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February 27th - 8:30 am - 2:30 pm SRVUSD Parent Conference	March 17th -19th Conference Days (11:40 Dismissal)

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I H M S P T A N E W S L E T T E R

A Message from the PTA President

Welcome back to school! The first semester is completed and we are into the second half of the school year and the month of January is gone already. How time flies!

This year the PTA has added speakers to our monthly meetings. In September the school administration joined the meeting to answer parent's questions about curriculum or school activities. In November, **Ms. Keeler** and **Mrs. Beggs** put on a wonderful presentation about middle school math and the path to high school math classes. In January our school

resource officer, Rob Ransom, joined us to answer parent's questions about crime in our city and offer words of advice as to what parents need to do to keep our children out of trouble. At our next meeting in February, our speaker will be Scott Gerbert from the district office. He will be speaking on the **40 Developmental Assets**. If you are not familiar with the **40 Developmental Assets**, they are a framework of developmental assets. The more assets your child possesses, the less likely they are to engage in high risk behavior such as drug and alcohol use, violence or school problems

such as skipping school or being a perennial underachiever. Come join us on **February 11** at 7:00 pm and learn what tools your child needs to succeed!

Although we just started 2010, the PTA is looking forward to the 2010-2011 school year. We are forming our Nominating Committee and are looking for parents who would like to be active in the PTA next year. We have several Board positions open and would welcome some new faces and enthusiasm for the coming school year.

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Mrs. Cooper Writes



To the Fabulous Iron Horse Families:

Having just completed our first semester, we are now embarking upon one of the busiest times of the school year. With so many lessons still to learn in the classroom and the many exciting activities still needing to be planned (and enjoyed by all) ahead of us it is going to be a demanding yet rewarding next few months. All the reason for parents to stay informed of the upcoming events at Iron Horse and to take advantage of the many resources we have for keeping parents "In the loop!"

As with every newsletter, I will continue to update you on the progress we are making towards our five "Areas of Focus" for achieving our mission. They are:

1. Understanding Early Adolescence
2. Increasing Parent Involvement

3. **Communication and Collaboration**
4. Increasing Academic Achievement and Student Engagement
5. Building a Strong School Community

I would like to address one of these focus areas specifically in this article for it is of the utmost importance as we head into this busy time of year, "**Communication and Collaboration.**"

Goal #3-Communication and Collaboration

Communication: Middle-schoolers are not always the best communicators when it comes to sharing with their parents what is happening at school. Therefore, parents may need to seek out the information for themselves. Here are some ways we are helping parents stay informed:

- "What's Up" updates are e-mailed via

our **LYRIS e-mail system** every Monday. This is a great way to stay up-to-date on the most current activities at Iron Horse and keep informed of important dates and deadlines.

- Teachers provide daily/weekly classroom updates on **schoolloop.com**. It is important that ALL parents and students are registered on schoolloop. Contact Chris George if you have any questions about this valuable resource.

- **PTA newsletters** are e-mailed to all IHMS families on a monthly basis.

- Visit our **school website** at www.ims.srvusd.net. Our website will be undergoing a positive transformation over this school year under the leadership of our tech "Guru" Mark Karbo. Our goal by the end of the year: A website that is current, relevant, and user-friendly for all

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*A Message from the PTA President
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We are also forming the committee to plan the 8th Grade Promotion party which will be held in June.

If you are interested in being a part of the planning, please email **Monica Demain** at mrsdemain@comcast.net. Our 8th graders really look forward to this event and we can always use lots of help to make it an outstanding event.

Have a wonderful month and as always, I am available to answer any questions you may have about the Iron Horse PTA.

Judith Upchurch
Iron Horse PTA President



Our Next Meeting

Please join us at our next PTA meeting, February 11 at 7:00 PM in the Media Center.

Our speaker will be Scott Gerbert and the topic is the **40 Developmental Assets**. Come and learn what relationships, opportunities and personal qualities your child needs in order to avoid risks and to thrive.

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visitors.

- All of the policies and procedures for Iron Horse are included in your child's IHMS **Binder Reminder**. Take a moment to review all of the important information included in this binder reminder.
- **Report cards** are mailed home on a quarterly basis. **Progress Reports** are not mailed home as parents can now monitor their child's progress in each of his/her classes by logging on to www.ih.schoolloop.com at anytime during the year.
- The **school marquee** located in front of the school announces special events.

