” of Game Face Productions.

ArtQuest, CONTINUED



One-Acts Slated for May Performance by Beginning AQ Theatre Arts

AQ Beginning Theatre Arts will present its first formal performances of the school year for three evenings in May. Several one-acts will be staged by the newest students in the specialty and as always, promise to be very interesting, entertaining and give a glimpse into the process of learning and development in AQ Theatre Arts. Performances will take place in the Black Box Theatre (in the AQ/Arts Complex area) on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 14, 15 and 16 beginning at 7:00 p.m., sharp. Tickets are \$4 dollars at the door. Please note: latecomers will not be seated until the first intermission. Mark your calendars now for this mid-May run and come show your support for our newest budding young actors!

SkillsUSA State Level for AQ Video Arts & SRHS Internetworking Students!

Four AQ Video student teams along with six Internetworking students qualified at the regional competition to compete at the SkillsUSA California state-level in San Diego during April. Last year AQ and SRHS fielded the number one team in California in Video Production and went on to compete and came in 4th in the nationals! This year, **Alex Rennie** and **Dominic Halsey** will compete in the Digital Cinema category and the teams of **Jessie Collier** and **Nick Richard**, **Sunce Franicevic** and **Luis Vazquez**, and **Sequoia Cipes** and **Spencer Cortright** will all compete in the Video (Television) Production category. Video students **Jenna Ellis** and **Miles Kesser** are working in the Courtesy Corps, helping with the competition organization. The SRHS Cisco Internetworking class competitors are **Austin Le**, **Parker Salmon**, **Rubin Flota**, **Stephen Becker**, **Luis Luna** and **Jo-anne Liberato**. SRHS Cisco Internetworking teacher, **Larry Flor** and AQ Video Arts teacher, **Jim Helmer** have tirelessly guided their students to this achievement and will accompany them to the San Diego event. These two dedicated educators have also done substantial work together to help fundraise for the students' participation in SkillsUSA; we thank them both for their vision and commitment. All our best to the student contestants in this career and technical education competition and watch for the results next fall!

AND JUST IN! AQ Video Arts & SRHS Internetworking Take State Medals!

For the second year in a row, and out of the three years they've competed, ArtQuest Video Arts students have taken first-in-the-state at the SkillsUSA California Conference. The team of **Sequoia Cipes** and **Spencer Cortright** won the Gold for their Television (Video) Production PSA on the theme "SkillsUSA- Agents of Change." The team of **Sunce Franicevic** and **Luis Vazquez** took the Silver medal in the same contest category. SRHS Internetworking students took the state gold for the sixth year in a row, out of their six years of competition! The Gold Medal winner was **Austin Le** and the Silver Medal went to **Ruben Flota**. Also, a SRHS alumnus, James Webb, was the Gold Medal winner in Post-Secondary Internetworking. Over 2000 students competed in San Diego in the April event in over 100 job skill and leadership competitions. Only Gold Medal winners can compete at the Skills USA Nationals and represent California and their high schools. We thank the students who participated in the fundraisers, SRCS District, SRHS Foundation, SRHS Site Council and Friends of ArtQuest for the support that allowed our students to attend. And a hearty thank you to **Mr. Helmer** and **Mr. Flor** for their amazing dedication and hard work in helping their students achieve this level. SRHS and AQ are a force to be reckoned with! Good luck at the Nationals!

First Time AQ Alumni Part of Academy Award-Winning Film

CITIZENFOUR, the film about Edward Snowden and his allegations that the NSA was conducting unauthorized surveillance of U.S. citizens, *won* the 2015 Academy Award for best full-length documentary film. As reported in the March 2015 issue of the Panther Purr, two one-time AQ students, **Jacob Appelbaum** and **Leif Ryge** were involved in the making of the film. Directed by **Laura Poitras** and shot in Hong Kong, the film documents the first interviews of Snowden by journalist Glen Greenwald. "Citizenfour" refers to the name that Snowden used when he first contacted Poitras about his assertions. Both Appelbaum and Ryge were enrolled in the late 1990s in what was then called AQ Multimedia (an AQ Arts Specialty since divided into Digital Arts and Video Arts) and currently reside in Berlin. Appelbaum is in the cast and shown lecturing about what he says is the increasing invasion of citizens' privacy by the US government. Ryge worked on the crew and directly with director Poitras on research and in other capacities and is individually recognized in the credits.

ArtQuest, CONTINUED



National YoungArts Award Winner Attends LA Intensive This Spring

As reported in the January 2015 issue of the Panther Purr, an AQ student was chosen for a National YoungArts Merit award for 2015. As part of her recognition, **Tennessy Elledge**, an Advanced Placement Studio Art senior from AQ Photography, was invited to and attended a Los Angeles YoungArts regional week-long intensive course with established photographic masters working in L.A. "I met and worked with several particularly influential photographers, such as Frank Ockenfelo, Chloe Aftel., Allegra Wilde, Kuraku Alston and Michelle Dunn Marsh," Tennessy said. "At the end of this exciting week," she continued, "I was named a "YoungArts Alumna and will be invited to participate in similar exciting programs at various levels and hopefully, eventually, as a Master!" This was the first year that Tennessy entered the competition and she clinched three Gold Keys, a Silver Key and an Honorable Mention. She is trying to decide between several exceptional schools and substantial merit scholarships, such as Rhode Island School of Art & Design, "Mass" Art, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, S.F. Art Institute and Maryland Institute College of Art. Always looking for exciting experiences in the Arts, Tennessy is currently creating a website with "Cargo Collective" a medium-size online artists' community and gallery. Congratulations, Tennessy, and best of luck in all your ventures!

