



SHS Friday Letter



May 20, 2022

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CLASS OF 2022 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Friday Falcon Families!!

This past week, our School Site Council had a special meeting on Monday to discuss the development of a Green Committee and greater attention to environmentally sound practices and policies. On Wednesday, our last Advisory of the school year focused on [Microaggressions](#), and that night, our phenomenal Saratoga Band performed. On Thursday, our staff resumed the annual Staff Softball game during lunch and in the evening our amazing Orchestra hosted their end of the year concert. Today, ASB organized the 2022 Spring Lip Dub and tonight, the Media Arts Program (MAP) celebrates our students and their creative achievements at SMASH'N, which begins at 6:30pm in the McAfee. Tomorrow, we welcome back the Class of 1971 for campus tours and we host CCS playoff games—Varsity softball versus Piedmont Hill at 10am and Varsity baseball versus Thomas More at 11am.

Next week, **Monday and Wednesday will be Red Days**, and **Tuesday and Thursday will be Blue Days**. Additionally, Seniors will focus on their finals. Monday night, we have the Percussion concert with Redwood Middle School, beginning at 7pm in the McAfee. On Tuesday, we will distribute the 2021-22 yearbooks and celebrate some of our Juniors at the Junior Awards, beginning at 2:45pm in the cafeteria. On Wednesday night, the choir takes the stage with RMS, beginning at 7pm in the McAfee. On Thursday, we celebrate our Senior Student-Athletes with a Signing Day celebration and that night our [College Going Junior Parent presentation will begin at 6:30pm via Zoom](#). Finally, on Friday, we begin the first day of Finals. More details are in the "In Other News" section.

With the final nine days of school, it is important our students and staff remain healthy. For Seniors especially, we have Prom coming up on May 29 and Graduation on June 2. Please continue to take the necessary precautions to stay healthy. PCR testing is provided by Inspire on **Tuesdays (8-4pm)**, **Thursdays (8-11:15am)** and **Fridays (8-4pm)**. Thank you and I hope you enjoy a great weekend!

Sincerely,

Greg Louie, Principal

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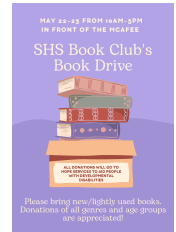
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ASB News & Updates

SHS Book Club's Book Drive, May 28-29

Book Club is hosting a book drive for Hope Services on May 28-29. Donate your books in front of the McAfee Center from **10-3pm**. Donations of all genres and age groups are appreciated.



Junior/Senior Prom Covid Testing Requirements

All prom attendees, including guests from outside of SHS, are required to have a negative COVID test prior to Sunday, May 29th. If the school does not have a record of a negative COVID test, the student or guest will not be allowed to participate. Here is the process for COVID testing prior to the prom:

1. All SHS students attending the prom are required to take a PCR test on Thursday, May 26th or Friday, May 27th. Students who do not take a PCR test on those days will be blocked from checking-in to the prom and sent home.
2. All off-campus guests will be required to bring a negative test result from between May 26th to May 29th. When guests check-in at the dance, they will need to show proof of a negative COVID test. If the guest does not bring proof of a negative COVID test they will be blocked from checking-in to the prom.

ASB T-Shirt Clearance Sale

The Activities Office is open 8am-4pm and clearing out short sleeve Red Falcon T-shirts for \$5.00 each.

IN OTHER NEWS

Final Two Weeks of School Schedule

5/23	5/24	5/25	5/26	5/27: 7th per Final	
Red Day	Blue Day	Red Day	Blue Day	2nd	8:30-8:50
				4th	9:00-9:20
				6th	9:30-9:50
				Break	9:50-9:55
				1st	10:05-10:25
				3rd	10:35-10:55
				5th	11:05-11:25
				7th	11:35-11:55
				Lunch	11:55-12:25
				7th Final	12:35-2:35
5/30	5/31	6/1	6/2	6/3	
No School: Memorial Day	3rd: 8:30-10:30 6th: 10:50-12:50	1st: 8:30-10:30 5th: 10:50-12:50	2nd: 8:30-10:30 4th: 10:50-12:50	No School	

Congratulations to Leo Shetler and Dominique Harrison

Leo Shetler and Dominique Harrison won first place in US Rowing Southwest Youth Championships in Under 17 coxed four boat category. They are getting ready to compete in US Rowing Nationals next month.

