

# PANTHER PURR

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## Principal Update



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### STAR Testing

STAR Testing (Standardized Testing and Reporting) will take place for all freshman, sophomores and juniors on April 6–April 28. It is a major component of evaluating how well your child is progressing in English, Science, Social Studies and Math. These tests are also used by the State of California to evaluate how well Santa Rosa High students perform. And these tests are the basis for our federal Annual Yearly Progress (AYP). As you may already be aware, Santa Rosa City Schools has fallen into program improvement due to not meeting progress in certain target groups. Therefore, it is imperative that all students take this test, and do their best. This test is mandated by the state of California and the state requires a 100% participation rate.

The test dates for the **STAR** test are:

- Tuesday, April 7, Math
- Thursday, April 9, English
- Tuesday, April 14, Social Studies
- Thursday and Friday, April 16-17, Science test done in English classes (all students)
- Tuesday and Wednesday, April 21-22, Science testing for students with science classes

Parents can greatly help with our participation and academic goals by following these simple steps:

- Make sure your child is present and on time for school each day.
- Do not schedule appointments during the testing window (April 7-22).
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep.
- Have your child eat a nutritious breakfast.
- Talk to your child about the testing. Encourage them to do their best (they may earn a reserved parking space if they are a junior).

Please support your child and the school by encouraging your child(ren) to do their best and help us reach our goals.

### Graduation 2009

For the past many years, graduation has been held next door at the Santa Rosa Junior College Bailey Field. Once again, graduation for the class of 2009 will be held on Bailey Field. But it will begin at 6:00 p.m. instead of 7:00 p.m. The reason for this change is to return it back to the original start time. After polling parents, students and teachers, the overwhelming response was to have graduation earlier so the graduates can have some time with their families after graduation to take pictures, socialize or enjoy dinner. In the recent past, students left graduation and many went straight to Project Grad. Project Grad is an evening celebration at the high school that begins at 9:00 p.m. and goes to 4:00 a.m. the next morning. Consequently, many graduates did not get time with their families prior to attending Project Grad. Hopefully, moving the time to 6:00 p.m. will be good for all. Graduation should end around 7:30 p.m. and allow students time with family and friends before attending Project Grad. No graduate should miss such an elaborate and fun evening with their classmates!

Thank you for your continuing support of Santa Rosa High School.

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# Calendar

(more calendar at [www.santarosahighschool.net](http://www.santarosahighschool.net))



	EVENT	DETAILS
April	2 Artquest 16th Annual Spring Showcase	6:30 p.m., Auditorium
	2 College Information Night	6:30 p.m., Library
	3 Deadline for 2009-2010 ArtQuest Applications	
	4 ACT	Register online @ <a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>
	6 Lorenzo's Day at Chevy's	11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., Chevy's
	6 Choral Booster Meeting	7:00 p.m., Choir Room
	6 STP Meeting	7:00 p.m., Teacher's Lounge
	6 Workshop: College Search and College Essays	7:30 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room
	10 Non-instructional Day	No School
	13 Non-instructional Day	No School
	14 Ag Boosters Meeting	7:00 p.m., Ag Office
14-17	Oral Grades	
	15 Fireside Chat with Principal Goddard	6:30 p.m., Library (park in North lot)
	18 CSU placement tests	SSU Testing Services, 664-2947
	21 Project Grad General Meeting	7:00 p.m., Library
6-24	STAR Testing	(see page 1)
	24 SRJC Lottery request due	Counselors Office
24-25	Artquest Intermediate Dance Performs "Shota"	7:30 p.m., Auditorium
	28 New Student Registration	1:00 p.m., SRHS Library
	29 North Bay College Fair	9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Sonoma State Universit
May	1 Artquest Choral Command Performance	7:00 p.m., Auditorium
	1 SAT and Subject Tests	Register online @ <a href="http://www.collegeboard.org">www.collegeboard.org</a>
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	2 CSU placement tests	SSU Testing Services, 664-2947
	2 Prom (Fly Me To The Moon)	
	4 Choral Booster Meeting	7:00 p.m., Choir Room
	5 Project Grad General Meeting	7:00 p.m., Library
	6 Artquest Instrumental Spring Concert	7:30 p.m., Auditorium
	7 Artquest Parting Shots Film Festival	6:30 p.m., Auditorium
	11 STP Meeting	7:30 p.m., Teacher's Lounge
	12 Ag Boosters Meeting	7:00 p.m., Ag Office
	12 Artquest Zone of Focus Opening Reception	4:00 - 6:00 p.m., SSU Schulz Library Gallery
	12 CAHSEE English	Sophomores and Juniors
	13 CAHSEE Math	Sophomores and Juniors
	14 Non-Senior Awards	
	16 Artquest Dance Company Performs "Currents"	7:30 p.m., Auditorium
	17 Artquest Dance Company Performs "Currents"	2:00 p.m., Auditorim
	19 Project Grad General Meeting	7:00 p.m., Library
	21 Senior Awards	
22-29	Project Grad Set-up	Contact Marcia Luisi at 557-0538
	25 Memorial Day	No School
27-29	Final Exams	Minimum Days (dismissal at 12:20 p.m.)
	29 Last day of school	
	29 Graduation	
	29 Project Grad	9:00 p.m.-- 4:00 a.m.
	30 Project Grad Clean-up	6:00 a.m. -- 12:00 p.m.