AQ Dance Performances Still Slated for Late Spring

The Beginning and Intermediate level Dance concert, "Images" was performed on April 24th and 25th to an enthusiastic audience. "It is so interesting to see what the newer students' work is concerned with and to witness the development of their ideas and skills," Nzinga Woods, AQ Dance instructor commented. "I was very proud of their energy, collaboration and development this year." AQ Dance Company, the Advanced level, is still coming up and their performance, "Currents" will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 15th and 16th in the SRHS Auditorium starting at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available for \$8 at the door. AQ Dance Company has also been invited to perform at Sonoma State University on Friday, May 8 for *Sonoma Dance Day*. Contact Ms. Woods for times and other details at nwoods@srcs.k12.ca.us.

Parent Involvement

FRIENDS OF ARTQUEST



Thank You for Your Support at AQ Spring Showcase!

It was a pleasure seeing and meeting all of you who stopped by the Friends of ArtQuest tables at the AQ Spring Showcase last month. We would like to thank those of you who either signed up for membership with Friends of ArtQuest or bought an auction item left from our Mardi Gras donations – all of which support the different departments and core classes within ArtQuest. A big thank you, as well, to all the volunteers who signed up via SignUpGenius to help out – without you, it wouldn't have gone as smoothly as it did! We would also like to thank *all of you* who have continually come on board for volunteering for FofAQ throughout this school year – we commend your generous spirit and look forward to working together again next school year. Enjoy your summer!

Friends of ArtQuest Seek New Board and Committee Members ... Please Join Us

Since many of our existing Friend of AQ Board members and key committee positions are held by parents of graduating seniors, it is time to pass the baton on. We are searching for enthusiastic parents and community members who would appreciate this worthy endeavor, ensuring that the organization's critical support and advocacy for the ArtQuest program continues to flourish. Please keep a look-out for email blasts and also check out Friends Of ArtQuest's Facebook page for meetings and gatherings which you can attend and learn about opportunities to contribute to ArtQuest in ways that directly support the program and positively impact yours and other AQ students' education and school experiences. It indeed takes a village, folks, and we encourage you to get further involved with this wonderful program your student is enrolled in. For more information please email friendsofartquest@gmail.com or our new Friends of ArtQuest Co-Presidents, Ted and Joanna Luthin at Ted@luthin.org or Joanna@luthin.org.

- Welcome aboard Ted and Joanna and thank you for stepping up to the plate – we look forward to your fresh inspiration and leadership in the coming school year!

Parent Involvement, CONTINUED



FRIENDS OF ARTQUEST, continued

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Departing Board & Committee Members

We would like to give a “resounding round of applause” to our departing Board and Committee members who have given so much of their time and efforts over the years to support the amazing ArtQuest program with which we all are so proud and privileged to be involved: Ellen Zalman-Rai, President and über donor of so many things printed for ArtQuest; Nicole Jeffries, Vice President and two-time Mardi Gras Chair; Christi Corradi, Board Member and Volunteer Coordinator extraordinaire; Connie Sultana, Board Member and two-time Mardi Gras Auction Chair, and Lisa Greenstein, Board Member, Mardi Gras Dessert Co-Chair and Sparks Scholarship Chair. We thank you all for EVERYTHING you have done ... your enthusiasm, humor and dedication will be missed ... good luck to your graduating seniors!

And thank you, as well, to those Board Members who have already been involved and are staying on: Joanna and Ted Luthin (Co-Presidents), Janet Clark (Secretary), Jake Lehrer (Treasurer), Dena Clover-Vargas (Communications), Annie Samuels (Board Member, AQ English) and Jan Sofie (Board Member, AQ Director). See you next year!

Check Your Emails in August ...

Just another reminder to check your emails in August for any email blasts that will inform you of all that is up and coming for the beginning of the new school year at ArtQuest and how you can get further involved with the program. From the Friends of ArtQuest ... **we wish everyone a great summer!**

Friends of AQ General Info:

Contact.....Ted and Joanna Luthin, Friends of AQ Co-Presidents, Ted@luthin.org or Joanna@luthin.org
 Regular meetings.....Typically monthly, on either 3rd or 4th Monday of month at 5:30 p.m; check monthly calendar for exact dates and exceptions.
 Next meetingtime and location to be announced in August Panther Purr and via email blast

Friends of ArtQuest (FOAQ) MEMBERSHIP FORM

*FOAQ is a non-profit created to support the needs of the ArtQuest program. Memberships need to be renewed **annually**. Your membership at any giving level is greatly appreciated.*

Name _____ Company _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Student's Name and Graduation Year _____

I would like to join at this level: _____ Platinum (\$1,000 and up) _____ Gold (\$500 - \$999) _____

Silver (\$250 - \$499) _____ Bronze (\$75 - \$199) _____ Standard (\$35 - \$74)

Make checks payable to Friends of ArtQuest. Return to: Friends of ArtQuest, P. O. Box 5693, Santa Rosa, CA 95402

Parent Involvement, CONTINUED



AG BOOSTERS

The Santa Rosa High School Ag Boosters is a parent and community organization committed to supporting FFA and the Agriculture Department at Santa Rosa High School. We work throughout the year to ensure funding is available for our students and their agricultural endeavors. We look forward to an exciting and productive year. We encourage you to join us on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm, in the Ag Building. Our last meeting of the 2014/2015 school year will be held on **May 12, 2015**.

Interested in becoming more involved in the AG Boosters? There are several board positions available for the 2015/2016 school year. Voting for these positions will occur at the May meeting. Please feel free to contact the boosters for more information.

Congratulations to all our Class of 2015 scholarship recipients. We wish you the best in your future educational endeavors.