SMASH'N (MAP Showcase), Friday, May 20 in the McAfee



Doors open at 6pm and the show will start promptly at 6:30pm. Students are encouraged to dress formally. This event is free, open to all in the Saratoga Community, and is open seating. While SMASH'N is MAP's version of the Oscars and the best work from the year will be highlighted, the night is a celebration of all of the students in the Media Arts Program and their skills, creativity, and resilience. [Promo Video](#).

SHS Cafe Weekly Specials

Enjoy the Daily Specials at the SHS Cafe for only \$6.00!!

Monday, 5/23	Tuesday, 5/17	Wednesday, 5/18	Thursday, 5/19	Friday, 5/20
KFC Bowl w/ mashed potatoes, gravy, & corn	Chicken Quesadilla w/ Rice & Beans	Chef's Choice	Chef's Choice	Chef's Choice

Yearbook Distribution Begins May 24

The 2022 yearbooks will be distributed at tutorial, lunch, and after school on Tuesday, May 24 in the Large Gym. On Wednesday, distribution will occur at lunch in the same location. On Thursday and Friday, distribution will occur in Room 303. Onlines sales of the yearbook have been suspended, and anyone wishing to get a book will need to bring a check for \$130 to the Activities Office. Remember that students with an ASB card automatically get a yearbook as part of the package.

Class of 2023 Private College Workshops, May 26

For the Class of 2023, your counselors will be hosting small group sessions regarding applying to private colleges on **Thursday, May 26 during tutorial**. Ms Young's group will meet in the cafeteria, Ms Saiki's group in the library, Ms Allen's group in the MAP Annex, and Ms Satake's group in the Community Room (by the cafeteria). For parents, the companion presentation will be [via Zoom](#) from 6:30-8pm.

College Going Junior Parent Night, May 26

Parents of the Class of 2023! With the constantly shifting landscape of college admissions, the guidance department will be hosting a [Zoom meeting](#) on Thursday, May 26 at 6:30pm to discuss statistics, best practices, and how to best support your students for college applications.

Principal's Student Advisory Panel Application

Please take a moment to [apply to serve as a member of the Student Advisory Panel](#) for Principal Louie for the 2022-23 school year. The Principal's Student Advisory Panel meets monthly during tutorial or lunch, depending upon the availability of the group. The first meeting will be on Tuesday, August 23. The deadline to apply is Sunday, June 5 at 11:59pm. Applications will be reviewed the week of June 5. Thank you for your interest in serving on the 2022-23 Principal's Student Advisory Panel.

College Essay Workshop, June 6

SHS Guidance is excited to offer another college essay workshop for the class of 2023. The second is with a DePaul University rep on June 6. See [the flier](#) for details and RSVP. Parents and students are welcome!

Join the SHS Green Committee

The Green Committee is a collaborative community of students, staff, and parents/guardians, leading the explorations and developments of sustainable practices and policies to address improved environmentally sound and carbon-reducing approaches for Saratoga High. Members will take on school-wise and community-wise green initiatives and collectively strategize ways to increase sustainability awareness and the environmental literacy of our community. Please expect to dedicate two hours/week to the Green Committee, which includes weekly/bi-weekly in-person or synchronous meetings, asynchronous collaborative work, and prompt communications with other members of the Committee. Here is the [SHS Green Committee application](#).

LGS Recreation Classes

LGS Rec's Math and English Summer Enrichment Programs for high school students are back! Engaging and fun non-credit classes can help sharpen skills, or get a head start for the next school year. Classes are staffed with experienced, credentialed teachers. Click [here to register](#) and visit www.lgsrecreation.org for information.