**Panther Purr** is a publication of SRHS Student Teacher Parent Organization. It is published the first week of each month. It is designed to provide information about SRHS to student families. Spanish translations are provided by SRHS 3rd Year Spanish for Spanish Speakers. Articles and advertisements may be submitted to Marla Stuart ([syngesis@yahoo.com](mailto:syngesis@yahoo.com), 528-7758). The deadline for the final 2008-2009 issue is April 1 for the May issue. The first deadline for 2009-2010 is July 3 for the August issue.

## Counselors' Corner

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## Summer School Information

See pages 4 and 5.

## Summer School at SRJC

The California Education Code requires community colleges to limit high school student enrollment during the summer session. Therefore, a lottery will be conducted to fairly select the students who may attend the Santa Rosa Junior College summer session. Students who wish to attend must sign up for the lottery in the Counseling Office between April 14 and 24 and turn in a completed concurrent enrollment form (available in the SRHS counseling office). All requests must be received by April 24 at 3:00 p.m. The list of candidates selected by the lottery will be posted in the display cases in the main hall on Monday, April 27. A waiting list will be created to prioritize students who were not selected in the first drawing should a slot open up before college classes begin in June. Lottery candidates intending to apply to SRJC for summer enrollment must apply to Santa Rosa Junior College online at [www.santarosa.edu](http://www.santarosa.edu). SRJC has designated priority web and telephone registration dates for high school students for the summer session so they will have a better chance of finding open courses before new students begin enrolling. The two days of priority registration are May 7 and 8. A schedule of SRJC summer school classes and fee information is available at [www.santarosa.edu](http://www.santarosa.edu).

## New Student Registration

On Tuesday, April 28 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. in the SRHS library incoming students for the 2009 -2010 school year that live in the SRHS attendance area or have been approved for an inter or intra district transfer are invited to attend. Students will learn about graduation requirements and course offerings, as well as submit schedule requests. Santa Rosa Middle School students do not need to attend, as they have already submitted their schedule requests.

## Free Tutoring

Free tutoring is now available to any student seeking support! Tutoring is every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in room 139. A list of student tutors is also available in the counseling office. Student tutors charge a small fee for their services.

## College Fair at SSU

Colleges and universities from across the nation will be represented at the North Bay College Fair at Sonoma State University on Wednesday, April 29 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the main gymnasium. Representatives from a variety of public, private and specialized schools will be on hand to answer questions and give out information on financial aid and the admission process.

## SRJC Orientation Classes

The SRJC Counseling 370 class provides a basic overview of the programs and courses offered at Santa Rosa Junior College, services available to students, college procedures, and the College's expectations of students. The class is taken as a Credit/No Credit course. Students who successfully complete a Counseling 370 course will receive Priority IV registration, allowing students to register for fall classes at the end of June. Seniors who plan on attending SRJC will be able to fill out an application and enroll in the Counseling 370 course through their senior English class. Dates to be announced.

