

PANTHER PURR

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Principal's Update

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WOULD YOU BELIEVE?

Yes, Semester II is here and we are looking forward to a very successful and rewarding semester as we begin to plan for the end of the school year. As we prepare for the rest of the school year, good attendance and proper study skills are very important to maintain. Please encourage your students to stay on track.

Tutoring services are still available in English, math, science, social studies, and foreign languages on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Thank you to the Santa Rosa Volunteer Center for providing these services for our students.

Santa Rosa High School also continues to thank the many parents who volunteer their time and money to help our students experience success in their educational endeavors. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

Dates to Remember

1. February 1- 5, Progress Reports (oral grades)
2. February 2 - 3, California High School Exit Exam (**CAHSEE**), for seniors who have yet to pass the exam. It is also for juniors who missed the November 3 - 4, 2009 exam.
3. February 8, Lincoln's Day (holiday)
4. February 11, 7:00 p.m., ELAC Committee
5. February 15, President's Day (holiday)
6. March 16 - 17, CAHSEE for Sophomores

Please check our website calendar (www.santarosahighschool.net) for dates and times for all academic and sporting events.

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*Surprise Your Valentine
with a Singing Telegram*

February 12, 13, 14

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

Presented by Quartets from
Santa Rosa High School Concert Choir

Delivered at the location of your choice

Only \$50 includes
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Calendar

The Panther Purr strives to produce an accurate and timely calendar. For more information about SRHS events, check the calendar at www.santarosahighschool.net, talk to your student, or talk to the teacher or sponsor. To submit an item for the calendar, send it to Marla Stuart at syngesis@yahoo.com.

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| February | 1 | | SITE Council, 3:10 p.m., Library |
| | 1 | | Student-Teacher-Parent Organization Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room |
| | 1-5 | ..... | Oral Grades (progress reports) |
| | 2-3 | ..... | CAHSEE for Seniors who have not passed and Juniors who missed the November 3-4 test |
| | 5 | ..... | Fall CSF (Gold Cord) applications due to Ms. Whyte |
| | 5 | ..... | Opening Reception for ArtQuest Juried Show, Sonoma County Museum, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. |
| | 8 | ..... | Lincoln's Day (no school) |
| | 8-13 | ..... | SRHS Foundation Blood Drive (see page 9 for details) |
| | 9 | ..... | Ag Boosters, 7:00 p.m., Ag Office |
| | 12-14 | ..... | Singing Valentine Telegrams, Call 547-9000 |
| | 16 | ..... | Project Grad Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Library |
| | 15 | ..... | President's Day (no school) |
| | 19 | ..... | ArtQuest Priority Deadline for Fall, 2010 |
| March | 1 | ..... | SITE Council, 3:10 p.m., Library |
| | 2 | ..... | FASFA and Cal Grant GPA Verifications Due |
| | 8 | ..... | Student-Teacher-Parent Organization Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room |
| | 9 | ..... | Ag Boosters, 7:00 p.m., Ag Office |
| | 16 | ..... | CAHSEE for Sophomores |
| | 25 | ..... | 16th Annual ArtQuest Spring Showcase, 6:30 p.m., Auditorium |
| | 29-April 2 | ..... | Spring Break (no school) |
| April | 5 | ..... | SITE Council, 3:10 p.m., Library |
| | 12 | ..... | Student-Teacher-Parent Organization Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room |
| | 13 | ..... | Ag Boosters, 7:00 p.m., Ag Office |
| | 30 | ..... | Holiday (no school) |
| May | 3 | ..... | SITE Council, 3:10 p.m., Library |
| | 10 | ..... | Student-Teacher-Parent Organization Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Multipurpose Room |
| | 11 | ..... | Ag Boosters, 7:00 p.m., Ag Office |
| | 21-28 | ..... | Project Grad Set-up |
| | 28 | ..... | Last day of school |
| | 28 | ..... | Senior Breakfast (volunteers needed, call 529-4449 or 578-8022) |
| | 28 | ..... | Graduation |
| | 28 | ..... | Project Grad (volunteers needed 8:30 p.m. – 4:00 a.m.) |
| | 29 | ..... | Project Grad Clean-up, 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon |

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, 528-7758). The deadline is always the first Friday of the month for the following month's issue.

Counselors' Corner

Blaire Murphy, Counselor
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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.