Return Textbooks and School Materials-Don't Wait!

Just a reminder to all students and parents that we would like to collect school materials as soon as the students do not need the textbook or school supplies any more. Textbooks, Chromebooks, and MAP equipment can be turned into the library, music equipment to the music room, and athletic jerseys to the Athletic Director, Mr. Ellis. If you need to pay a fine, music fines are paid to the music department, athletic fines are paid in the Activities Office, and textbook fines are paid in the library.

Community Members Sought for District Parcel Tax Oversight Committee

In 2011 and 2016, voters in LGSUHSD passed Measure A - a district parcel tax of \$49/parcel, designed to provide a source of locally controlled funding to be used to continue to provide a top quality education for our students. Measure A stated that an independent Citizens Oversight Committee (PTOC) would review expenditure reports to ensure Measure A funds are spent for the following purposes: provide support for core academic programs such as math, science and English; attract and retain highly qualified teachers; maintain college and career preparation programs; and provide classroom materials such as books and science laboratory equipment. Community members are invited to apply to serve on this oversight committee. More information, including the application, can be found by clicking [here](#). **The application is due June 30, 2022.**

Fall 2022 - Bring Your Own Device

LGSUHSD is transitioning to a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) environment for the 2022-2023 school year. We are implementing BYOD to support students using current technology skills and to promote equitable access. In the Fall, students can choose to bring a personal laptop or Chromebook or check out a Chromebook from the district. Students will be expected to bring their charged digital device to school daily for instructional purposes. [For more information, visit our Technology website](#). As a district, we want to ensure that we prepare students to be successful in the digital age by providing them with the tools, skills and knowledge necessary to prepare them for success in college and beyond. We believe the BYOD program will help us continue to meet this goal.



Class of 2022 Announcements

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Grad Night

Grad Night is two weeks away. We need your help to make it a success!! Grad Night is a parent run event and we can't do it without parent volunteers BEFORE and DURING the event. We still have volunteer spots that haven't been filled. If we don't have enough parent volunteers, we may have to cancel some of the activities and lose our deposit. For example, we have rented carnival games, but need parents to run them. We have rented casino tables, but need parents to be dealers for both shifts during the night. The jobs are not difficult—we just need a little of your time. Help us send off our seniors with a night they will remember and you will too. We kindly request that at least one person per family will volunteer for at least one shift (but more is even better). We welcome SHS alumni to volunteer at Grad Night! Please sign up via [Signup Genius](#).

Senior Brunch Tickets on Sale

Seniors! We look forward to celebrating with you at our first annual Senior Brunch on Wednesday, June 1st. Tickets are on sale at the [SHS Webstore](#) and at the Activities Office during Break and Tutorial!

Save the Dates!

- May 31st- Senior Panoramic Photo and Life Skills Day
- June 1st- Senior Brunch, 9am-12pm
- June 2nd- Grad Practice, 9am-11:30am, Graduation, 6pm-7:30pm, and Grad Night

Cap and Gown Distribution Update

We're getting closer to receiving the caps and gowns. As soon as we know we'll let you and the seniors know. If you did NOT order a cap and gown, you can order them directly from the Herff Jones representative when they arrive to distribute cap and gowns. The cost for a Cap and Gown is \$60; the cost for a Cap and Tassel is \$40. The cost for extra tassels is \$15-20, depending on the extras. All these payments need to be in cash or credit card—no checks. Finally, if you ordered a "loaner" you will still need to purchase a cap and tassel. Those are ordered and picked up the day of distribution directly from the Herff Jones representative.

Senior Week Details

We are less than two weeks away from graduation so we want you to have all the information you need to prepare for your Senior Week! Please check out this [SENIOR WEEK DOCUMENT](#) for important details regarding student debts, senior pranks, senior prom, Class of '22 Panoramic Photo, senior life skills day, senior awards night, senior brunch, graduation practice, graduation, and grad night. We look forward to celebrating Saratoga High School's Class of 2022!

