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Principal Update



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February is usually a month where sophomores (10th graders) are scheduled to take the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) on the 3rd and 4th of the month. But this year, the State of California has decided to move the testing date to March 17 and 18. As you are aware, this exam is a graduation requirement for all high school students and the February administration of this exam is the first time high school students have the opportunity to take and pass the CAHSEE. The State of California has decided to postpone this exam by six weeks, to allow additional time for student learning. Santa Rosa High School usually has an 85-90 percent passage rate on the first try, so this may help some of our students on their first attempt. Seniors, who have yet to pass the CAHSEE, will take this exam on February 3 and 4. Seniors will also get additional opportunities after February, in the event they fall short during the February test administration.

The beginning week of February is also a time in which oral grades (progress reports) are released to students about how they are doing during the third quarter of the school year. Students who have a C- grade or below, should be sent a notice home about their progress, and all students will be notified by their teachers about their grade to date.

February is also a time where we see two three-day weekends, with holidays on February 9 (Lincoln's birthday observance) and February 19 (Martin Luther King Day). I realize it is very tempting to extend your weekend holiday by taking your child out of school for one day, but please remember, the State of California does not excuse absences for vacations.

For senior parents and students, this month is an important month in determining time and location of graduation. In recent years, graduation has been held at 7:00 p.m. on the Santa Rosa Junior College (JC) Bailey Football field. This year, we are considering moving this start time to 6:00 p.m. Since graduation lasts approximately two hours, the temperature from beginning to end often drops dramatically. Moving to an earlier start would help alleviate this dramatic drop in temperature and make graduation more comfortable for students, parents, family members and teachers. For several years, graduation has been held on Bailey Field. But with the cost of renting the field hovering around \$6000, we are looking at moving graduation back to Santa Rosa High School's own Nevers Field. The seating at the Bailey Field is about 30% greater than Nevers Field, but with the cost, it might be prudent to consider having this on our own field. Decisions regarding this should be made by the end of the month. Your input is welcome. We are also considering a live broadcast of graduation locally and a live webcast so families outside of Santa Rosa, California, and/or the United States might be able to observe graduation.

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Calendar



February

2-6	Oral Grades	
2	STP Meeting	7:30 p.m., Teacher's Lounge
3	CAHSEE English	
3	FAFSA Line-By-Line Workshop	6:30 p.m., Library
4	CAHSEE Math	
6	Opening of AQ Exhibition at Sonoma County Museum	5:00 p.m.
7	ACT	Register online @ www.actstudent.org
9	Lincoln's Birthday	No School
10	Ag Boosters Meeting	7:00 p.m., Ag Office
14	Turn-About Dance	
16	Presidents' Day	No School
17	Friends of ArtQuest	6:00 p.m., Room 21
18	Fireside Chat with Principal Goddard	6:30 p.m., Library (park in North lot)
18	Workshop: Increasing learning potential	7:00 p.m., Multipurpose Room
19	Artquest Presents: Earth and Environmental Art	7:00 p.m., Auditorium
19	College Information Night	6:30 p.m., Library
19	AQ Presents	7:00 p.m., Auditorium
20	Priority Deadline for 2009-2010 ArtQuest Applications	

May (looking ahead ...)

1	Prom (Fly Me To The Moon)	
1	Artquest Vocal Command Performance	7:00 p.m., Auditorium
1	SAT and Subject Tests	Register online @ www.collegeboard.org
2	SAT and Subject Tests	Register online @ www.collegeboard.org
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
14	Non-Senior Awards	
16	Artquest Dance Company Performance	7:30 p.m., Auditorium
17	Artquest Dance Company Performance	2:00 p.m., Auditorium
21	Senior Awards	
22-29	Project Grad Set-up	
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 SRHS 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, 528-7758). Remaining deadlines for the 2008-2009 issues are as follows: February 4 for the March issue; March 4 for the April issue; April 1 for the May issue.