Make-up Classes for Seniors

Seniors who need to make up credit prior to graduation may take a 5 credit make-up class during the spring semester. The classes will take place at SRHS, 2 days a week after school. A second semester session of Cyber High (an online program) is also being offered at SRHS. Students should see their counselor for the required registration forms and counselor signature. Juniors may also apply if there is space available in the classes.

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. **Also, check out this new website that offers online instructional videos in the subjects of Math and Science:** <http://www.khanacademy.org/>

Contact Information

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, regardless of which campus you wish to attend. Upcoming testing dates are March 20, April 17, and May 1. The reg-

E-Scrip

E-Scrip is a really great way to get money for our school. Log in at www.escrip.com and follow the prompts. Santa Rosa High School along with e-scrip has presented the opportunity to select your interest within the school. The Band Music Boosters has an account as does Art Quest, STP and just the high school. It's a small gesture that you won't even think about but when you shop and use your Safeway Card, Macy's Card any VISA, MASTER CARD or AMERICAN EXPRESS CARD, an automatic portion of that sale will go directly to Santa Rosa High School. It really is like free money for the school! In these economic times, every little bit helps for the school. Please sign up today!

Volunteering for Project Grad

Patty Collis
Project Grad Chair
528-0359

Preparations have already begun for the next Project Graduation, to be held on May 28, 2010. There are so many ways you can help with this annual alcohol/drug free graduation party. **Please take the time to fill out the form below to indicate you interests.** The continued success of SRHS Project Grad depends on the participation of all SRHS families. Whether you are a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior parent, your contribution will be repaid many times over when your child graduates and heads off to a safe, sober and memorable graduation party of their own.

Our next Project Grad meeting is February 16, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. and is held the SRHS library.

**CLASS
OF
2010**

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 21, and continues daily until Friday, May 28. 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 4:00 a.m.
- After the Party**
All parents are needed to help with clean-up Saturday morning, May 29, from 6:00 a.m. 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, Staffing 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



Project Graduation 2010 Reservation Form ~ PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Drop completed form and payment in Project Grad box in office or mail to:

Mary Lou Smith
Attn: Proj Grad
2329 Teasdale Ln
Santa Rosa CA
95401

Checks payable to:
PROJECT GRAD

Student Name(s): _____ Parent Name(s): _____

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 amount is needed and appreciated!** My donation to the scholarship fund: \$ _____

Number of tickets _____ @ \$ 60 = \$ _____ Total Amount Enclosed: (Scholarship donation plus ticket price) \$ _____

Note: please write your student name on the memo line of your check, and your check number here: Check # _____

Santa Rosa High School Project Grad 2010 Contract

Note: this contract MUST be signed by student AND parent/guardian regardless of student's age at date of Project Graduation.

- 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 2010 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 taken may be used for Project Grad publicity and promotion.
- 8) Parents or guardians of seniors/graduates not arriving at the party will be notified by phone.
- 9) Cell phones will not be allowed inside the party. We have a safe place where they will be kept and can be picked up at the end of the 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 SRHS PROJECT GRADUATION 2010 AT SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL.

Student Signature _____ Date _____ Please Print Student Name *Clearly* _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____ Please Print Parent Name *Clearly* _____

Phone numbers where parent can be contacted during Project Grad _____

Does your student have any allergies or other health concerns? If so, please list below, or contact reservation chair at number below to discuss.