## College Admissions Tests

College-bound students need to be aware of which tests are required for each school. Most colleges accept either the SAT or the ACT. Counselors recommend that students take one of each, as statistically 50 percent of students score higher on one than the other, but there is no way to predict on which one a particular student will score higher. One or more of the SAT subject tests are also required for admission to UC and some private schools. Consider taking the SAT subject tests immediately following the completion of the related class. Juniors are well advised to take these tests in the spring to avoid college admissions delays. For more information on registration, testing dates and locations, fees, and test preparation, visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org).

## CSU Placement Exams

Most students planning to attend a California State University are required to take English and math placement tests. The test can be taken at Sonoma State University, regardless of which campus you wish to attend. Upcoming testing dates are April 18 and May 2. The registration deadlines for these dates are April 6 and April 20, respectively. Contact SSU Testing Services at 664-2947 to reserve your seat and obtain further information, or register online at [www.sonoma.edu/sas/testing/](http://www.sonoma.edu/sas/testing/).



## Important changes to the high school summer school program for 2009

### CAHSEE REQUIREMENT AND CREDIT RECOVERY

State budget reductions will once again affect our summer school programs. We are thankful that with the limited funding sources available to us, we can still provide services to:

- those 12<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade students in need of passing the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE), a state requirement for receiving a high school diploma,
- those 12<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade students with a deficiency of 10 credits or less and in need of repeating a failed course in English and/or math in order to meet district graduation requirements.

A student needing credit recovery in courses other than English and math or whose credit deficiency total exceeds 10 credits, will be put into Priority Enrollment. The Priority Enrollment procedure will be implemented in order to address the highest student need (Board Policy 6173). The "Table for Determining Priority Enrollment" on the back of this letter provides more details. Students in need of credit recovery, who cannot be accommodated prior to the start of the summer session, may be placed on a wait list for possible enrollment. However, there are no guarantees of placement.

**DATES:** Monday, June 8 through Monday, July 13, 2009 (25 days)  
Friday, July 3 is the Independence Day holiday and school is not in session.

**TIMES:** 8:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

**LOCATIONS:** Elsie Allen and an eastside site to be determined.

### CLASS STANDING AND REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

According to Board Policy 5126, **9<sup>th</sup> grade students** in the class of 2012, must meet new unit requirements in order to be promoted to 10<sup>th</sup> grade class standing. Under this revised policy, Santa Rosa City Schools must offer a credit recovery program to 9<sup>th</sup> grade students who:

- failed their freshman English and/or math course, as determined by their final grade at the end of second semester,
- earned less than 40 credits total, as determined by their final grades at the end of second semester

High school counselors will be reviewing first semester and third quarter grades for 9<sup>th</sup> graders during the month of March. Students who are at risk of not meeting the class standing and unit requirements for promotion to 10<sup>th</sup> grade will be notified, along with their parent/guardian. A summer program of credit recovery for these retained 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be provided using a separate state funding source. A student who meets the class standing and unit requirement by successfully completing summer school will be eligible for promotion to 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

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**TIMES:** 8:00 a.m. –1:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Ridgway High School.

Thank you for working with us to ensure that your student completes high school successfully.

Sincerely,

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**Table for Determining Summer School Priority Enrollment**