Congratulations to all graduates in the Class of 2015. The Ag Boosters have enjoyed being part of your high school experience. Good luck in the future.

A special Thank You to Denise Parsons and Kim Pierson. They are both leaving the Ag Booster Board this year after many years of service. Denise has served as the Secretary and for the last three years as the Wine Committee Chair. Kim has been the Booster Treasurer for the past three years. They have both dedicated their time and talent to the Boosters and we can't thank them enough.

Vintage Panther Chardonnay: The 2013 Vintage Panther Chardonnay has been bottled and is available for purchase. The wine is \$17 a bottle. Ordering is available on-line or using order forms. A limited supply is also available at Bottle Barn in Santa Rosa. Visit our website **www.srhsagboosters.com** for more information. All proceeds of wine sales benefit the FFA and Agriculture department.

Contact.....Kathy Sharp, President, 542-3994, kathyss@comcast.net
 Website.....srhsagboosters.com
 Regular meetings.....Second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m., Ag Building
 Next Meeting.....May 12, 2015, 6:30 p.m., Ag Building

ENGLISH LEARNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ELAC)

ELAC provides parents of English Learners opportunities to learn more about programs for students at SRHS, advise the principal and school staff on positive and effective actions to improve learning of English Learners and support their full participation in all school activities, provide input to the School Plan, review the annual Language Census, and send information to the District English Learner Advisory Committee.

Contact.....Emma Zavala, 528-5070 x6766, ezavala@srcs.k12.ca.us

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

The School Site Council controls state funding that is allocated to the school to meet the needs of students through the School Site Plan. The Site Council is open to all parents.

ContactMarlene Callen, mcallen@srcs.k12.ca.us, 528-5292
 Next meetingsMay 4 and June 1, 3:10 p.m. in the library

Project Grad



SRHS
Class of 2015

THE PARTY STARTS
JUNE 5th
AFTER THE GRADUATION CEREMONY

PAY IT FORWARD

Calling all the Parents, Aunties, Uncles and Grandparents of all SRHS students.

We need your help in order to organize, plan, create and staff the 2015 Project Graduation Event. It takes hundreds and hundreds of volunteers each year to get this party started.

Sign up to volunteer at

SRHSProjectGrad.com

Call Stacy Mertz at 530.409.4441 or volunteer@SRHSProjectGrad.com



To sign up to volunteer for the Grad Night Party and Day After Clean Up, please visit our website: www.SRHSProjectGrad.com or e-mail Stacy Mertz staff@SRHSProjectGrad.com or call at 530.409.4441

Who can volunteer to work the Party? Freshman, sophomore and junior parents and family.

Senior parents, we know how busy grad night can be, so we encourage you to sign up to help with Set-up, and/or the Day After Clean Up time slots. We always need so much help for the day after clean up. Please consider signing up.

Please sign up for eScrip – Group #5803783

Project Grad, CONTINUED



WORK DAYS AHEAD

May 9, 10, 16, 17 - May 28, 29, 30, 31 - June 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and June 6
 Please check your calendars and see what days may work for you. Visit our website volunteer page for a link to sign up for Work Days.

www.SRHSPROJECTGRAD.COM

Questions? What skills are needed on work days? ALL. Yes we do need volunteers with carpentry, artistic, electrical and event skills but we also need people that can paint, staple, hammer, lift, plan, etc. etc. etc. More questions? Contact Rochelle Cooper at decorations@SRHSPROJECTGRAD.COM



WANT TO HELP WITH NEXT YEAR'S PROJECT GRAD PARTY?

Many hands lighten the load

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the SRHS Library
 Steering Committees opportunities
 Committee opportunities
 Volunteer opportunities
 Help a couple of hours a month or week, your choice.

Sonoma County Project Graduation was founded in 1987 in response to increasing drug and alcohol use among students on their graduation night – statistically the most dangerous night of the year for young people.

In 28 years Project Graduation has kept our graduates safe and alive on their graduation night AND to top it off, the kids have a blast, win prizes, get to eat all their favorite foods, win prizes, play games, see performances, get a new do, perform for their friends, win prizes and party with their friends till dawn.

PROJECT GRAD 2015 MEETINGS
 SRHS LIBRARY - 7 pm

Third Tuesday of the Month

May 19, 2015

www.SRHSPROJECTGRAD.COM

Project Grad, CONTINUED



Registration Information

(A lot of) information about Project Graduation Reservations

The reservation forms for the Project Grad party are available - on the website, in this Panther Purr, and in the main office. Please take a moment and read the following guidelines to smooth the reservation process for your student. STUDENTS ARE NOT ISSUED "TICKETS" – they are added to the reservation database, and they will receive a wristband at the door. Please have your student check the Project Grad "reserved" list on the wall outside the attendance office a few days after they have turned in reservation form to make sure they are on list. This Reserved List will begin to be posted about May 18.

/*/ BOTH /*/ student and parent or guardian /*/ MUST SIGN /*/ the reservation contract area. Each year, many reservations are delayed due to the lack of a parent/guardian and/or student signature. Even though there is language in the contract that seems to contradict the requirement for both signatures, we need to know that both the parent/guardian AND the student are aware of the rules and guidelines for the party, and the signatures acknowledge this.

The senior class this year is large – please make sure that you follow the instructions on the reservation form to make sure your payment is properly recorded – put your student's name on the memo line of the check AND write the check number in the space indicated on the form. If possible, please return your student's reservation form and payment in a sealed envelope, and avoid the use of staples. Paper clips are preferable to staples if you are not using an envelope. The forms are to be returned to the main office – Project Grad has a mailbox on the wall to the right as you enter the main office.