Teacher Voice Mail Numbers

| Name | 528-5070 | Name | 528-5070 | Name | 528-5070 |
|--------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Anderson, Lisa | x6740 | Finch, Danitsa | x6775 | Paulsen, Alberto | x6747 |
| Ando, Christine | x6757 | Fitzpatrick, Jake | x6731 | Pearson, Susan | x6722 |
| Aschwanden, Judy | x6708 | Flaherty, Lauren | x6746 | Piehl, Lisa | 528-5320 |
| Bechler, Elaine | x6702 | Flor, Larry | x6730 | Poore, Jaime | x6710 |
| Bell, Monet | x6750 | Forchini, Carla | x6738 | Pullen, Darlene | x6759 |
| Bodeson, Janyce | x6705 | Franzman, David | x6704 | Ramos, Kathleen | x6717 |
| Bohn, Eric | x6706 | Frazee, Howard | x6733 | Reichmuth, Ron | x6779 |
| Bombace, Kira | x6009 | Fremault, Erica | x6771 | Rice, Connie | x6741 |
| Braunstein, Tanya | x6712 | Gallegos, Susan | x6763 | Robertson, David | x6762 |
| Brennan, Andrew | x6707 | Garcia, Monica | x6776 | Rooney, Sara | x6718 |
| Brennan, Regina | x6711 | Glatt, Adrienne | x6790 | Rue Aron | x6724 |
| Broussard, Ralph | x6737 | Guaraldi-Brown, Tony | x6794 | Ryan, Nikki | x6773 |
| Camano, Adrian | x6739 | Gutsch, Jr. Tom | x6758 | Samuels, Annie | x6764 |
| Camm, Rob | x6780 | Helmer, James | x6726 | Simerly, Lori | x6769 |
| Carpenter, Vicki | x6725 | Hoberg, Mary | x6782 | Sofie, Jan | x6765 |
| Carrell, Dara | x6772 | Horner, Arthur | x6742 | Sparks, Lou Ann | x6753 |
| Carroll, James | x6709 | Hower, Kathryn | x6743 | Spinas, George | 528-5589 |
| Cody, William | x6715 | Ingram, Cynthia | x6701 | Stone, Elaine | x6784 |
| Cohen-Sandler, Gal | x6791 | Isetta, Bambi | x6744 | Swehla, Terry | x6768 |
| Colli, Vic | x6783 | Jones, Levi | x6770 | Swindle, Willie | x6714 |
| Cortopassi, John | x6716 | Joseph, Carrie | x6786 | Thomas, Aleta | x6796 |
| Craven, John | x6011 | Knowlton, Ken | x6754 | Tiffany, Julie | x6756 |
| Davis, Matt | x6719 | Kowalczyk, James | x6774 | Utsey, Mitch | x6792 |
| Delello, Brooke | x6788 | Kroeck, Jesse | x6793 | Wardlaw, Mark | 535-4893 |
| Dellepere, Gary | x6720 | Lyon, William | x6781 | Weil, Philip | x6777 |
| Elsa, Casey | x6727 | Meade, Thomas | x6749 | Whitcomb, Vincent | x6767 |
| Escobar, Holly | x6785 | Merry, Carolyn | x6735 | Whyte, Megan | x6752 |
| Evans, Elizabeth | 535-4887 | Miraglia, Lara | x6700 | Williams, Amber | x6732 |
| Feldhorn, Sanders | 528-5473 | Naisbett, Gloria | x6745 | Zavala, Emma | x6766 |
| Feleay, Michelle | x6728 | Newlon, Amanda | x6755 | Zimmer, Heidi | x6734 |
| Fennen, Hollis | x6729 | Nichols, Candice | x6723 | Zimmerman, Joshua | x6795 |

SRHS Foundation



Doug Pavese
dougpavese@hotmail.com

In January, the SRHS Foundation made the following grants to support SRHS students and programs. This year, the Foundation has donated over \$80,000 to support SRHS students and programs.

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|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| STAR Testing Food | \$2,000 |
| Spanish Dictionaries | \$262 |
| Bus for AVID Program Trip..... | \$400 |
| Computers for Art..... | \$2,000 |
| Camera for Journalism..... | \$610 |
| Benches | \$5,000 |
| January Total | \$10,272 |

To join the SRHS Foundation (and support many wonderful SRHS programs), please go to www.srhsf.org.

