



SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL

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The Principal's Message

Hello Parents / Guardians,

August 7, 2009

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year. I am excited about welcoming our incoming class of 2013 to Santa Rosa High School, as well as our returning upperclassmen. The 2009-2010 school year will officially begin on August 17th, at 8:00 am. I hope you had a restful summer break and you are ready for an exciting new school year. The beginning of each year is always filled with anticipation, joy and reunion of friends who have not seen each other since the end of May. Freshmen are somewhat timid, coming to a new campus, having left their comfort zone behind. They do quickly acclimate to their new surroundings and will feel right at home within days. So parents, do not worry, this fear of moving on to high school will pass rapidly.

Our custodians have been working diligently cleaning and sprucing up our campus in preparation for the start of school. Hallways are waxed, gym floors are redone and carpets have been shampooed. Our grounds & maintenance department has been working hard to keep all of the school campuses looking clean and sharp and they have done a great job so far with Santa Rosa High School. They are responsible in cutting our lawns, trimming our bushes and trees and removing debris from our grounds. Teachers too are in preparation mode for the start of the school year and have been returning to classrooms in anticipation of our start on August 17.

To stay updated with the activities occurring on campus. Please refer to our website, <http://www.santarosahighschool.net>, where you will be able to click on the calendar and find most activities listed. Sport schedules will also be listed here. For those of you with children active in sports, we are trying something new at SRHS this year. We plan to run a Fall Banquet for all fall sports near the end of the season, so our players will have a chance to acknowledge each other and come together to celebrate the accomplishments and efforts of all who participate in our fall athletic programs. After our banquet and brief introductions, each sport will be able to split off into separate areas to acknowledge the members of the individual sport. More information will be forthcoming as the season progresses.

This past year we saw PAC, the Panther Athletic Club step back from hosting our snack bar located on Nevers Field during football games and soccer matches. Many thanks to Jeff and Jolene Pratt for stepping up and taking over the helm of this vital commodity for SRHS. Last fall, at the start of the fall season, Jeff and Jolene single handily organized volunteers to run our snack bar for the remainder of the season and carried this through the rest of the year. To many, what may appear as a simple operation (its not!) to provide hotdogs, nachos & chips, drinks and a sundry of other goodies is really a well thought out plan. At the busiest of times they serve hundreds of patrons in only minutes due to rushes at half time and pre-game warm ups. This snack bar is the primary funding source for many of our athletic teams that do not draw a particularly large admission gates or no gate whatsoever. This revenue

from our snack bar is essential to pay for their equipment and uniforms. Without this revenue, teams like tennis, golf, badminton and swimming would not be self sufficient and are not able to pay for their equipment. The snack bar makes it possible for these sports to continue. If you have some free time to donate on a Friday night and/or a Saturday afternoon, please contact the school at 528-5291 and connect with our attendance office. They will forward your name to the Pratt's who will contact you directly. Even if you only have one night to give, it goes 100% to our athletic programs and support of your children who participate in all sports throughout the year. Jeff and Jolene Pratt are unpaid volunteers and I am grateful for their service to Santa Rosa High School.

Orientation is next week for all students. Orientation packets were sent out to all families, but in case you have misplaced yours, the schedule is listed below. During orientation, parents and students will be able to pickup class schedules, complete their emergency contact information, get student pictures taken for our records, yearbook and for ASB cards. ASB stands for Associated Student Body, and if students purchase this card they will be able to attend home sporting events for free and be able to save money in purchasing dance tickets and supplies in our student store. Parents and students will also be able to purchase PE lockers, PE clothing and locks for hallway lockers during orientation. Students will also get their locker assignment this day and may begin using them immediately. There will also be a couple of tables hosted by parent volunteers to promote their organization(s). You are encouraged to pay them a brief visit to see if you are interested in joining the SRHS Foundation, Ag. Boosters, Friends of ArtQuest, Music Boosters, and/or STP (Student Teacher Parent organization). They need YOU!

Calendar of upcoming events:

Date:	Time:	Location:	Event:
August 10	7 pm	SRHS Auditorium	Welcome to freshmen and new students
August 11	9 am – Noon	SRHS South Gym	Freshmen Orientation

Due to possible overcrowding, it is suggested that Freshman arrive according to the below time intervals.

Student Birth Month	Orientation time reserved
Jan, Feb	9:00 am – 9:45 am
Mar., Apr., May.	9:45am – 10:30 am
June, July, Aug, September	10:30 am – 11:15 am
Oct., Nov., Dec.	11:15 am – 12:00 noon

August 12 8:30 am – 1 pm SRHS South Gym Upperclassmen Orientation

Please follow the suggested schedule to help facilitate a smooth operation

Seniors	8:30 am - 10:00 am
Juniors	10:00 am – 11:30 am
Sophomores	11:30 am – 1:00 pm

August 13 Teachers return to work

August 17 Students return to school to begin the 2009-2010 school year.

September 7 No School – Labor Day Holiday

Attached you will find a welcome back letter from Superintendent Liddell. This should have been attached in a previous mailing, but I have included it in this mailing as well to ensure as many parents received her message as possible.

This newsletter, The Principal's Message will be a bi-monthly newsletter, issued on the first and third Friday of each month.

Fireside Chats have been renamed to The Principal's Coffee Hour and will occur in our high school library every third Wednesday of each month, from 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm. The Principal's Coffee Hour is an open forum to ask and discuss issues surrounding our school. A principle topic will be the focus each month, but we will definitely be able to drift from topic to topic depending on interest. On September 16, I will host The Principal's Coffee Hour for the first time this year. Our subject that evening will be dance rules, dancing fashion and should it be regulated? This is a contentious subject every principal wrestles with yearly. I will obtain a video that will illustrate what freak dancing looks like in the basic form and in the extreme form.

One last comment. I would like to hear from parents about how we are doing as a school. Often times I only hear from the negative side of the world and would like to hear about what you like about Santa Rosa High School, if a staff member went out of their way to help you or your child, if positive things are happening for your son or daughter, if my administrative team is doing their best to serve our community, and if I am meeting expectations from the parents and students I serve. Of course if you have negative comments, I want to hear these as well and hopefully given an opportunity to resolve the issue. Feedback is a necessary commodity for our improvement.

Welcome back!

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