Voicemail and **e-mail** are available for each staff member, however, e-mail is the preferred form of message communication. Iron Horse staff members are committed to returning e-mails/messages within 24 hours.

Collaboration: Collaboration is essential to providing our students with the most comprehensive educational experience while at Iron Horse and throughout their entire 13 years of education with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District. Here are just two of the ways that we articulate on behalf our students:

Wednesday Staff Meetings – The early dismissal Wednesdays were designed so that the IHMS staff could get together and collaborate with one another. Our weekly meetings range from whole group to small group based on what goals we are trying to accomplish. We meet as a whole staff to discuss global issues and to gather input from the entire team. Teachers meet in department groups to articulate curriculum and share instructional strategies so that all of our students are ensured access to grade level standards and best practices in the classroom. Teachers also meet in grade level groups where they coordinate projects, plan interdisciplinary activities and discuss ways to support struggling learners and challenge our students who are exceeding grade level standards.

Cal High Feeder Pattern Articulation: Transition – We know that it is our duty as a middle school to make sure our incoming 6th graders and our outgoing 8th graders are well prepared for their next journey both academically and emotionally. This is why we work closely with our elementary feeder schools and Cal High School to develop transition programs. We will calendar the many opportunities our incoming 6th graders and our current 8th graders will receive to acquire the information they need to make their transition to the next level as smooth as possible. I will include an article in the March newsletter that outlines all of the activities we have planned for the year.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. As always, it is truly an honor to serve the Iron Horse Community as principal. I wish you all well as you approach the daily challenges of your busy lives and that you get many opportunities to slow down and share wonderful moments with one another.

Sincerely,

Michelle Cooper ☺



Greetings from Mr. George

Hello everyone...

Welcome to second semester. We've had a great and successful year so far, and we look forward to a second half with the same sort of academic and social success at Iron Horse Middle School.

We are pleased to announce that we will be piloting our 'Zeroes Aren't Permitted' program throughout the second semester. This program will require students who have an outstanding homework assignment to spend time during their lunch completing the assignments in order to keep current on both their grades and the content of the class. This will hopefully keep students from falling behind and allow us to help more struggling students.

We are also pleased to report that our Co-Teaching program has been a great success so far. We hope to see great gains for the students in those classes in Core and Math at all grade levels. A sincere thanks continues to go out to the teachers who have worked so hard to make this new program a success.

As always, we continue our sports programs throughout the year here. Girls Basketball will be happening throughout February, and Boys' Basketball will start shortly thereafter. Thanks to the dedicated coaches who continue to give their time and effort to make that a success.

Chris George
Assistant Principal

Notes from Maureen Allison

We're off and running for the second semester with everyone feeling like there's lots to look forward to.

Advisory Program- In February, we will be celebrating National School Counselor's Week, Black History Month, Lunar New Year, and Valentine's Day. There are Words of Wisdom quotes and lessons for all of these events.

STAR Testing- Please make sure our STAR testing dates are on your family calendar; it's important that your student not miss school on these testing days. 7th graders will be doing the STAR writing assessment on March 2. Our schoolwide STAR testing dates are April 26- April 30.

Iron Horse Super Heroes- As you may have heard, our Iron Horse Jaguars are Super Heroes! On January 15th, in conjunction with our Super Hero Sprit Day, we collected over \$3700 for Haiti relief. The money was delivered to the American Red Cross. The staff there was overwhelmed by the generosity of our Iron Horse community. Red Cross staff members will be filming a Thank You message to be shown during an upcoming Mornings at Iron Horse broadcast.

Regards for February-
Maureen Allison
Assistant Principal

District High Schools Among Best in the Nation!

US News & World Report releases "America's Best High Schools"

Danville – US News & World Report recently released its annual "America's Best High Schools" report, and the three eligible high schools in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District all received "Silver" status.

In the analysis of over 21,000 public high schools, California High School, Monte Vista High School and San Ramon Valley High School, were all awarded Silver status, placing them in the top 560 schools* in the nation. (Dougherty Valley High School, the district's newest comprehensive high school, has not had a graduating class and therefore was ineligible).

The report is based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all its students well, not just those who are college bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school is successfully educating its student body across a range of indicators.

For more information, visit: <http://www.usnews.com/listings/directories/high-schools/index.html/>

Understanding adolescence does make a difference!