Counselors' Corner

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Sophomore Parents: PLEASE NOTE

CAHSEE change of dates

Every Sophomore at Santa Rosa High School will be taking the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) on **March 17-18, 2009** (formerly announced as February 3-4, 2009). This State-mandated exam ensures that students who graduate from high school can demonstrate competency in English and math.

By State law, all students must pass both the English and math sections of the CAHSEE by the end of their senior year to earn a high school diploma. Santa Rosa High School traditionally has very strong CAHSEE scores, including last year's Sophomore class, which had a passage rate of 89% versus a State average of 67%.

Sophomores have received a CAHSEE study guide from their English and math teachers. The study guides are used as part of the curriculum to support the students in preparing for this exam. In addition to the work being done in the classroom, **Santa Rosa High is also offering Sophomores CAHSEE Preparation classes and free CAHSEE tutoring.** If you are interested in having your child scheduled into a CAHSEE Preparation class, please call the Counseling Office at 528-5302. Free CAHSEE tutoring is available at SRHS during lunch on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as follows:

- English in room D212 with Mr. Bribiescas
- Mathematics in room D213 with Mr. Robertson

Additional information about the CAHSEE program, including released test questions, is available at www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/resources.asp.

Because of the high stakes nature of this exam all Sophomores need to be in attendance and do their best on these two days of testing. Please plan your February calendars accordingly.

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.

Tips for Test Taking Success

Taking tests can be a traumatic experience for some students. Here are some skills to help your child feel more confident for tests.

- "Cramming" the night before a test is not productive, instead, get a good night's sleep.
- Be sure to thoroughly and carefully read the test directions before beginning to mark your answers.
- Skip over questions which you do not know the answers to and return to them if there is time.
- Bring an extra pencil just in case.
- Before beginning your test...take a deep breath, relax and dive in.

Night School for Seniors

Seniors who need to make up credit prior to graduation may take a night class during the spring semester. Information about registration for 1 credit and 5 credit make-up classes are now available. Students should see their counselor immediately for the required registration form and counselor signature.

College Information Nights

Parents, especially parents of 10th and 11th graders, who want information about the college admissions process, are invited to attend one of two college information nights to be held in the SRHS Library on February 19 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. and on April 2 from 6:30 8:00 p.m.

Changes to Contact Info

If you have moved, changed your phone number, guardianship, etc., please call the counseling office at 528-5302 as soon as possible. Thank you for keeping us updated, so we can keep you updated.

CSU Placement Exams

Most students planning to attend a California State University are required to take English and Math placement tests. Some students may be exempted from taking these tests based on qualifying SAT, ACT scores or the EAP section of the STAR Test. The tests can be taken at Sonoma State University (SSU), regardless of which campus you wish to attend. Upcoming testing dates are March 14, April 18, and May 2. The registration deadlines for these dates are March 2, April 6 and April 20, respectively. Contact SSU Testing Services at 664-2778 to obtain further information, or register online at www.sonoma.edu/sas/testreceipt/stepseptelm.

Student.Teacher.Parent (STP) Update



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Happy Valentine's Day! If you are not sure how to celebrate, consider engaging a small group from the SRHS Concert Choir to deliver a singing valentine to your sweetie (only \$50, call 547-9000 to schedule).

Many thanks to all who have joined STP so far this year. If you haven't gotten around to it yet - it's never too late! Just drop off the form and your check in the Main Office. Wondering how the membership \$\$ is used? Our 2008/2009 expense budget is listed to the right. Fortunately, we have some reserves this year that allow our expenses to exceed our revenue, but anything you can do to help us balance would be greatly appreciated.

Your volunteer help is also still needed. We are looking for volunteers for *staff appreciation days*, the *Senior Breakfast* (graduation morning, would be good if some non-senior parents could help here) and *chaperones for Turn-about (2/14/09) and Prom (5/1/09)*. If you are considering becoming more involved in the school in the future, consider joining us at one of the upcoming STP meetings to learn more about positions available for next year. If you can help in any way, please contact Mary Klein Thompson (528-7080, mkleinthompson@sonic.net).