SANTA ROSA HIGH SCHOOL FOUNDATION

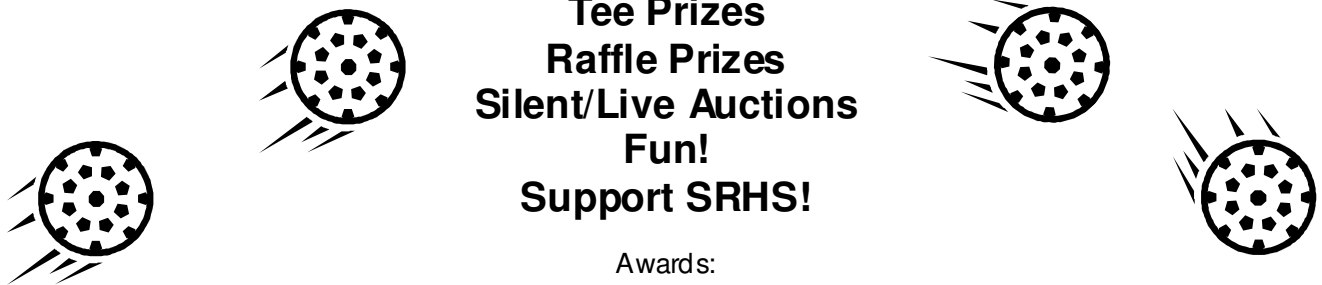
15th Annual Golf Tournament

Friday, September 10, 2010 Oakmont West Golf Course
Check in 11:30 AM Shotgun Start 12:45 PM

A Registration Fee: \$145 per golfer
or a special rate of \$110 for those Super Seniors (75 years or older)

Registration includes:
Golf Cart, Range Balls, Lunch with Soft Drinks
18 Holes of Golf - Four Person Scramble (Men's, Women's & Co-ed Flights)
Awards Dinner Following in the Quail Inn at Oakmont

Tee Prizes
Raffle Prizes
Silent/Live Auctions
Fun!
Support SRHS!



Awards:
Top Foursome— Men's, Women's & Co-ed Flights
Longest Drive - Men, Women and Seniors (65 and over)
Closest to Pin - Men and Women
Free Putting Contest

For more information contact: Doug Pavese at 707-538-3167
Checks should be made out to SRHSF (before August 27, 2010) and are tax deductible

Please call us!
Sponsor a tee, donate to the live/silent auction, or participate!

Thank you.

STP Update



Susan Burch, STP President
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526-1044 (h)

Welcome back after what was hopefully a relaxing holiday break. It's hard to believe that the first semester finals have come and gone and we have turned the page on another year. Having fun or not, time really does seem to pass quickly. And as many do, I couldn't help but reflect on the past year, the ups and downs, tried to focus on the good, and I try to be positive about the upcoming year.

The high school years are hectic, certainly more hectic than when I was in high school. Today's students have a lot more homework, a lot more testing, and a lot more pressure in general. Maybe I was blissfully unaware, but I never heard of budget cuts to schools when I was in high school. The threat of classes being cut, supplies unavailable, the possible loss of librarians and counselors are all concerns to our students today. Couple that with the pressure of getting into college, WOW! As the parents and guardians of these students we need to try and do what we can to insure that their high school years are enjoyable and memorable as well. There are many ways to do that and being a member of the Santa Rosa High School STP is one sure way.

With the second half of the school year already here, it's time to start the preparations for what's to come, the school dances, breakfasts, luncheons, graduation and Project Grad. STP and its members are a large part of these memorable times. It's NOT TOO LATE to join the STP with a donation of whatever you can afford. Donations made to the STP is money well spent, especially in these times as this money is used to help fund events like Back-to-School night, Senior Awards, Senior Breakfasts, Orientation, the translation, printing, and distribution of the Panther Purr, just to name a few. There is a form attached below that can be turned in to the office and no amount is too small. These donations are the only fundraising we do – no cookie dough, no gift-wrap, nada, zip!

And if you cannot make a financial donation, ask yourself when you last volunteered to chaperone a dance or bake a cake for Teacher Appreciation Day. We have many volunteer opportunities on the horizon and remember, one day your student will be a senior and you will want those fun memories to look back on as well. If you are new to the school there is no better way to connect with people and make new friends.

If you are interested in volunteering for ANY event, contact our volunteer co-coordinator Deena Zipperle at deeanaz@comcast.net. She will help you find a spot that will be as enjoyable as it is helpful. Please consider joining the SRHS STP and claim yourself as a proud member. And, whether or not you choose to join or volunteer, please join us at our monthly meetings held the second Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the faculty lounge. Our best wishes to you and yours for a wonderful 2010.

Student.Teacher.Parent Organization (STP) MEMBERSHIP FORM

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Student Name _____ Grade _____

Parent Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Donation \$25 \$35 \$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

Automotives Needs Cars

Vic Colli

vcollis@srcs.k12.ca.us

535.4834 or 575.0783

Santa Rosa High School automotives is in need of 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. You will be able to deduct the donation on your income taxes if you wish. Thank you for your support.