“Enjoying Adolescence”

From a pamphlet published by the National Middle School Asso-

Article #2: Accepting Consequences

“If I’d known that was going to happen, I wouldn’t have done it.”

“Why do these things always happen to me?”

“I just thought it would be funny.”

“It’s not my fault.”

Middle schoolers have a lot of trouble foreseeing and accepting consequences for their actions. Part of this is due to inexperience, part to their lack of training in thinking ahead, and part to their tendency to live in the “now.” All preadolescents are trying and experiencing things for the first time; this is true of any stage of life. But in preadolescence, the forewarnings and guidance of adults are not always so available as they were during the younger years. A dare taken, a feat attempted, a challenge accepted – there isn’t the time or inclination on the part of a young adolescent to check with an adult. Nor can parents prepare a middle schooler for every circumstance that might possibly be presented.

Also, because of their youth, most preadolescents haven’t had the experience or training in decision making that would help them make choices while considering the consequences.

During their younger years, adults always went through the process for them or assisted them. “Now, if you decide to do that, have you considered this? “If you choose the green ones, they’ll go with your shorts; the red ones, though, will go with anything.” When adults make ALL the decisions, the middle schooler has no opportunity to develop personal decision making skills.

Finally, middle schoolers who live in the “now” often fail to think ahead.

As a result, middle schoolers do things that cause us to make comments such as “Did you use your brain at all?” “What were you thinking of?” “How could you have done that?” and the recurring “Would you please act your age?” The tone of these complaints compounds the problem. They play pranks and practical jokes, they take risks, they break things, they take things apart, they try impossible recipes, they say thoughtless things, they fail to meet deadlines or call if they’re going to be late. We get furious; they seem surprised. We see them as irresponsible and immature; they see us as arbitrary and unjust.



Definition of Cyber Bullying

Cyber Bullying is the use of electronic information and communication devices to willfully and repeatedly harm either a person or persons through the medium of electronic text, photos, or videos. Examples of this behavior include but are not limited to:

- ★ sending false, cruel, vicious messages
- ★ Creating websites that have stories, cartoons, pictures, and jokes ridiculing others.
- ★ Breaking into an email account and sending vicious or embarrassing materials to others.
- ★ Engaging someone in electronic communication, tricking that person into revealing sensitive personal information and forwarding that information to others.
- ★ Posting of a student picture without their permission.

Bullying of this nature creates a hostile, disruptive environment on the school campus and is a violation of a student’s right to be safe and secure. Cyber Bullying and Harassment will not be tolerated. Actions deliberately threatening, harassing, intimidating an individual or group of individuals, placing an individual in reasonable fear of harm or damaging the individual’s property; or disrupting the orderly operation of the school, will not be tolerated.

The online activities and technologies often used by students engaged in Cyber Bullying include but are not limited to social networking sites, chat rooms and discussion groups, instant messaging, text messaging, computers, cell phones and personal digital devices, digital cameras, cell phone cameras, and web cams. As new technologies emerge, they too may be included with the above forms of electronic communication.

Consequences for Harassment and/or Cyber Bullying

Education Codes 48900.4 and 48900 (r), strictly prohibit harassment or bullying of any kind and such behavior is subject to the following consequences:

Minimum: 1 day suspension

Maximum penalty: Expulsion

***** Education Codes 48900.4 “Harassment, threats, or intimidation creating an intimidating or hostile educational environment”**

***** Education Code 48900 (r) “Engaged in an act of**

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bullying, including, but not limited to bullying committed by means of an electronic act, as defined in subdivisions (f) and (k) of Section 32261, directed specifically toward a pupil or school personnel”

If the conduct occurs off school grounds and causes or threatens to cause a substantial disruption at school or interferes with the rights of students to be secure, school administration may impose consequences. The Administration may also report the Cyber Bullying or Harassment to the police.

Action Steps to Respond to Cyber Bullying or Harassment

- ★ Save the evidence. Print the online harassing.
- ★ Identify the Cyber Bully.
- ★ Clearly tell the Cyber Bully to stop.
- ★ Ignore the bully by leaving the online environment and/or blocking communications.
- ★ File a complaint with the Internet or cell phone company.
- ★ Contact the Cyber Bully’s parents.
- ★ Contact the school administration.
- ★ Contact the police.