Project Grad is a celebration for the **entire** SRHS Senior Class 2015 – it is not limited to graduates only. If your student has had academic or other difficulty and will not be "walking" in the graduation ceremony, they are still encouraged to attend Project Grad and celebrate the year with their class!

The reservation for the party is \$70 which includes EVERYTHING at the party. Students only need to bring their ID that night – no money is required after they have their reservation. **If your student needs financial assistance**, the principals will have scholarship forms. **NO STUDENT IS TURNED AWAY FROM PROJECT GRAD FOR LACK OF FUNDS!**

Please plan on submitting your student's reservation by the middle of May. The last minute reservations create problems. Last year, over 40 students bought their tickets "at the door" – we want as close to 100% participation as possible, but waiting until the last minute makes it difficult to properly register the students for the event. This is a safety issue as well as a logistical issue – if a student registers at the door and there is a health concern, it is difficult to get that information to all of the staff at the last minute.

In addition, students earn bonus Grand Prize raffle tickets for **early reservations**. Students who reserve on the final week of school, or register at the door, will NOT be eligible for hourly prizes, but can still earn regular Grand Prize raffle tickets during the party. Grand Prizes last year included A JOB (!), a \$250 GAS CARD, FLAT-SCREEN TV, DORM REFRIGERATOR, ELECTRIC BICYCLE, and MANY, MANY MORE! This year proves to be just as exciting!

Thank you for keeping this information in mind when the time comes to reserve your student's spot at this amazing celebration of their accomplishments! Please contact Reservation Chair Mary Lou Smith at: (707) 575-7301 (h) (707) 326-4957 (c) or marylousmith@att.net (email is preferred) if you have questions.



Project Grad, CONTINUED

Reservation Form ~ PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY and SIGN!

Santa Rosa High School Project Grad 2015 Contract

1. This is a smoke, drug and alcohol free environment. Smoking and the possession and/or use of drugs or alcohol by any senior/graduate is not permitted.
2. Seniors/graduates arriving at the party having consumed any alcohol or other drugs will be supervised until parent/guardian picks them up.
3. If a senior/graduate wishes to leave the party before it ends (regardless if student is 18 yrs old or not) the parent/guardian of that senior/graduate will be notified to get permission for us to let him/her leave. Once a senior /graduate leaves the party, they will not be re-admitted. If a senior/graduate leaves the party early, they will not be eligible for any grand prizes.
4. The party is for members of Santa Rosa High School Class of 2015 ONLY!
5. You must be present to win prizes. In addition, if you leave the party before the grand prize drawing, at the end of the party, you will forfeit any grand prize drawing winnings.
6. Seniors/graduates participate in Project Grad activities at their own risk.
7. All pictures and videos taken may be used for Project Grad publicity and promotion, including social media postings.
8. Parents or guardians of seniors/graduates not arriving at the party will be notified by phone.
9. Cell phones are allowed inside the party for quick calls and photos. Excessive calls/texting will result in phone being safely stored until end of party.

The undersigned is the parent/legal guardian of _____ (student's name).

My son/daughter wishes to participate in Santa Rosa High School (SRHS) Project Graduation night. I understand that there are risks and dangers incidental to my son's/daughter's participation in this event and that there is a risk that my son/daughter could be injured. Activities in the past have included, but are not limited to, dancing, inflatable jumps, slides etc. I hereby give my consent for my son/daughter to participate in this event and I, on behalf of myself and my son/daughter, assume the risk and dangers associated with my son's/daughter's participation in this event.

In return for the SRHS Project Graduation permitting my son/daughter to participate in Project Graduation Night, I hereby release and waive on my own behalf, on behalf of my son/daughter, and on behalf of any persons claiming by or through me, or my son/daughter, any and all claims or causes of action for ordinary negligence which I or my son/daughter may have against the SRHS Project Graduation, its officers, directors, agents, employees and volunteers arising out of or resulting from any and all injuries, accidents, illnesses or damages of any nature, including death, which my son/daughter may suffer while taking part in the event or any activity connected to the event.

IN SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I ACKNOWLEDGE AND REPRESENT THAT I have read the foregoing Release and Assumption of Risk Agreement, I understand it and sign it voluntarily as my own free will; no oral representations, statements, or inducements, apart from the foregoing written Agreement, have been made; I am at least eighteen (18) years of age and fully competent; and I execute the Agreement for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intended to be bound by same.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO ALL STATED ABOVE IN ORDER TO ATTEND PROJECT GRAD 2015 AT S.R.H.S.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Please Print Student Name Clearly _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please Print Parent Name Clearly _____

Project Graduation June 5, 2015

IMPORTANT: BOTH student and parent/guardian **MUST** sign this contract, lower right side of form, **EVEN IF STUDENT is 18!**

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- YES! I'd like to also help by donating to the Project Grad scholarship fund to help sponsor students who otherwise would not be able to attend.

Any donation amount is needed and appreciated!

My donation to the scholarship fund: \$ _____

My student's ticket @ \$ 70 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

SENIOR PARENTS are responsible for helping during the year with decoration workdays, setting up the week of the party, and helping after the party with clean up and storing decorations for the following year. Please indicate how you will help:

- I WILL HELP DURING WORK DAYS and/or SETUP PRIOR TO THE PARTY
- I WILL HELP AFTER WITH CLEAN UP (approx. 6:00 -11:30 a.m. Sat. 6/6)
- I WILL HELP WITH SETUP & CLEAN UP

Phone number(s) where parent can be contacted during Project Grad party: _____

Does your student have any **FOOD allergies or other health concerns?** If so, please list below. _____

QUESTIONS? Contact Reservations Chair Mary Lou Smith
(707) 575-7301 (707) 326-4957 c. or marylousmith@att.net (email preferred)

Project Grad, CONTINUED



S.R.H.S. 2015 Project Graduation *Prize Guidelines*

You **MUST RESERVE BY May 29th** to be eligible to win hourly prizes!