<b>Priority Enrollment</b>	<b>Grade level in 2008-09</b>	<b>Description of Eligibility</b>	<b>Courses</b>	<b>Projected Graduating class</b>
#1	12 <sup>th</sup>	-Passed CAHSEE -Need credit recovery of 10 or less core course credits in order to graduate by the following August*	Enroll in core classes to satisfy graduation requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ English, Mathematics, Social sciences, Science, World languages, Visual &amp; performing arts, Physical education per EC 51220</li> </ul>	2009-2010 * or 2008-09 with Principal's permission
#2	12 <sup>th</sup>	-Passed CAHSEE -Need credit recovery of 10 or more course credits in order to meet graduation requirements	Enroll in core classes to satisfy graduation requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ English, Mathematics, Social sciences, Science, World languages, Visual &amp; performing arts, Physical education per EC 51220</li> </ul>	2009-2010
#3	12 <sup>th</sup>	-Did not pass CAHSEE -Need credit recovery of 10 or more core course credits in order to meet graduation requirements	Enroll in core classes to satisfy graduation requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ English, Mathematics, Social sciences, Science, World languages, Visual &amp; performing arts, Physical education per EC 51220</li> </ul>	2009-2010
#4	11 <sup>th</sup>	-Need credit recovery of 10 or less core course credits in order to meet graduation requirements	Enroll in core classes to satisfy graduation requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ English, Mathematics, Social sciences, Science, World languages, Visual &amp; performing arts, Physical education per EC 51220</li> </ul>	2009-2010
#5	11 <sup>th</sup>	-Need credit recovery of 10 or more course credits in order to meet graduation requirements.	Enroll in core classes to satisfy graduation requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ English, Mathematics, Social sciences, Science, World languages, Visual &amp; performing arts, Physical education per EC 51220</li> </ul>	2009-2010
#6	10 <sup>th</sup>	-Need credit recovery of 10 or less course credits in order to meet graduation requirements	Enroll in core classes to satisfy graduation requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ English, Mathematics, Social sciences, Science, World languages, Visual &amp; performing arts, Physical education per EC 51220</li> </ul>	2010-2011
#7	10 <sup>th</sup>	-Need credit recovery of 10 or more core course credits in order to meet graduation requirements.	Enroll in core classes to satisfy graduation requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ English, Mathematics, Social sciences, Science, World languages, Visual &amp; performing arts, Physical education per EC 51220</li> </ul>	2010-2011

**Summer School Dates**

Monday, June 8- Monday, July 13, 2009 (25 days)

Friday, July 3 observed as the Independence Day holiday

# Student.Teacher.Parent (STP) Update



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Spring is here! Enjoy the nice weather but remember to stay safe.

In the past couple of months, STP hosted a presentation on learning styles and a parent panel with great college information. Coming up we have:

- **April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room:** A brief STP meeting will be followed by our guest speaker, Karen White. She is a professional college admissions counselor and also reads and evaluates college admissions essays for UC Berkeley. She will give tips on essay writing and organizing your college search, and will identify private colleges that students might want to consider.
- **May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the staff lounge:** We will recap the year and make plans for Back-to-School activities.

Santa Rosa High offers wonderful opportunities to students - many of which would not be possible without parent volunteers. Project Grad is a spectacular and safe way to congratulate graduating seniors for four years of hard work. If you have not yet signed up to help, it's not too late! Other parent groups supporting our programs would also welcome your help, even if your student is not part of a specialty program within the school. Friends of Art Quest, the Choral

Boosters, the Instrumental Music Boosters, the Athletic Club, the Ag Boosters, the Foundation, and (of course) the Student Teacher Parent Organization (STP) are always looking for additional volunteers.

STP is already working to fill positions for next year's Board. We are grateful to those who are willing to continue in their roles and are looking for a few new members. Board positions may be filled by co-representatives, so if you are concerned about juggling STP with other commitments, find a friend and share the job. Becoming part of STP is a great way to stay informed about school issues and events, meet other parents and school administrators, and contribute to our wonderful school.

Please call me or drop me an e-mail if you would like information about how you can help.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 SRHS Ag Boosters Annual Fundraiser  
 June 20, 2009  
 An evening of delicious food and surprises!  
 More to be announced soon!

## Student.Teacher.Parent Organization (STP) MEMBERSHIP FORM

Membership is the only fund raiser for STP. STP supports student activities including orientation, teacher appreciations, Prom, back-to-school night, and senior awards. Thank you for supporting STP activities!