Save Your High School Google Data

We know your high school digital data is important to you. We have therefore enabled Google Takeout (<https://takeout.google.com/>) on your lgsstudent.org G Suite accounts. This [Google Support Document](#) can help you. Your district G Suite account will be suspended on June 30, 2022. Please export your G Suite data before this date. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact techsupport@lgsuhd.org



'TOGA ATHLETICS



Senior Signing Day

The SHS Athletic Department and Sports Boosters will be celebrating our future college athletes on Thursday, May 26, during tutorial (10:00am). The event will take place in the Student Center. Congratulations to the following student athletes:

- Harrison Dance - XC and Track, UCLA
- Casey Gilligan - Soccer, Chapman University
- Andrew Hong - Water Polo, US Naval Academy
- Ashna Krishnamurthy - Track, Babson College
- Anjali Nuggehalli - Pomona College
- Mahi Ravi - Water Polo, Cal Tech

Spring Football Practice is Under Way

Spring football practice began last week and will run through this coming week. If you're interested in learning more about playing football, or want to see a practice, come out to the football field from 4:00-6:00pm. You can also email coach Matos smatos@lgsuhd.org for more information.

Spring Athletics Results

- **Badminton:** Congratulations to Senior Adrian Mar for finishing 1st place in CCS this season!
- **Baseball:** The Men finished the regular season with two big wins vs Fremont HS. The wins earned the team a 2nd place finish in the El Camino division and an automatic qualifying spot in CCS. The Men will be playing their 1st round division VI game on Saturday May 21 at SHS at 11:00am
- **Softball:** The Women won last week which qualified them for CCS playoffs. The Women will be home playing Piedmont Hill on Saturday at 10:00am
- **Tennis:** Congratulations to Ben Bray and Anthony Zheng for making it to the 2nd round of CCS in Doubles!
- **Track and Field:** Congratulations to the following athletes for making it on to CCS finals: Girls 4x100 (Jalyn Harrigan, Annie Chu, Isha Goswami, Ashna Krishnamurthy) Girls 4x400 (Isha Goswami, Elizabeth Stoiber, Lisa Fung, Jalyn Harrigan) Harrison Dance 1600m and 3200m, Ashna Krishnamurthy Long Jump and Triple Jump, Jalyn Harrigan 300 hurdles

Upcoming Falcon Sporting Events - [Calendar](#)

<p>Saturday, 5/21</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseball 1st round CCS playoffs at SHS vs Thomas More, 11:00am. Buy tickets via GoFan. • Softball 1st round CCS playoffs at SHS vs Piedmont Hills, 10:00am. Buy tickets via GoFan. • Track and Field CCS finals 5:00pm Gilroy HS. Buy tickets to the Championships via GoFan.
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Celebrating our Wellness Helpers

This Friday was our last meeting where we celebrated each other and the work that this group of students accomplished. We started our gathering with a Restorative Practice—a key was used as our talking piece. As

we went around the circle, students answered the prompt: "As you reflect upon this school year, what doors have been opened or closed for you?"

Members:

- Leyna Chan
- Hannah Dimock
- Noora Fayad
- Emma Foley
- Tanya Ghai
- Grace Hsu
- Catherine Kan
- Mahi Ravi
- Elizabeth Stoiber
- Sahil Shaik
- Sadif Sobhani
- Alaina Srivastav
- Aditya Venkatram

Projects:

- Created wellness posters
- Hung wellness posters at Homecoming game
- Naming Falcon Friends (peer group)
- Class presentation
- Created a Wellness Center Brochure
- Collaboration with Culture of Consent
- Launching NAMI High School Club
- Wellness Faire

Wellness Resources for Students

Here is a list of resources to help manage grief, anxiety, and stress.