Hourly Prizes & Gift Cards (posted at the TOP of every Hour)

Between 30 and 40 names drawn each hour!

\$100 Cash Prize (drawing at 1:00 a.m.)

Reservations after 5/29 or at the door DO NOT qualify for above drawings

To win **Grand Prizes** (drawing at 3:00 a.m. in North Gym),
YOU MUST EARN TICKETS! Grand prizes last year included an
electric bike, \$250 gas card & auto accessories, a JOB,
flat screen tv, dorm fridge, and MORE!

This year will be just as amazing!! **To earn tickets:**

➤ **REGISTER EARLY** and earn up to 4 Grand Prize Tickets

RESERVATIONS IN BY 5/22 earn from 1 to 4 BONUS TICKETS! Earlier = MORE tickets!

May 1st =4 tix May 8=3 tix May 15=2 tix May 22=1 ticket

➤ **Pick up \$10k FUN MONEY pack AT CHECK-IN.**

Use FUN MONEY in casino to win more FUN MONEY, and play
Carnival Games to win more FUN MONEY.

**Cash in your FUN MONEY at the "bank" in casino for Grand Prize
tickets. \$10,000 FUN MONEY = 1 Grand Prize Ticket. Cash in often!**

You must **WRITE YOUR NAME and RESERVATION NUMBER** on the
back of each ticket, then go the Prize Area and place your
ticket(s) in the container for the prize(s) you want to win!

MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN ALL PRIZES! Have fun! Good luck!

Athletics

Kris Bertsch, Athletic Director, kbertsch@srcs.k12.ca.us, **Kathy Hower**, Athletic Director, khower@srcs.k12.ca.us

SRHS Spring Athletics

We are currently wrapping up a very successful spring season in SRHS Athletics. A special Thanks to all the Coaches, Parents, and Athletes at SRHS!

Fall Sport Preparation - Santa Rosa High School Panthers

******Note Boys Soccer is now a Winter Sport**

With the opening of a new school year comes the excitement and anticipation of the beginning of SRHS fall sports programs. The fall sports include: Football, Girls and Boys Soccer, Volleyball, Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, and Cross Country. Below is a list which includes the coach of the fall sports and their contact information if you have questions:

SRHS Football	Denis Brunk	brunkdenis@gmail.com
SRHS Girls Soccer	Nikki Kumasaka	nfalco4@hotmail.com
SRHS Girls Golf	Levi Jones	ljones@srcs.k12.ca.us
SRHS Girls Tennis	Dustin St. John	Stjohndo9@gmail.com
SRHS Volleyball	Amber Oden	odenpartyof5@comcast.net
SRHS Cross Country	Doug Courtemarche	zeemie@aol.com

Official Practices begin for Football begin on August 10th and for the rest of the Fall Sports on Monday, August 17th.

Girls Soccer 2015-2016

Another season of Lady Panther Soccer is about to begin. We are looking forward to a challenging and rewarding season. Last year's varsity team included 5 sophomores, 10 juniors, and 6 seniors. We were young and determined, staying in each game, battling to the end. We think this year will be even more exciting, as we are older and stronger.

We will be starting our summer conditioning in the beginning of June. Everyone is welcome to participate in training. Please call with any questions regarding our soccer program at Santa Rosa.

Coach: Nikki Kumasaka Cell: 849-6881
Email: nfalco4@hotmail.com nkumasaka@srcs.k12.ca.us

Girls Volleyball 2015-2016

SRHS Volleyball had a wildly successful season, this past year. Though a few talented seniors are leaving us, a very young and enthusiastic team is ready to build on the success of last year. It is not too early to start getting ready for next season!! I am so excited to get back in the gym with all returning players, and can't wait to meet new players to the game!

Open gyms will begin the first week of June. Please contact me if you are interested in playing this summer and I will email you as soon as dates and times are finalized.

Have a great spring and I'll see you this summer in the gym!

Coach Amber
odenpartyof5@att.net

Athletics, CONTINUED

Welcome to Denis Brunk

SRHS New Varsity Head Football Coach

Denis Brunk relocated from the western slope of Colorado in the fall of 2012, leaving behind a football program rich in tradition, values and expectations. Glenwood Springs High School was the epitome of an extremely cohesive and successful staff that places the development of boys into effective young men on and off the field.

Denis' current goal for the Santa Rosa High School football program is to help establish a football program that places the development and value of the young men that he leads through measurable outcomes. He will further role model the tenets of contributing citizenship within our school and greater community of Santa Rosa. Utilization of football will be the tool in which the individual will be able to reveal his true character and commitment not only for himself but for the greater good of the team.

Spring football participation is the following: May 11th to the 15th, from 3:30 p.m to 5:30 p.m. and May 18th to the 22nd, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Please contact Denis if your student is interested in participating and he will give you more detailed information.

Denis and the SRHS athletic team are working furiously to hire the JV football coach as well as assistants at each level. We will let you know when this selection has occurred.

Denis has been married for 25 years and has four children. He enjoys watching his children play sports and he loves going to the beach with his wife. Denis is excited for this next new adventure.