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Donation                      \$20                      \$30                      \$50                      \$100                      Other

Please return with cash or check (payable to SRHS STP)  
 STP mailbox in the Main Office  
 Or STP Membership, 1235 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa CA 95401

# SRHS Foundation

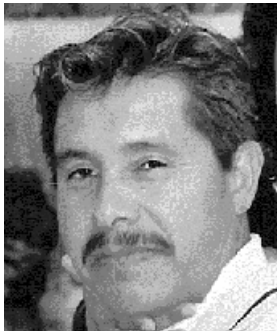


Doug Pavese  
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The Santa Rosa High School Foundation continues to fund important projects, teacher requests, and to financially support SRHS in a variety of ways. The following items were approved for funding in March, 2009:

- 5 mini-DV camcorders for English Department ..... \$750
- 16 microscope mechanical stages for Biology Department ..... \$816
- Offset for 4 gold medal SkillsUSA students to attend California State competition ..... \$2,000
- 10 electronic tables for ArtQuest Digital Arts ..... \$2,750
- MARCH TOTAL ..... \$6,316

This year, the Foundation has donated **\$222,164** to support programs and students at SRHS. If you haven't already joined, now is the time to join and be a part of this great organization. To join, visit the website ([www.srhsf.org](http://www.srhsf.org)) to learn more and to join on-line.



## ***LORENZO'S DAY AT CHEVY'S***

Enjoy Chevy's Fresh Mex and Support the Lorenzo Solis Scholarship Fund at Santa Rosa High School

- **Monday, April 6, 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.**
- Chevy's Fresh Mex Restaurant in Santa Rosa's Railroad Square
- **Be sure to bring this flyer**
- 25% of the cost of your meal (liquor & tax excluded) will go directly to the Lorenzo Solis Scholarship Fund
- This scholarship honors the memory of a dedicated and hardworking custodian at SRHS who died from a heart attack on his way to work. Lorenzo was the "linchpin" that kept his school operating smoothly
- This is a one-of-a-kind scholarship that will be awarded each year to the SRHS student who best displays Lorenzo's attitude, values and work ethic

**REMEMBER TO BRING THIS FLYER AND PRESENT IT TO YOUR SERVER!**

**OR**

Donations may be sent directly to the Lorenzo Solis Scholarship Fund,  
2024 Siesta Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95404

**Go, Panthers!**

**Go, Chevy's!**

# Automotives Needs Cars

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Santa Rosa High School automotives needs steel shelving (as large as 4 feet wide by 7 feet high) for storing engine projects. We continue to need your unwanted car or truck – running or not. We fix some to raise money to support the program and use others for training and then recycle them. **Please feel free to contact me for more information about donating shelving or cars.** You will be able to deduct the donation on your income taxes if you wish. Thank you for your support!



Project Grad cordially invites you to the  
The 10th Annual  
**APRIL FOOL'S DAY BALL**

DATE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 2009  
PLACE: YOUR FAVORITE HAUNT!  
TIME: WHENEVER YOU WANT!  
DRESS: WHATEVER FEELS GOOD!

- \$20-25..... permits you to miss the Ball entirely!
- \$30-35..... Entitles you to skip the Ball AND the party before!
- \$40-45..... Now you get to skip the Ball, forget the party, AND the After-Ball Reception with watery drinks and small talk!!!
- \$50 and Over ..... WOW! You can skip the whole evening and be on the guest list for next year's Ball!!!

*NOTE: This is a fundraiser for Project Grad 2009. Your contribution will help fund prizes, decorations, food, drinks and entertainment for the class of 2009. Your help is greatly appreciated! Please except our sincere THANKS!*

I appreciate the invitation to the Ball and enclose \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your tax-deductible contribution to SRHS PROJECT GRADUATION  
c/o Gail Marsh, 5866 Leona Court, Windsor, CA 95492



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Diagnostic Test (Call to schedule now)

**\$100 OFF 24 hours SAT Preparation Sessions**

Applicable to

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Small Group Sessions (2-4) for \$850

One-to-One Sessions for \$1,350

**Tutoring in**

**SAT Math I/II, Writing, Critical Reading,  
Grammar, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Literature,  
Trigonometry and more  
for 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades.**

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**GLOBAL ACADEMY**

1451 Guerneville Road

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(One block west of Coddington Mall)

# Project Grad 2009

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Project Grad relies on donations of great **prizes** to give away, and **cash** or **food/beverages** to help create an "over the top" event!