Our upcoming STP meetings are as follows: February 2 at 7:30 p.m., March 9 and April 6 at 7:00 p.m., and May 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the staff lounge. We hope to see you there!

STP 2008/2009 Budget

- Orientation 2008.....\$100
- Teacher Luncheon.....\$600
- Back-to-School Night.....\$100
- Special Needs.....\$500
- State Filing Fee 2009 \$20
- Senior Panel\$100
- Senior Awards.....\$600
- Senior Breakfast.....\$750
- Food for Testing..... \$1,200
- Testing Incentives\$300
- Panther Purr translation and collation\$400
- Hospitality \$50
- Miscellaneous Expenses.....\$100
- Orientation 2009.....\$100
- Teacher Luncheon 2009\$600
- 2008/2009 TOTAL BUDGET \$5,720**
- 2008/2009 income to date \$3,450
- Projected 2008/2009 Short-fall -\$2,270

This month, STP welcomes as new members the families of the following students: Jordan Stong, Angela Rowell, Andrew Walzer, Nate Woodward, Nathan Feldhorn, Emmerich Anklam. **Thank you for supporting STP!**

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

Parent Evening Events Sponsored by STP

Increasing your student's learning potential

Dr. David Sortino

Wednesday, February 18, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., SRHS Multipurpose Room

Dr. David Sortino will be giving a workshop at Santa Rosa High School about increasing your student's learning potential and multiple intelligences. Knowing your student's learning style will help him/her develop coping strategies to compensate for weaknesses and capitalize on strengths. This workshop is useful to everyone, especially underachieving students. This workshop is sponsored by STP. Dr. Sortino holds a Masters Degree in Child Development from Harvard University and a doctorate in Clinical Psychology. He has spent 30 years as a teacher, counselor, director and resource specialist in public and private schools, as well as training teachers at the college level. He serves as a consultant to state and county programs for at-risk and special needs children and works directly with individuals and families.

Almost Everything a Parent Needs to Know About College

Parent Panel

Monday, March 9, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Multipurpose Room

(Immediately following a brief monthly STP Meeting at 7:00 p.m.)

Come to the March STP meeting to share your frustrations and learn knowledgeable tidbits on any topic concerning college. Our parent panel of experienced parents (who have students in various colleges) will do their best to answer your questions and share useful nuggets of practical information. Students and parents are both welcome. This workshop is sponsored by STP.

Organizing Your College Search and Tips on Writing College Admissions Essays

Karen White

STP Meeting, Monday, April 6, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Staff Lounge

Karen White will be our guest speaker at the April STP meeting. She has a private practice as a professional college admissions counselor and also reads and evaluates college admissions essays for University of California, Berkeley. In her talk, she will give tips on essay writing, will discuss organizing your college search, and will discuss private colleges that students might want to consider. This workshop, sponsored by STP, is highly recommended for parents of juniors and sophomores (and students).


Duke's Place Produced by the SRHS Choral Music Boosters

11th Annual
An Evening of
Cabaret Entertainment

Featuring...
Santa Rosa High School's
Duke's Ensemble

TWO SHOWS EACH DAY
Friday, January 23rd at 6:30pm and 8:30pm
Saturday, January 24th at 6:30pm and 8:30pm
Sunday, January 25th matinees at 1:00pm and 3:00pm
at Santa Rosa High School Auditorium
1235 Mendocino Avenue

Tickets
Adults: \$20.00
Students/Seniors: \$10.00
includes desserts
For reservations call, 547-9000
Due to limited seating, reservations are strongly encouraged.



Love

Singing Valentines

Give your valentine the special gift of music
And a memory to match

By Santa Rosa High School Concert Choir Quartets

Delivered to the location of your choice
Delivered on February 14, 2009

\$50 includes custom card and rose
Call 547-9000 to schedule

GATE Information



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Black and Orange Goes Green!