Directory Sponsor Correction

Our Directory listed the wrong contact information for one of our Directory Sponsors.

Please note the following contact information for realtor Anestelle Maes:

Keller Williams Realty
760 Camino Ramon #200
Danville, CA 94526
925-855-6448- Direct
925-785-2249-Cell
925-855-1333- Fax

Anestelle@AnestelleMaes.com
www.AnestelleMaes.com

We apologize for the error. Thank you.

From the City of San Ramon

The City of San Ramon Parks & Community Services Department offers a variety of programs, classes and events. Visit our teen website, www.SRTeen.org, for a complete listing of what’s going on for teens in San Ramon. To register for classes or other programs stop by the San Ramon or Dougherty Station Community Centers or you can register online at www.SanRamonRecGuide.com. If you have questions or need more information please call 973-3200.

Iron Horse Teen Center:

Looking for a safe place your student can go after school? The Middle School Teen Centers are the place to be! Students are supervised with lots of things to do including homework time every day, outdoor recreation games, asset development activities, cooking activities, video games, and so much more!

Take advantage of our new Semester Membership for only \$515!

This gives your student access to the Teen Center every day after school from January - June. That’s less than \$5 per day!!

Semester Membership - \$515
Monthly Memberships - \$149
5 Day Pass - \$45

For more information visit www.SRTeen.org or email Jennifer Gault at jegault@sanramon.ca.gov.

Youth Resource Program

The Youth Resource Program promotes viable life skills among young people in our community through recreation activities, community service opportunities, counseling programs, and skill development at San Ramon middle schools and high schools. The middle school program is called “Quest.” Each session meets once a week for a four week after school curriculum at designated school sites. The City of San Ramon partners with the San Ramon Valley Unified School District and the San Ramon Police Department to provide a positive, safe environment for students.

Making the Right Choice

Learn about personal finance, education, and career options based on your skills, interests, and values.

Iron Horse Middle School
Thu 2/18 - 3/11 3:00-4:30pm Act #64471
Ages 10-14
\$29

Visit SRTeen.org

Visit San Ramon’s teen website, www.SRTeen.org, to get information on teen events, classes, and other programs. At SRTeen.org you can sign up for email updates and participate in contests that can make teens eligible for free prizes and discounts on programs and

Counselor's Corner

Catherine Carle and Jennifer Benz, Counselors

This month's Counselor's Corner contains lots of important dates and information regarding testing, spring conferences, and registration for the 2010-11 school year.

Spring Conferences: March 17-19

On March 17th, 18th, and 19th students will be attending school on a minimum day schedule due to parent-teacher-student conferences.

- *Students earning more than one D and/or F in required subjects will be scheduled by the counselor for a team conference. Parents will receive a postcard in the mail by March 12, notifying them if a team (more than one teacher) conference is required.*
- *If an individual (one teacher only) conference is required, the teacher will contact you to schedule a conference.*

If you are not contacted by March 12 and would like to request a conference, please call your child's teacher(s) any time from March 12 on.

STAR Testing

STAR testing will once again take place this spring all across California. *At Iron Horse, we will be testing in a morning testing block period, 8:15 – 11:15 am, April 26 through April 30.* It is very important that your child is in school during the testing dates and times so that he/she can complete the entire battery of tests and you can receive a complete score report. STAR testing, which consists of the California Content Standards Tests, measures how well students are learning basic academic skills and meeting standards. An additional component of STAR testing is a writing assessment for 7th graders only. This writing assessment will take place on March 2, 2010.

Registration for 2010-2011 School Year

High School Registration Information for Current 8th Graders

In order for parents and students to get information, catalogs, and course selection sheets pertaining to high school registration, you need to go to the high school Parent & Student Nights listed below. In addition, you can get more information on the individual high school websites.

California High School Registration Information

Tuesday, February 2: AP Parent Information Night @ CHS Commons, 7 pm (This information has been posted for the last few weeks on What's Up IHMS)

March 9 and 10: Incoming 9th grade Parent & Student Night at Cal High. Information containing times and

location has been mailed by CHS to parents of Cal High-bound students.