## Parents, we need YOUR help!

Please call Diane Horn or visit our web site or talk to one of our awesome chairs about ways you can help the class of 2009!

We are hard at work preparing for one of the most fabulous Project Graduation parties ever! The theme for this year's Graduation Night extravaganza is Island Hopping.

How can you help? Good question!

- **Senior parents:** There's a lot that senior parents can do. To help at our decoration workdays contact Marcia Seim-Bossier (527-9361) for information, or to help set-up the rooms beginning a week before the event contact Paige Sobel (525-8844) or Marcia Luisi (577-0538).
- **Freshman, Sophomore, & Junior parents:** You too can help work on decorations and set-up for the event. One of the best ways you can help is to work the night of the event because senior parents do not work at the party. Contact Patty Collis (528-0359) and sign up today!

Another great way to support Project Grad is to 'attend' our annual April Fool's Ball. This is an important fundraiser to ensure the continued success of Project Grad; please check out the ad on the next page for details.

*Beginning with the class of 2009, Project Graduation will begin at 8:30 pm, one half hour earlier than in the past. Graduates will have time after graduation to take pictures with family and friends and then it's off to Project Graduation. Take a moment to go to our web page [srhsprojectgrad.com](http://srhsprojectgrad.com) to fill out a reservation and liability form. Contact Mary Lou Smith (575-7301) if you have questions. Don't forget to submit a photo for Grad Night "Memory Lane." Call Janet Parente (573-1877) with questions*

We guarantee that no matter how you choose to get involved, it will be a very rewarding experience. Whether it is by helping now with decorations, setting up the week before, or working the night of the event, your time and dedication will have contributed to keeping our children safe.

Please join us Tuesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the SRHS Library for the next Project Graduation meeting.

## Project Grad Needs Your Help!

We realized with today's economy times are tough, so here is an easy and inexpensive way for you to HELP!

### GIFT CARDS ARE NEEDED

From places like ...

Starbucks	Juice Shack	BestBuy	In-N-Out	Macy's
Target	Cinemas	Walmart	Gas Cards	Restaurants

... or anyplace else YOU think a graduating senior would like.

Graduation is approaching quickly!! Send donations to the high school or contact Denise Ziskin at 836-9757, Kellie Lomeli at 541-0961, or Sharon Battaglia at 570-2514. THANK YOU!

## Parents of all grade levels — Come Join the Fun!

We need your help to set-up for the Project Graduation party! This amazing party starts with your help on Memorial Day weekend (May 22-25), continues evenings May 26-28, and continues the day of graduation on May 29. For more information and to sign up, please contact Marcia Luisi ([mluisi@sonic.net](mailto:mluisi@sonic.net) or 577-0538) or Paige Sobel ([nsdpaige@sonic.net](mailto:nsdpaige@sonic.net)).

## Baby/Toddler Photos needed for Memory Lane

We need a baby or toddler photo of your graduate for Grad Night "Memory Lane." Please give us a photo that you don't want back (copies are okay). Best sizes are 5 x 7 and 4 x 6. Send photos to SRHS Project Grad, Memory Lane, 1235 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA. 95404. **Do it now so you don't forget!**

## Project Grad Beverages Donations Request

Sippin' drinks on dah hot sand where dah sun so hot and dah ocean so cool! Please donate drinks to Project Grad. We be island hoppin' fo' Arizona Iced Tea (in cans), Soft Drinks (any kind in cans), an' Club soda (in 2-liter bottles). Fo' delivery info e-mail Cynthia Leung at [csleung@sbcglobal.net](mailto:csleung@sbcglobal.net) or Barbara McGillivary at [mcgillca@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mcgillca@sbcglobal.net). T'anks brah! Eh, an' Mahalo, too.

## Donate to Reservations Scholarship Fund

The Project Graduation committee has a Scholarship Fund which allows students to attend Project Grad who could not otherwise afford to do so. Your contribution of any amount to the Scholarship Fund is sincerely appreciated, with great thanks for helping make this a night to remember for ALL of our graduating students! To make a donation to the Scholarship Fund, please make your check payable to SRHS Project Grad and put "Scholarship" on the memo line. Drop it off in the main office Project Grad mail box or send it to Mary Lou Smith, 2329 Teasdale Lane, Santa Rosa, CA 95401. No graduating senior is turned away from Project Grad for lack of funds. Students who need assistance purchasing their Project Grad reservation should speak with Ms. Baldenegro or Mr. Coscarelli.