Requirements to Participate in SRHS Athletics

If you are interested in participating on any SRHS sports teams, a few items must be covered first:

- **Completion of the SRHS Athletic Packets:** These packets can be found in the main office at SRHS, from the coaches, or online at www.santarosahigh.net/athletics. The packet is 15 pages long with a lot of important information regarding SRHS athletics and the expectations we have for our students athletes, and their parents/guardians. The last 4 pages in **this packet that must be turned into the Athletic Director two weeks** prior to the first day of practice. The Athletic Director's box is located in the main office.
- **A current sports physical dated after June 2015:** Part of the athletic packet that is turned into us is a physical examination printout from your doctor's office, which is filled out and signed by your physician documenting your student is physically healthy and cleared for the rigors of a high school athletic team. This physical is good for the full year. If your student participates in more than one sport during the year, he/she does not need to submit a new athletic packet or a new doctor's clearance.
- **Eligibility:** Your student is a student first and foremost and must have received a 2.0 grade point average from their second semester coursework in the spring. Probation may be a possibility for student athletes who earned a 1.5 GPA or higher for the semester if they earned a 2.0 GPA or higher for the 3rd quarter report card, and they have not been on probation in grades 10-12. **Note: New students to SRHS from another high school or incoming 9th graders from a non-SRCS campus must physically bring the Athletic Director their report card from last year.** This report card must have both 3rd quarter and the 2nd semester grades posted. For further questions, please contact the athletic director.

Important Fall Sport Information

Athletic Packets can be picked up in the Main Office or downloaded online at www.santarosahigh.net/athletics

Athletics, CONTINUED

Athletic Packet clearance date is when all athletes turn in their packets with the sports physical to get cleared, on the spot. We highly recommend all potential athlete attend during the times assigned for the specific sport.

Fall Sport Athletic Packet Clearance, MPR: Aug. 6th

- 8:00-9:30 Football
- 9:30-10:30 Girls Tennis/Golf
- 10:30-12:00 Cross Country
- 12:00-1:00 Girls Soccer
- 1:00-2:00 Volleyball

Fall Sport Concussion Testing, Library: August 7th

- 7:45 Football Players
- 9:15 Girls Soccer
- 11:15 Volleyball
- 12:45 Cheer

First Day of Football Tryouts: August 10th

- Contact Coach Brunk for Details:
brunkdenis@gmail.com

First Day of **All** Other Fall Sports: August 17th

- Contact the coaches directly for this information

****All potential fall athletes must have a cleared athletic packet and have a clear concussion baseline (if testing is required) to be able to show up to the first day of tryouts.**

SRHS Athletic Directors

This year, Kathy Hower and myself, Kris Bertsch, the two Athletic Directors, were pleased being a part of this amazing SRHS Panther Athletic Family. We learned a lot, met a lot of parents, and got to know a lot of student athletes. It was another difficult year as Kathy and I continued tweaking and altering the system to create a well-run, organized, efficient program, but rewarding at the same time. See you next year!

GO PANTHERS!!!

Santa Rosa High School Athletics Donation Request

Dear Parents/Guardians,

A school's athletic program is a valuable activity that contributes to a student's overall educational experience. There are costs attributed to athletics that cannot be totally sustained through the school's funds. These costs may include but are not limited to: purchase of uniforms and equipment, hiring of game officials, and student transportation. At Santa Rosa High School, the annual cost to sustain our athletic program is approximately \$375,000 a year.

Parents can help defray the costs in three important ways: a generous donation to the school's overall athletic program or a particular sport, by voluntarily purchasing your child's uniform and/or equipment and by signing up to transport students in your personal vehicle. Please be assured that the donation is not a condition of participation in the athletic program.

Please send any monetary donations you wish to make directly to the SRHS Business Office. The Business Office has a mailbox in the SRHS Main Office if the office is closed. Please do not give donations to any other SRHS personnel. Neither Coaches nor Athletic Directors can receive any donations or cash from athletes or their families. All donations to Santa Rosa City Schools are tax deductible. Because we do not track individual donations, please note that they are nonrefundable.

Santa Rosa High School thanks you for your generous donation and appreciates your continued support of our athletic program.

Sincerely,

Kris Bertsch

Athletic Director

Kathy Hower

Athletic Director

Danielle Valente

Assistant Principal

Brad Coscarelli

SRHS Principal

Athletics, CONTINUED

SRHS Athletes can earn high school P.E. credit

Santa Rosa City School's Board has approved Administrative Regulation 6146.11 Alternative Credits toward graduation, last year. What this regulation states is that any SRHS Student Athlete who participates on a sanctioned CIF team, can earn 5 credits of P.E. for this participation. Athletes can earn up to 10 total credits for their high school participation but before an athlete can earn any credits through athletics, the athlete must have completed 10 credits prior to the start of the sanctioned sport. Once the regular season ends for the athlete, the coach of that sport will forward all eligible names to administration for awards of credit. Athletes cannot miss more than 10 days of practice to be eligible for credits toward graduation. **The athlete will not have to deal with any paperwork to receive credits. All paperwork will be dealt with through coaches/administration/athletic directors/counselors.** Counselors will be given information on approved student athletes and they will add these credits to their transcript upon receiving approval through administration once checking their eligibility. Students can ask their coach if they are eligible at the end of the season. They can then monitor by checking on the Home Access Center (HAC). If they have any questions or concerns after the season is completed, they may contact Ms. Valente, the Assistant Principal in charge, at dvalente@srcs.k12.ca.us.

Loss of Transportation Fees

Prior to June, 2013, any student who was interested in participating in a SRHS sport, was required to pay a \$50 "transportation fee." Santa Rosa City Schools is supporting the Federal and State Government in making athletics programs accessible for all by no longer charging a "transportation fee" per sport. Whereas, SRHS supports accessibility for all in all their programs, SRHS is also very aware that the financial loss of the transportation fee is going to be devastating for our athletic programs. This means more burden will be placed on parents'/guardians' shoulders to help the programs continue. Parents/Guardians will be needed to volunteer to drive athletes to meets/games, to support fund-raising with which our children will be asked to be involved, and in many other ways. In the end, our students will continue to receive the huge benefits of being involved in extracurricular sports and, as parents, we will be more involved with our children.