The Climate Protection Campaign at Santa Rosa High School is kicking off the New Year with Green Spirit Week on January 20 – 23, 2009. There will be music, Jeopardy, bicycle demonstrations, and a bike decorating contest – all including fun and prizes. This week is sponsored by the student Climate Campaign Cool Schools group working with Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition, Santa Rosa Transit, and the Santa Rosa Police Department. Green Spirit Week will be followed by a Bike to School Contest with Montgomery High School. The Climate Protection Campaign's Cool Schools program is funded by the Community Foundation Sonoma County Schulz Fund and the Donald & Maureen Green Foundation.

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!

Save the Date!

A night at the movies
Friends of ArtQuest & Rialto Cinemas Present

WEST SIDE STORY

Digitally Re-mastered

March 12, 2009
Rialto Cinemas Lakeside
551 Summerfield Road
Santa Rosa

Reception at 6:15 p.m.
Showtime at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, email mojac@me.com



REVOLUTION



Prepare for the ACT Support PROJECT GRADUATION!

Take a MOCK ACT and get professional FEEDBACK ONLINE WITHIN ONE WEEK!

- ACT DATE:** Saturday, February 21, 2009
- TIME:** 9:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
- LOCATION:** Desoto Hall, SRHS
- COST:** \$20 for each test (all proceeds go to Project Grad)
- BRING:** Calculator and #2 pencils
- PARENTS:** Free SAT Informational Workshop from 12:45 to 1:30 p.m. for parents in Desoto Hall
- QUESTIONS:** Contact Revolution Prep at 877-738-7737 or revolutionprep.com

Mock ACT Registration

Name: _____

Phone # _____ Student ID# _____

E-mail _____

Parent/Guardian will attend SAT workshop at 12:45 p.m. Yes No

Please make your tax-deductible contribution payable to **SRHS Project Grad**
Registration for February 21 is due February 18.
Return registration and check to the SRHS business office.



Project Grad

Diane Horn

Project Graduation Chair 2009

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Srhsprojectgrad.com

PARENTS: Seniors attending Project Grad need to purchase a reservation and sign a liability form prior to the event. Reservation and liability forms can be found at srhsprojectgrad.com. Sign and fill out the forms and return to Mary Lou Smith at 2329 Teasdale Land, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

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

- Parents of Seniors: Please take a moment to fill out the volunteer form. There are many ways Senior parents can help make this an awesome night for their kids. Don't wait, sign-up now!
- Parents of Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors: We really need your help! This safe-and-sober graduation night party depends on parent participation in order to continue to be a success. We still have openings on the committee for Clean-up Co-chair and Co-chair of Project Grad. No special qualifications are necessary, just a willingness to carry on with a great idea. It will take all of us, working together, to provide a safe and sober, yet fun and memorable, night for our graduating Seniors.
- The Decorations Committee invites you to join them in creating an exceptional Grad Night party. The time commitment is flexible, the work is low-tech, mostly paint-by-numbers or create-by-small group, and fun. Work parties will begin in February. Contact Margaret Kirk 542-7654 (smckirk@sonic.net) if you can help.
- Many Thanks to SRHS Foundation for their generous donation of \$2,000 to fund the commemorative t-shirts. Every Senior who attends the Project Grad party will receive a t-shirt. Please support SRHS and its programs by becoming a member of the Foundation.

Join the fun! Our next meeting is **Tuesday, February 17** in the SRHS library. Want to find out more about Project Graduation? Go to srhsprojectgrad.com.

Prizes Needed!

Here is an easy way for you to HELP Project Grad!! The Prize Committee needs hundreds of donations for quality prizes awarded throughout the night to our graduating Seniors! We strive to have as many seniors win as possible. Popular prizes needed include:

iPods	Mini refrigerators	Movie tickets
DVD/CD players	Bikes	GPS
Digital cameras	NFL/MLB tickets	Airline mileage
TVs	Camping tents	\$Cash\$

Gift Cards are also very popular from places such as Starbucks, Juice Shack, BestBuy, In-N-Out Burgers, Macy's, Gas Stations, or anyplace else YOU think a graduating Senior would like.