## I will help with Project Grad!

- Pre-Party Preparations**  
Help with decorations, fundraising, reservations, staffing, or food.
- Party Set-up**  
Set-up begins on the evening of Friday, May 22, and continues daily until Friday, May 29. Many volunteers are needed this week – primarily in the evenings.
- Night of the Party**  
Over 250 volunteers (Freshman, Sophomore, and Junior parents only) are needed to help staff the party (coat check, beverages, food, carnival, casino, prizes, chaperoning, and entertainment) from 8:30 p.m. until 4:00a.m.
- After the Party**  
All parents are needed to help with clean-up Saturday morning, May 30, from 6:00 am to noon.
- Committee Positions** (these positions are vacant – please circle the position you can fill)  
Project Grad Co-Chair, Chaperoning Co-Chair, Clean-up Co-Chair, Mugs & Water Co-Chairs
- Donate**  
Last year 60 individuals and families donated funds to support Project Grad (enclose a check made out to Project Grad)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Student(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Year(s) Graduating \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to Patty Collis at 22 Noonan Ranch Circle, Santa Rosa CA 95403 or e-mail [gocollis@comcast.net](mailto:gocollis@comcast.net)  
Or drop off in the Project Grad Mailbox in the SRHS Main Office

# ArtQuest NEWS!

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## 15th Annual Spring Showcase April 2

The 15th Annual ArtQuest Spring Showcase will be held Thursday, April 2, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the SRHS Auditorium and continuing to several other venues. Student work and performances from the 2008-09 school year will be exhibited and performed including those focusing on "PROject eARTh," the 2008-09 AQ Theme. Save the date for this comprehensive look at a little of everything that ArtQuest students and staff have achieved this year! Free to all; invite your friends and family! Refreshments provided by "Friends of ArtQuest."

## Last Chance to Get Application Decision

If you are thinking of applying to ArtQuest for next Fall, DO IT NOW! ArtQuest applicants who wish to have an acceptance decision before the end of school this year must submit their application by Friday, April 3. Applying by this date will also give you the best chance of getting your first choice Arts Specialty. Application Packets are available to pick up in the SRHS Main Office or the ArtQuest Office (Room 21) in the Arts Complex.

If you have questions about the ArtQuest program or the application process, come into the AQ Office or email or call Jan Sofie, AQ Program Director (jsocie@srcs.k12.ca.us or 528-5070 X6765) or the AQ Program Assistant, Lisa Schoutsen (lschoutsen@srcs.k12.ca.us or 528-5070 X6789). If you can't come in to pick up an Application Packet during regular school hours, call to request that one be mailed to you. Application Packets contain detailed information about the program and the application process, as well as specific contact information for various program instructors, etc. You may also download and print out the Packet at [www.artquestonline.org](http://www.artquestonline.org).

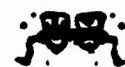
ArtQuest offers eight Arts Specialty disciplines including Digital Arts, Photography, Video Arts, Visual Fine Arts, Dance, Instrumental Music, Theatre Arts, and Vocal Music. Students may also take "core-related" classes connected to the ArtQuest program. Beginning its 16th year next fall, ArtQuest is a consistently award-winning program. It was originally designed in 1994 as a specialized program for students who wish to focus on the arts during their high school years and for whom "creativity is of paramount importance." Don't hesitate to apply! ArtQuest has a place for many kinds of artists and students, especially those who are intrigued by the creative problem-solving process. We'll help you with the application process, too.