March 16: CHS counselors visit 8th grade science classes at IHMS to pick up course selection sheets which must be completed by this date

March 31: Advanced English and World Geography placement test at IHMS, 2-4 pm

Dougherty Valley High School

Dates and times not available at this time; contact DVHS

Important Notice for Current Eighth Grade Students and their Parents:

Students, who wish to participate in extracurricular activities, such as sports, leadership, cheerleading, etc., during the freshman year of high school, must maintain a 2.0 GPA during the second semester of their eighth grade school year. By policy, students who do not maintain a 2.0 GPA by June of their eighth grade year may be excluded from the extracurricular program in the fall, even if they qualified for participation at the time of any spring signups or tryouts that may have been held. It is the responsibility of the parent and student to monitor academic progress since academic ineligibility may result in the loss of all deposits or fees paid. Please contact your school counselor if you have any questions regarding this policy.

7th and 8th Grade Registration: April 12-21

During the week of April 12th, there will be a 6th grade and a 7th grade assembly to present information about course selection for the 2010-11 school year. Course selection sheets will be distributed that week, and students can complete them and turn them in the following week. The final due date for course selection sheets will be Wednesday, April 21. Please review your child's course selections, as some classes have a prerequisite. Please fill out all course selections sheet carefully and completely. Changes are difficult to make once the scheduling process is completed. Please note certain classes require an application/interview process; if your student is applying for such a class, he/she will be scheduled for the alternate selection indicated, with a change being made once the approved list of applicants is given to the counseling office.

FYI: Parents of Incoming 6th Graders

We will be visiting 5th graders at Bollinger, Coyote Creek, Golden View, Montevideo and Twin Creeks in May (dates and times to be announced) to discuss the 6th grade program at IHMS. 6th Grade Parent Orientation will be the evening of May 4 at IHMS and visits by the elementary schools to IHMS will be scheduled for May, dates to be announced.

Other Important Dates

February 24	Mid-Quarter Progress Reports available through Schoolloop
March 9	Career Day for 8 th graders at IHMS
March 17-19	Conference Week: Min. Day Schedule
March 26	End of 3 rd Quarter
April 5 - 9	Spring Recess

Library Media Center News

Iron Horse is participating in the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation's first-ever READ-A-THON throughout the month of February. Flyers have been sent home, but if you missed them or would like more information, please go to the website at <http://www.srvef.org/read>

The money raised will support the Ed Fund's projects, with 20% coming back to our library. There will be competition between district schools and between classes here at IHMS. Students who collect pledges and donations will be rewarded with prizes. Regardless of the amount of money collected, the 3 top schools in the district who read the most minutes win \$1000 to spend at one of the major sponsors, read. Booksellers in Blackhawk Plaza. Please support the READ-A-THON by helping your student keep a log of his/her reading February 1- March 2. If you are able, please donate or pledge money and ask your friends and relatives to support your student. You may make your contribution online by going to the website.

Many of our classes have begun writing persuasive essays. A great resource for research to support their arguments is "Points of View" available through edistop. Students log in using the IH username and password available in the library ([email me to access this](#)). By selecting the "Reference" tab, then clicking on EBSCO, they will be able to select this valuable database.

Students are invited to be a part of the IHMS Battle of the Books, even if they missed the first meetings held in January. Please have them check with Mrs. Linhares or Mrs. Worth in the library. They should be listening and watching for the announcement of the next meeting date.

Our world is abuzz with Web 2.0 lingo. If you would like to help your child learn more about it, consider the free online tutorial Learning 2.0 available at

<http://mslearning2.csla.net/> This was created by a team representing the California School Library Association and involves "10 Things" or activities using such sites as animoto, voicethread, Comic Strip Generator, and Big Huge Labs.

The 2010 literary award winners were announced in January by the American Library Association. To see a complete list of awards, please go to <http://www.hbook.com/resources/awards/ala/default.asp> Here are some of the big winners.

John Newbery Medal for most outstanding contribution to children's literature: *When You Reach Me* written by Rebecca Stead

Newbery Honor Books include:

Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose

The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate by Jacqueline Kelly

Where the Mountain Meets the Moon by Grace Lin

The Mostly True Adventures of Homer P. Figg by Rodman Philbrick

Michael L. Printz Award for excellence in literature written for young adults: *Going Bovine* written by Libba Bray

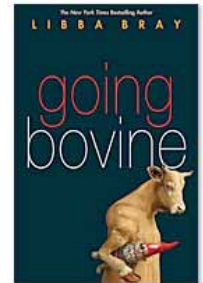
Printz Honor Books include:

Charles and Emma: The Darwins' Leap of Faith by Deborah Heiligman

The Monstrumologist by Rick Yancey

Punkzilla by Adam Rapp

Tales of the Madman Underground: An Historical Romance, 1973 by John Barnes

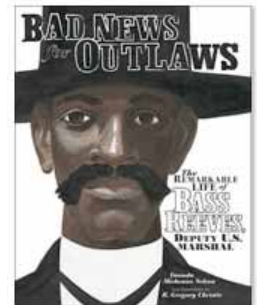


Coretta Scott King (Author) Book Award recognizing an African American author and illustrator of outstanding books for children and young adults:

Bad News for Outlaws: The Remarkable Life of Bass Reeves, Deputy U.S. Marshal written by Vaund a Micheaux Nelson.

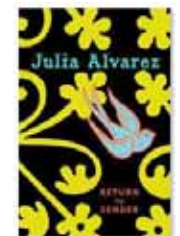
One King Author Honor Book was selected: *Mare's War* by tanita s. davis

My People illustrated by Charles R. Smith Jr., is the King Illustrator Book winner. The book was written by Langston Hughes.



One King Illustrator Honor Book was selected: *The Negro Speaks of Rivers* illustrated by E. B. Lewis, written by Langston Hughes

Pura Belpré (Author) Award honoring a Latino writer and illustrator whose children's books best portray, affirm and celebrate the Latino cultural experience: *Return to Sender* written by Julia Alvarez



Schneider Family Book Award for books that embody an artistic expression of the disability experience: □

Django written and illustrated by Bonnie Christensen won the award for best young children ages 0 to 10.

Anything but Typical written by Nora Raleigh Baskin is the winner for middle grades (ages 11-13).

The teen (ages 13-18) award winner is *Marcelo in the Real World* written by Francisco X. Stork

16th Annual

Youth to Youth Middle School Conference



Workshops you can experience!

- Teen Panel Presentation
- Myths of Marijuana
- Battle of the sexes
- Improv your life
- Jazz Dancing
- Dodge ball
- Mean Girls
- Many more workshops to choose from!

Saturday, March 13, 2010
8:00 AM – 10:00 PM

Gale Ranch Middle School
6400 Main Branch Rd, San Ramon

Conference Fee:

\$35 Advanced Registration
\$45 After February 27th or on site

Register Online: www.srvcasa.org

Fee includes: Meals, Workshops,
Key-Note Speaker, T-Shirt, Dance &
Much More!

What will our day look like? Who will we meet? What will we do?

Registration is from 8:00 – 8:45

Morning

- Welcome – Opening Ceremonies
- Family Groups – Small breakouts
- Key Note Speaker – Javier Sanchez
- Lunch & Dinner
- Workshops

Afternoon

- Our Issues (Youth Panel)
- Drug Free Variety Show
- Closing Ceremonies
- Y2Y Drug-Free Fun Dance

About Youth to Youth

Youth to Youth was founded in 1982 as a small community drug prevention program for middle and high school youth. The focus of its many programs is harnessing the powerful force of peer pressure and turning it around to become a positive force that encourages youth to live tobacco, alcohol, and drug-free lives.

About the key-note speaker:

Javier Sanchez encourages teens, through his love for Hip Hop music and comedy, to realize that once they catch a vision and a sense of purpose for their life, there are NO LIMITS to their potential. He believes that positive change comes when people get beyond wanting, wishing, or hoping it happens, but actually take the steps to make it happen.

** No one will be admitted after 9:30 AM without prior confirmation** Need a partial scholarship? Contact Renee @ 648-1007

This is a tobacco, alcohol, & drug-free conference!

Wanted: Friendly Families interested in sharing their American lifestyle and learning about another culture.

CCI exchange students are:

- Boys and girls, ages 15-18 years old
- Here for 5 or 10 month programs or just a few weeks in the summer.
- Thoroughly screened and proficient in English
- Eager to experience life in America and share their culture
- Individually matched to your family's interests
- Prepared to assume responsibilities of daily life

A CCI host family provides:

- A separate bed and a quiet place to study
- Daily meals with the family
- Local transportation
- Open communication, encouragement and sound advice
- Treatment as a member of the family (including chores, rules, privileges)

CCI provides:

- 25 years experience as a non-profit international exchange organization
- Local representative to assist you the entire length of the stay
- Full insurance coverage
- Dedication to the promotion of cultural understanding, environmental consciousness, and world peace.