We are accepting Prizes NOW! Graduation is sooner than you think. Please contact Denise Ziskin (836-9757) or Kellie Lomeli (541-0916) for more information or to donate a prize. THANK YOU!

Calling all parents of all grade levels!

We need your help in setting up the Project Graduation party! This amazing party starts with your help on Memorial Day weekend (May 22-25, 2009) continues the evenings of May 26-28, 2009, and culminates on the day of graduation, May 29, 2009. For more information and to volunteer to help, please e-mail Marcia Luisi (mluisi@sonic.net) or Paige Sobel (nsdpaige@sonic.net).

Project Grad 2009

Island Hopping



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 who will sign a Scholarship Request Form. That form, along with the agreed upon student contribution, pays for their reservation in full.

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!



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, 22 Noonan Ranch Circle, Santa Rosa CA 95403
Or e-mail to gocollis@comcast.net
Or drop off in the Project Grad Mailbox in the SRHS Main Office

ArtQuest NEWS!



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ArtQuest Application Packets and Deadlines

ArtQuest Applications for Fall 2009 entry are now available to pick up in the SRHS Main Office or in the ArtQuest Office (Room 21 in the Arts Complex). If you can't come in during regular school hours, call to request that one be mailed to you at 528-5070 x6789. Application Packets contain *detailed* information about the program and the application process, as well as pertinent contact information. You may also download and print out the Packet at the website (artquestonline.org). Please make sure that you use application for the correct year.

PRIORITY DEADLINE: Friday, February 20, 2009 (for best choice in specialty area acceptance, earliest notification and inclusion in all AQ Spring events).

DEADLINE: Friday, April 3, 2009 (to be eligible for acceptance decision made before the end of the school year).

Opening Reception at Sonoma County Museum

Plan now to attend the Opening Reception of the ArtQuest invitational, professionally juried, exhibition at the Sonoma County Museum on Friday, February 6, 2009 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The show will run through March 29, 2009, and will include all four ArtQuest Visual Arts disciplines (Digital Arts, Photography, Video Arts and Visual Fine Arts). Various ArtQuest Performing Arts performances and other events are being planned in conjunction with the show.

Resolve to Support PROject eARTh

A new year means new beginnings. Now is the time to support the ArtQuest program AND make a difference for our environment. Friends of ArtQuest is selling beautiful, reusable nylon shopping bags for \$8.00 each. These 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! The bags are a beautiful "mango orange" color, with the ArtQuest logo silk-screened in grey and white. They come with a carabiner to make carrying them to the supermarket a breeze. Why not purchase a few to give as gifts throughout the year, as well as one or two for your household. You will save money all year long at the supermarket and will be helping to eliminate the waste of supermarket plastic bags. (Did you know that most markets in the area give you a credit on your bill for bringing your own bags? Over the course of a year, the bags will pay for themselves.) 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.

Friends of ArtQuest Seeks Interested Parents

Friends of ArtQuest, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting the ArtQuest program, invites all interested ArtQuest parents and supporters to attend the next meeting. The group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. (**new time!**) in room 26. The next meeting is February 17, 2009. Come and find out how you can become involved in supporting your ArtQuest student!

ArtQuest Photo Students' Works Featured

Several ArtQuest Advanced Photo students currently have work on display at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts. The works will be on display through the month of February. These same students also had the privilege of collaborating in December with the "Bohemian" for a series of photos in the holiday issue. The Wells Fargo Center exhibit features the works created for the "Bohemian." Students who received this honor are Evan Donaldson, Tessa Brunsmann, Jacqueline Hunter, Claudia Lippitt Brecher, Megan Melendez, Nichole Menezes, Rebecca Reidelbach, Alana Tchirkine, Genna Tomasi, Nusnin Vattanawase, and Alexandra Wilkerson.