Instrumental Music Program

Christine Lindh

cmrichie3@comcast.net

483.2820

Turn your TRASH into CASH! That's right! We are reintroducing the eScrip Recycling Program to raise funds for the Concert Band, String Orchestra and Symphonic Band. Bring your used laser/toner and inkjet cartridges, used cell phones and chargers, digital cameras, iPods, laptops and GPS devices to the green collection bin in Music Room 45. If you have a large supply of items, call Christina at 483-2820 or e-mail cmrichie3@comcast.net for a complimentary pick-up. The best time to drop off items is before school, at lunch-time or after-school. 95% of everything sent to eScrip is recycled and reused. Remember, one person's trash is another person's CASH! Thank you!!

Senior Breakfast

Can you help with the Senior Breakfast?

Volunteers are needed to gather donations of food or help to serve graduates on May 28.

To help, contact Kim Marois (529-4449) or Pam Rich (578-8022).

Santa Rosa High School Foundation Annual Blood Drive

A competitive event against Montgomery High School Tell them you are there for the Panthers!

February 8 – 13, 2010

Blood Bank of the Redwoods

2324 Bethards Dr, Santa Rosa CA

Monday through Thursday, 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Speed up your donation by signing up on line: <http://www.bbr.org/>

Get a free pint of Ice Cream (pint for a pint) on Mondays!

ArtQuest NEWS!

Jan Sofie, ArtQuest Director
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SC Museum Juried Exhibition Opens February 5

Please plan to attend the Opening Reception for the Second Annual ArtQuest Juried Exhibition on Friday, February 5, 2010, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Sonoma County Museum. The museum is located at 425 7th Street in Santa Rosa and the AQ show will run through March 18. The work was selected by a professional jury assembled by the museum's Executive Director Diane Evans and Exhibitions Curator Eric Stanley and will be announced closer to the opening. If you would like to assist with the Opening Reception, please contact Friends of AQ Board President Martha Buzza at mbuzza@sonic.net or call the ArtQuest Office at 525-5070 X6789.

AQ Chosen by Center for Spiritual Living

The Santa Rosa Center for Spiritual Living has chosen ArtQuest as part of its 2010 Non-Profit Partner Program. According to the award letter, the group feels that ArtQuest is "a perfect example" of one of the group's visions which is "...a world which has renewed its emphasis on beauty, nature and love through a resurgence of creativity, art and aesthetics." AQ will receive contributions every month next year from funds set aside for this program by the Center. It will also be the featured partner in November 2010 and information will be shared that month at the Center about ArtQuest's work. Various AQ alumni achievements will be recognized and the impact that AQ had on them will be highlighted. Many thanks to the Center for this unexpected and generous acknowledgment and gift.

AQ Priority Application Deadline is February 19

February 19 is the Priority Deadline to apply to ArtQuest for Fall 2010. If you are interested in applying or know of someone who might be, it is important to meet this deadline in order to have an early acceptance decision and to be included in all early registration and other events. The Final Deadline for the School Year will be April 6 in order to have an acceptance decision by the end of this school year. You may pick up an AQ Application Packet in the AQ Office in Room 21 or the SRHS Main Office. You may also call AQ at 535-4842 or 528-5070 ext. 6789 for an Application or for questions or more information.

ArtQuest Anthology Sponsorships Sought

Arts Patrons, Advocates, Activists, and Friends are sought as sponsors for the 2010 AQ Anthology. Student work from the Visual, Performing and Literary Arts will be featured in book form with a companion DVD. If you would like to help make the anthology the very best it can be, please become a sponsor. Sponsorships are available at \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$250, and \$500 levels and beyond. All sponsors will have their name (or business name) listed in the Sponsors Section. Please contact AQ VFA instructor Tony Guaraldi-Brown at aguaraldibrown@src.k12.ca.us or AQ at 525-5070 x6789.

ArtQuest 16th Annual Spring Showcase on March 25

The 16th Annual ArtQuest Spring Showcase will be held Thursday, March 25, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the SRHS Auditorium and continuing to several other venues. Student work and performances from the 2009-2010 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 accomplished this year! Free to all; invite your friends and family!