Concussion Testing At SRHS

For the 2014-2015 School year, SRCS base-line concussion tested over eight hundred athletes. This was the second year this process was offered to SRCS athletes in its history. This testing is not new, but the process is very new to athletic directors, coaches, parents, and athletes. The information garnered during baseline testing was used later for athletes who were suspected of receiving a concussion during a match/game.

SRCS will continue to baseline test our athletes for the 2015-2016 school year. Sports being tested are: football, soccer, basketball, softball, volleyball, and baseball. Once an athlete completes a single baseline a year, he/she is not required to perform the test again that year unless injury occurs.

As a mother of a daughter who was knocked unconscious after hitting the floor from a brutal hit from an opponent, I was thankful for the opportunity to compare her baseline with her injury test. As a parent, it was a tangible piece of information that helped me gauge her brain's healing process.



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Athletics, CONTINUED

Santa Rosa High School Athletics

We are proud to offer a variety of sports for our students. If you are interested in possibly participating in athletics at SRHS, please fill out this form and tear off the bottom portion to maintain coaches contact information.

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Email: _____

Parents Phone Number: _____ Athlete's Phone Number: _____

What sport(s) are you interested in playing?

Fall: Football _____ Girls Soccer _____ Cross Country _____ Girls Tennis _____ Girls Golf _____ Volleyball _____

Winter: Basketball _____ Wrestling _____ Boys Soccer _____

Spring: Baseball _____ Softball _____ Boys Golf _____ Track and Field _____

Swimming and Diving _____ Boys Tennis _____ Badminton _____

If you are interested in playing sports for SRHS, you must fill out an athletic packet. These packets can be found in the main and attendance office at SRHS, or online at www.santarosahigh.net/athletics. This packet and the sports physical cannot be dated or submitted prior to June 1st, 2015. The packet needs to be turned in to the SRHS Attendance Office or during Athletic Packet Clearance Day. Please refer to the Panther Purr for Athletic Clearance Dates. Athletic packets **must** be turned in and cleared by the Athletic Directors before the student may try out for a sport or practice.

Tear off here.....

SRHS Coaches Information

Fall Sports

Football Coach: Denis Brunk brunkdenis@gmail.com
 Girls Tennis: Dustin St. John stjohn09@gmail.com
 Girls Soccer: Nikki Kumasaka nfalco2@hotmail.com
 Volleyball: Amber Oden odenpartyof5@att.net
 Girls Golf: Levi Jones ljones@srcs.k12.ca.us
 Cross Country: Doug Courtemarche zeemie@aol.com

Winter Sports

Boys Soccer: Antonio Garcia marco13g@msn.com
 Boys Basketball: John McGill johnmc@valleytire.com
 Girls Basketball: Jim Gomes jdgomes1329@yahoo.com
 Wrestling: TBA

Spring Sports

Baseball: Paige Dumont baseketball21@mail.com
 Softball: Jeff Pratt srpantherz@aol.com
 Boys Golf: Levi Jones ljones@srcs.k12.ca.us
 Boys Tennis: Dustin St. John stjohn09@gmail.com
 Track and Field: Doug Courtemarche zeemie@aol.com
 Badminton: Brett Williams bwpainting@aol.com
 Swimming & Diving: Erica Richards erichards78@gmail.com

Important Fall Sport Information

Athletic Packets can be picked up in the Main Office or downloaded online at www.santarosahigh.net/athletics

Fall Sport Athletic Packet Clearance, MPR: Aug. 6th

- 8:00-9:30 Football
- 9:30-10:30 Girls Tennis/Golf
- 10:30-12:00 Cross Country
- 12:00-1:00 Girls Soccer
- 1:00-2:00 Volleyball

Fall Sport Concussion Testing, Library: August 7th

- 7:45 Football Players
- 9:15 Girls Soccer
- 11:15 Volleyball
- 12:45 Cheer

First Day of Football Tryouts: August 10th

- Contact Coach Brunk for Details: brunkdenis@gmail.com

First Day of All other Fall Sports: August 17th

- Contact the Coaches directly for this information

Athletic Directors: Kris Bertsch kbertsch@srcs.k12.ca.us and Kathy Hower khower@srcs.k12.ca.us

SRHS Foundation



Santa Rosa High School Foundation

Ways to contribute and become part of us! No meetings - just opportunity!

Attend our events! Your ticket to a dinner, golf tournament or other event contributes to our efforts as well as reconnects you with other supporters! Watch for information: April Polenta Dinner; and September Golf Tournament. Just visit us online at www.SRHSE.org

Become a member! A small \$25 contribution will bring you the newsletter which contains SRHS history as well as information regarding the Foundation's current activities.

Buy an Auditorium Plaque! A plaque permanently affixed to a seat in the SRHS auditorium with a message of your choice can be purchased for \$150. Limitations are in place - forms are available online as well as in the SRHS main office. Profits are allocated to the Endowment Fund.

Send us a contribution!

Annual Fund Campaign - Monies donated in excess of membership which might be allocated to various programs/departments or any amount of broad school needs

Endowment Fund - Restricted/unrestricted - you make the call. Phone us - we will answer your questions.

ONE THOUSAND PANTHERS - A campaign recognizing you! Donations in increments of \$1,000. 'Pooled' funds and pledges are encouraged and welcome. Call us.

Planned Giving - Planned giving through a trust, bequest or other giving option. Call us and we will help!