ArtQuest Presents Earth Art and Environmental Art

As the pilot for the new "ArtQuest Presents" series, ArtQuest and Friends of ArtQuest are pleased to present Michael Schwager, Professor of Art History and Director of the University Art Gallery at Sonoma State University, in an exciting slide presentation and lecture focusing on the development and evolution of Earth Art and Environmental Art. The event will be held on Thursday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. in the SRHS Auditorium. Michael is Curator of the di Rosa Preserve of Art and Nature in Napa, one of the most important and extensive collections of Bay Area Modern and Contemporary Art, and is a noted scholar and expert on Bay Area and Contemporary art. These works are often large-scale and developed as responses to and/or interactions with the environment. One of the most noteworthy local examples in this genre was Christo and Jeanne-Claude's 1976 "Running Fence," a 22-mile long, 20-foot high white fabric curtain that began east of Highway 101 in Sonoma County and snaked to the ocean. ArtQuest students and families, as well as all SRHS faculty, students, families and the general community are warmly invited to attend. Thanks to generous contributions, **admission is free**. Donations to benefit the ArtQuest program will be gratefully accepted but are *not required*. Call the ArtQuest office for more details at 528-5070 X6789.

16th Annual Spring Showcase!

The 16th Annual ArtQuest Spring Showcase will be held Thursday, April 2, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the SRHS Auditorium and continuing to several other venues. Student work and performances from the 2008-2009 school year will be shown and celebrated. Save the date now for this comprehensive look at a little of everything that ArtQuest students and staff accomplish this year! Look for more details soon.

"Zone of Focus" at Sonoma State University

This year's 10th "Zone of Focus" photography exhibition will be held at the Sonoma State University Schulz Library Galley in May 2009. The Opening Reception is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 12 from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. The exhibition, originated and developed by Tanya Braunstein, AQ Photography instructor, is a professionally juried show open to all high school photographers and includes 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 and 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 www.zoneoffocus.org, email Ms. Braunstein at tbraunstein@srcs.k12.ca.us, or call 528-5070 x6712.

ArtQuest Faculty and Alum Exhibit Locally

In addition, ArtQuest Photo Instructor Tanya Braunstein is currently exhibiting her work, along with that of several ArtQuest alumni, at the Daredevils and Queens salon at 122 Fourth Street in Railroad Square in Santa Rosa. The exhibit, titled "Old and New," consists of 40 photographs taken from 1966 to the present. It was curated by Abby Campbell, an ArtQuest Artists' Exchange Intern.

Poetry Out Loud Contest

Approximately fifty of Hollis Fennen and Darlene Pullen's 9th and 10th grade ArtQuest English students will be participating in the Poetry Out Loud (POL) recitation contest. "Created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, Poetry Out Loud is administered in partnership with the State Arts Agencies of all 50 states and the District of Columbia. By encouraging high school students to memorize and perform great poems, Poetry Out Loud invites the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, spoken word, and theater into the English class. This exciting new program, which began in 2005, helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence, and learn about their literary heritage." (poetryoutloud.org) Prior to the contest, students will receive five hours of coaching from local poet, Pamela Yezbick, funded by the Arts Council of Sonoma County. The competition begins with individual classroom contests. Winners are invited to a school-wide contest held on Thursday, February 12 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 17. One winner will be chosen to represent SRHS at the county-wide contest on Saturday, February 21, 2009 at the Glaser Center from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. The contest advances to Sacramento and Washington D.C. National winners will receive scholarships and school stipends totaling \$50,000. Two years ago, ArtQuest student Lindsey Knight was selected runner up in the state compe-

SAT/ACT Prep & Review

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SAT Test Dates

January 24, 2009 (SAT & Subject Test)

March 14, 2009 (SAT Only)

May 2, 2009 (SAT & Subject Test)

ACT Test Dates

February 7, 2009

April 4, 2009

June 13, 2009

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