Friends of ArtQuest to Hold Fundraiser

The last Dine and Donate fundraiser for ArtQuest in November was such a huge success, that another one is going to be held at the end of February. Watch for a flyer to come home with all ArtQuest students about a Dine And Donate event at Chevy's in Railroad Square, Santa Rosa at the end of the month. Let's all have a night out and support the ArtQuest program!

AQ Alumnus Wins Emerging Visual Artist Award

The Arts Council of Sonoma County and the Community Foundation Sonoma County have announced AQ alumnus Andrew Sofie as one of the three winners of the 2010 Sonoma County Artist Awards for Emerging Visual Artists. Selected from a pool of 176 eligible nominees, each winner will receive a \$5,000 cash award and have a major exhibition at the Sonoma County Museum in Fall 2010. Sofie is the son of AQ Director, Jan Sofie and graduated from SRHS in 2001. He was in AQ Multimedia (now Digital and Video Arts) and Photography. This award is biennial and was first presented in 2006 to recognize excellence in emerging artists and in particular, artists who will have a significant impact on art in the future. The selection jury was Apsara DiQuinzio, Assistant Curator of Painting and Sculpture for the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, Betti-Sue Hertz, Director of Visual Arts for the San Francisco Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, and Sharon Maidenberg, Interim Executive Director for the Marin Headlands Center for the Arts. Sofie holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Sonoma State University. His work focuses on the intersection of technology and human existence, intellectual property, automated construction, and the possibility and potential tragedy of the future. He uses diverse media including print, sculpture, and generative video projection. For more information, visit <http://andrewsofie.com>.

“FishBear” Plays the Fillmore and Yoshi’s

ArtQuest alumni band, FishBear, played a sold out concert at the Fillmore in San Francisco on January 9, opening for Dan Hicks and His Hot Licks and Cake. The concert was a benefit for the Bill Graham Foundation. They also opened for David LaFlamme on January 12 at Yoshi’s San Francisco. FishBear is comprised of Hadley Black, Gavin Hayden-Towne, Travis Hendrix, Josh Jackson and Ben Weiner. The band recorded a 5 song EP (extended play short album) at Skywalker Ranch in Marin County last summer and their music is currently available from itunes, Amazon, Lala and eMusic. Go to their website at www.fishbearmusic.com for more information.

Friends of AQ Looking for Parent Volunteers

How would you like to make a HUGE difference in the lives of all ArtQuest students? You can do so by becoming a member of Friends of ArtQuest or by joining Friends of ArtQuest for their monthly meetings. Friends of AQ are in need of more parents and community members who want to take an active role in supporting the ArtQuest program. For information about attending the next Friends of ArtQuest meeting, please contact FoAQ at 528-5070 x6787.

Apply to CSSSA “InnerSpark” by February 27 Deadline

An amazing experience awaits those students who apply and are accepted to InnerSpark, the California State Summer School in the Arts (CSSSA) program held at Cal Arts, Valencia from July 10 through August 6. Instruction in the fields of Animation, Music, Dance, Film, Video, Theatre, Creative Writing and Visual Arts is offered. For the 520 students accepted statewide, InnerSpark is a unique opportunity to spend four weeks studying and working with professional artists, writers and performers of national stature. Providing links to prestigious arts colleges, major performing and fine arts organizations and the film, television and recording industries for students considering careers in the arts is an important program benefit. CSSA is dedicated to providing the highest quality professional training to the most deserving students regardless of their economic situations and thus provides scholarships to over 40% of the students selected. They also award several “Herb Alpert Scholarships” for continuing higher education to students who complete the CSSSA program and in 2008, an AQ Visual Fine Arts student, Esra Sevendarli won one of the top \$40,000 scholarships. Many AQ students have attended the program and have unanimously reported that it changed their lives! As your AQ Arts or English teacher for more information and visit www@innerspark.us for details and an application. **The deadline is February 27.**

...And All That Jazz!

Santa Rosa High School is currently in pre-production rehearsals of its spring musical, “Chicago,” a story of murder, greed, corruption, violence, exploitation, adultery, and treachery — all those things we all hold dear and dear to our hearts! The cast and crew are emblematic of the wide array of talents we are lucky to have at SRHS. Performances are March 5-7, and 12-14. Tickets are \$7.50 for students/seniors and \$15 for adults. Call the SRHS Choral Music Boosters Hotline at 547-9000 for more information. You won’t want to miss it!