The Santa Rosa High School Foundation: Call us at 707 571-7747 (The Pandly Line), email us at Donations@SRHSE.org or mail us at P. O. Box 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 95406. Gifts are tax deductible - as the Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation - 68-0195375

"Give it your best shot"

at the 20th Annual SRHS Foundation Golf Tournament

The SRHS Foundation will hold its Twentieth Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, September 11, 2015 at the Oakmont West Course. The proceeds from this tournament benefit SRHS student academic sports programs.

All graduates, friends and supporters of SRHS are invited to play in this well-attended and fun tournament. The flights are Men's and Coed. We continue to encourage more lady golfers to play and a special rate is available for our Super Seniors (75 years and over). Following golf is our dinner and action packed silent and live auctions. Non-golfer SRHS supports and non-golfing spouses are encouraged to join us for these post-golf activities that include a no-host cocktail party at 5:00 p.m.

If you, your class or your company would like to support us as a Tee Sponsor, the cost is only \$150 and you will have a large sign with your requested name placed on one of the holes and recognition listing in the tournament handouts. For questions about becoming a sponsor or about the tournament in general, please call the Pandly line at 707-571-7747 or email golf@srhsf.org. A tournament registration form is enclosed in this newsletter for your convenience.



SRHS Foundation SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION



20th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, September 11, 2015

Oakmont West Golf Course

Check in 11:15 a.m. Shotgun Start 12:45 p.m.

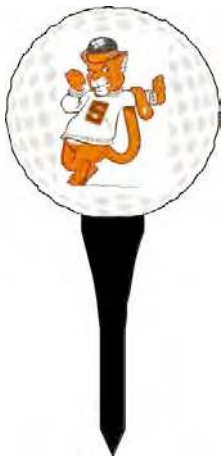
Registration Fee: \$150 per golfer or a special rate of \$120 for those Super Seniors (75 years or older) which includes:

- Golf Cart, Range Balls, Lunch with Soft Drinks
- 18 Holes of Golf - Four Person Scramble (Men's & Co-ed Flights)
- Awards Dinner And Auction Following in the Quail Inn, Guests Welcome

*Tee Prizes * Raffle Prizes * Silent/Live Auctions*

- Top Foursome Awards – Men's & Coed Flights
- Longest Drive - Men, Women and Seniors (65 and over)
- Closest to Pin - Men and Women
- Free Putting Contest 11:30 – 12:30

For more information contact: call our Pandey Line at 707-571-7747, email us at golf@srhsf.org or visit the SRHS Foundation Website at www.srhsf.org



Golf Tournament Registration Form



Mail registration form with check or credit card info to:

SRHS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT, P. O. Box 11006, Santa Rosa, CA 95406

Deadline for registration is Friday, August 28, 2015. No registration accepted without entry fees or index/handicap/average scoring information.

Name _____ Super Senior (Y/N) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Credit Card Info: VISA _____ MC _____ No. _____ Exp. Date. _____

Authorized Signature _____ Verification Number _____

Please provide current: GHIN # _____

Index _____ or Handicap _____ or Average of last five 18 hole rounds _____

I'll be playing with: _____

Please check all appropriate spaces:

_____ Men's _____ Coed Flight _____

_____ Please Arrange foursome _____

_____ I will/will not attend dinner _____

_____ I attended SRHS, Class of _____

Super Senior golf w/cart (\$120) _____

Under 75 Golfers w/cart (\$150) _____

Guest dinners @ \$45 _____

Guest Name _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

_____ Sorry, can't make it this year, but here's my donation of _____ to support the tournament.

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Santa Rosa High School Foundation

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We are in our 5th year, keeping our eye on the goal. Have you joined our Parade?

Our year end campaign added 30 new Panthers. Here is how we are doing in 2015.

Our goal continues to add UNRESTRICTED capital to the SRHSF Endowment Fund by promoting donations to reach a goal of \$1 million. The campaign began in 2011 and will continue until the goal is met.

The earnings on these unrestricted funds will ensure an ongoing annual means of providing financial resources for SRHS student academic and athletic enhancement programs. The Foundation's Board of Directors approves funding requests made by students, faculty or administrators through a monthly grant process.

Donations can be made with cash, checks, and credit cards from individuals and groups (pooled) or employer matching funds and can include pledges over 2, 4, and 5 years. Marketable stocks and IRA distributions directed to the Foundation are another choice. In addition, you can join a fund as an individual. Just designate that you want your donation to join the ONE THOUSAND PANTHERS Pandy Fund.

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Ann Hutchinson Porrino, OTP Chair

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Santa Rosa High School Foundation Teams with Amazon to Help Students

The Santa Rosa High School Foundation has adopted a new program offered by Amazon.com called AmazonSmile. This is a program where Amazon donates 0.5% of eligible products to a charitable organization selected by the customer.

In order to participate in the program, please register at www.smile.amazon.com! Just type in "Santa Rosa High School Foundation" as your charitable organization. You will find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon.com will donate a portion of the purchase price to the Santa Rosa High School Foundation. All donations will be distributed through our Panther Project Fund grant process, which supplies money to teachers or students for special projects, classroom supplies and educational trips. You use the same log in and password on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, wish list, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same. Donations are only made through AmazonSmile so make sure you bookmark the AmazonSmile site to shop.

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Contact:.....Jim Ward, President, info@SRHSF.org, 571-7747

Website:.....www.SRHSF.org

Next meeting.....May 12, 4:30 p.m. in the SRHS Library

Name: _____ Maiden: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Preference: Email US Mail

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

You are: SRHS grad, year ____ SRHS spouse grad, year ____ Parent of SRHS student(s), year(s) ____

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