1. **Talkspace** is a free resource offered by our district. Once registered, you can obtain free access to video conferencing with a licensed mental health professional once a month with the ability to text the professional as often as needed. (<https://www.talkspace.com/LGSUHSD>)
 - a. Organization Name: LGSUHSDstudents (for students)
2. To refer your teen to a **SHS Wellness therapist** for school based counseling services please click [here](#).
3. **Care Solace:** Los Gatos-Saratoga Union High School District partnered with Care Solace to support the well-being of students, staff, and their family members. Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential care coordination service that can help you quickly find mental health or substance use treatment options matched to your needs regardless of circumstance. If you would like to use Care Solace to help you find a provider:
 - a. Call 888-515-0595 available 24/7/365 in any language.
 - b. Visit www.caresolace.com/lgsuhsd and either search on your own OR click "Book Appointment" for assistance by video chat, email, or phone.
4. **Crisis: Mental Health Emergency - 24 hr Crisis Lines:**
 - 855-278-4204 Santa Clara County; 650-579-0350 San Mateo County
 - 800-273-8255 National Suicide Prevention
 - Text HELLO to 741741
 - 1-800-246-7743- Mental Health Hotline for LGBTQ+Teens
 - 911

FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

Looking for SHS Foundation Treasurer

The SHS Foundation is looking for a Treasurer for the 2022-23 school year. Our experienced, current Treasurer, who is "graduating out," will show you what needs to be done. The bulk of the work is at the start of the year to process incoming donations. Foundation board meetings are once a month, and typically online. If interested, contact Tom Cobourn, Foundation President, by email at saratogahsfoundation@gmail.com. You can find out more about the Foundation at www.shsf.org. Please help SHS students by helping the Foundation award grants to fund classroom equipment, campus improvements, and social-emotional support programs!



Falcon Family Peer Tutors



22-23 Falcon Family Peer Tutor Applications

If you are a student who would like to be a part of the 22-23 Falcon Family Peer Tutoring Team, please take a moment to complete the ["Falcon Family" Peer Tutors Application for 2022-23](#).

RESOURCES

LGSUHSD COVID Dashboard

Our [District website](#) has a [COVID Dashboard](#) that will be updated to track any new cases. And, remember, it's critical that you report any new cases to shscovid@lgsuhsd.org immediately to protect the health and safety of our community.

Off-Campus Pass

- Please call the attendance line (408-867-3411, Ext 240) prior to picking up a student for an appointment and to request an off-campus pass.
- Spell the last name of your student, provide your student's ID number.
- Indicate the time of pick up, reason for absence, and advise if the student will return to campus and when.
- The Off-Campus pass will be located in your student's EHall account. [EHall Pass Instructions](#)
- The student will need to check in at the attendance window upon return to campus.

Scholarships

Scholarships are updated on a regular basis on Naviance. Log into your Naviance account to see the offers.

SHS and LGSUHSD Social Media Sites

Visit [this link](#) for the social media sites we use on campus. Here are the LGSUHSD Social Media sites: [Twitter - @LGSUHSD](#) and [Facebook - LGSHSdistrict](#)

Student Attendance Reminder - Call 408-867-3411, Ext 240

- When calling in an absence, please spell the last name of your student and provide your student's ID.
- Please explain why the student will be absent, indicate if your student has any COVID-19 symptoms and if your student has been close to anyone who tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks.
- If your student was present in class, but was marked absent, they need to contact the teacher to verify their attendance. The teacher will clear the absence through the Attendance office.
- The student will need to check in at the attendance window upon arrival to campus.

WeTip

It takes a village to keep our students safe on campus and in our community. WeTip is designed to serve as a resource for students who experienced or observed school-related bullying, racism, harassment, or other inappropriate behaviors. Once a report is filed, WeTip will contact our Student Services Department with the specifics of the incident, and Student Services will work with the administration, counselors, and other school staff. Through WeTip, the anonymity of the person reporting is maintained. Students and parents are also encouraged to contact school staff directly to report inappropriate behaviors because this typically provides us with more detailed and helpful information. To learn more, visit <https://wetip.com/>. To submit a report/tip, click on our link to [WeTip](#). These links are also available on the school website under "Quick Links."