## "Zone of Focus" opens May 12

This year's 10th "Zone of Focus" photography exhibition will be held at the Sonoma State University Schulz Library Gallery. The Opening Reception is Thursday, May 12 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The exhibit runs through June 29. The exhibition, originated and developed by AQ Photography instructor Tanya Braunstein, is a professionally juried show open to all high school photographers with both film and digital categories. Approximately 60 works are juried into the show from about 650 entries and there are substantial cash awards for the top selections from various arts organizations, individuals, and groups. The SSU "Gallery and Museum Methods" class will assist with the design and installation of the exhibition. For more information, to help with the event, or to establish your own award, please visit the website at [www.zoneoffocus.org](http://www.zoneoffocus.org) or contact Ms. Braunstein at [tbraunstein@srcs.k12.ca.us](mailto:tbraunstein@srcs.k12.ca.us) or 528-5070 ext. 6712.

## Advanced Dance Company performs "Currents"

On Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m. the Advanced Dance Company will perform "Currents," a fascinating and exciting synthesis of contemporary dance directed by Ms. Elizabeth Evans. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, and \$8 for adults.



## Spring Concerts

Friday, May 1, Choral Music will perform their "Command Performance." This final choral presentation will be in the auditorium. Don't miss captivating performances by Las Choralistas, Acappella, Concert Choir, and Chamber Singers. Tickets are \$5 for general seating and \$10 for premium reserved seating. Purchase tickets by calling the Choral Booster hotline at 547-9000 or from any choral student. Instrumental Music will perform their Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 6 in the Auditorium. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students. Tickets are on sale at the door or through an instrumental music student.

## AQ Dance Performances Leap into Spring!

Dance instructor Josh Zimmermann will debut as Director of the ArtQuest Intermediate Dance Show, performing on Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25. "Shota" will be performed at 7:30 p.m., in the SRHS Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for students and seniors, and \$8 for adults. Call: 528-5070 ext. 6795, or e-mail [zimmermann@srcs.k12.ca.us](mailto:zimmermann@srcs.k12.ca.us) for more information.

## ArtQuest Dancers Win Awards

Three ArtQuest dance students were award winners at the Helen Cochrane Ballet Scholarship Competition sponsored by the Sonoma County Dance Guild. In the Junior Division, Julienne Macky received an Honorable Mention and Emily Erickson won both Outstanding Musicality and First Place. Taking honors in the Senior Division was Mariah McNaughton with First Place. Congratulations to these marvelous dancers!

## Students Celebrate Poetry Out Loud

Santa Rosa High School's Poetry Out Loud competition on Thursday, February 12 was a huge success. Poetry Out Loud is a national poetry recitation contest that starts at the classroom level and continues on to a school, county, state and national competition, where \$50,000 in scholarships and school stipends are awarded. Eleven students performed a memorized poem for the judges and an enthusiastic audience. The runner up was Samantha Jones who performed "O Carib Isle" by Hart Crane. The winner was Kelsey McDonald who performed "Progressive Health" by Carl Dennis. Kelsey represented SRHS at the Sonoma County competition on Saturday, February 21 at the Glaser Center. Although she did not win, Kelsey did an outstanding job.

## Film and Animation Festival

The seventh annual Parting Shots Film and Animation festival will be held at the SRHS Auditorium on Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. Entries of films and animations from all high school students in the North Bay are currently being accepted. The deadline for entry is April 7. Copies of the application form, rules and regulations for the festival, and a downloadable poster can all be found at [www.partingshots.net](http://www.partingshots.net). More information is available on the website, as well as clips from last year's winning entries.

## Help Financially Support ArtQuest!

We've all heard about the dire circumstances facing all schools in our state. If the ArtQuest program is important to you and your child, there are two VERY easy ways to financially help ArtQuest.

- Enroll or renew your family in eScrip! By registering your debit and credit cards, Safeway card, and Macy's card with eScrip you automatically contribute to ArtQuest each time you make purchases at participating merchants. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) and click on "sign up" next to the number one on the right side of the page. Type "Friends of ArtQuest" into the group name box. Follow directions from there! It's that easy!
- Friends of ArtQuest is selling beautiful, reusable nylon shopping bags for \$8.00 each. These beautiful "mango orange" bags stuff into a three inch by four inch pouch but open up to 18.5 inches by 14.5 inches and can hold up to 25 pounds of groceries or goods! To purchase your bags, use the order form that came home with your ArtQuest student, or stop by the ArtQuest office (Room 21) to pick up a form.