Contact: www.cci-exchange.org or your local CCI Area representatives at: diabloexchangestudents@yahoo.com



Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Presents SCIENCE ON SATURDAY

Students, teachers and parents are invited to attend Science on Saturday (SOS). SOS is a five-week series of science talks with demonstrations highlighting cutting edge science at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL). The talks are offered FREE OF CHARGE. The program runs through February 27.

LOCATION: The Bankhead Theater, 2400 First St., Livermore.

TIME: Saturday at 9:30 a.m. and at 11:15 a.m.

SEATING IS FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED: No pre-registration. Seating is limited. Come early to ensure a seat.

PROGRAM FLIER: Print the program flier in color or black and white from <http://education.llnl.gov/sos>.

STUDENT NOTES WORKSHEET: Students receive a worksheet to record the details of the talk. The worksheet is hand stamped at the end of the session.

TEACHERS: Receive a FREE copy of the Power Point slides and a DVD of the video recording of the talk by mail. Be sure to complete a mailing label.

FEBRUARY 6: Distant Worlds: Making Images of Other Solar Systems

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Aguilar, Miriam	Chu, Hannah	Hefter, Katelyn	Latheef, Aafreen	Nemeth, Sophia
Akkawi, Nicholas	Cipriano, Alexandra	Heisel, Emilie	Laux, Joseph	Ng, Samuel
Alam, Sai	Clements, Madeleine	Heng, Jonathon	Leach, Alexandra	Nguyen, Colin
Alatasi, Almouhanna	Colunga, Paris	Howard, Benjamin	Lee, Austin	Nguyen, Emily
Alizadeh, Sam	Costelli, Claire	Howard, David	Lee, Bryant	Niazi, Subhan
Allison, Elliott	Costelli, Ryan	Howe, Annabelle	Lee, Caroline	Nikbakht, Ariana
Altomare, Bradley	Cristiano, Alexis	Hoyt, Brian	Lee, Christopher	Niles, John
Amor, Ashley	Curlett, John	Hrkalovich, Maya	Lee, Esther	Nivsarkar, Kriti
Ampil, Adianez	Da Costa, Sonia Eliandre	Hrkalovich, Sabine	Lee, Hyun Soo	O'Brien, Kylie
Anderson, Isabella	Dalal, Samantha	Hsia, Clevian	Lee, Sydney	Oberhauser Lim, Bryce
Anees, Samra	Dancaster, Rhiannon	Huang, Vivian	Lee, Trevor	Olimpia, Jason
Ansari, Imadh	Daniels, Andrew	Hui, Alvin	Leffel, Carley	Oliveri, Julia
Apte, Shriram	Dawson, Tyler	Hulse, Corey	Leif, Kari	Olson, Kurt
Ash, Dylan	de Guzman, John David	Hwang, Bum Sik	Leushina, Maria	Orday, Chloe
Austin, Pacific	Delaney, Kaelin	Hwang, Jeong Aha	Liang, Katherine	Orday, Natalie
Austin, Rainier	Dennedy, Ciana	Ilmain, Juliana	Lim, Chelsea Diane	Ouyang, Andrea
Avala, Lalita	Dickten, Nicolas	Islam, Raim Ul	Lin, Andy	Owoc, Cameron
Bachu, Siva Phani Ke-	Diemdownicz, Nathan	Ito Gamarra, Kelly	Lindberg, Daniel	Pascual, Amielle Snow
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Berkowitz, Alexa	Filosa, Stacy	Kawaguchi, Jennifer	Mamoon, Sarah	Puri, Chiranjeev
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Boehler, Nicholas	Friedel, Nicholas	Kim, So Hyung	Martini, Bryan	Ramirez, Sara
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Bondoc, Brandy	Fuentes, Robert	Kimber, Helen	McAnulty, Sofia	Randall, Tyler
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Chan, Emily	Gunning, Erika	Kurtz, Jennifer	Murdoch, Kananiomakena	Schneider, Michael
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Chang, Samantha	Ha, Minh Thy	Kwong, Stephen	Nakajima, Mia	Schofield, Nicole
Chevez, Mia	Harp, Karaline	Lait, Gillian	Nakaso, Kelly	Schumann, Hans
Chin, Michael	Harris, Kyle	Lamarre, Vanessa	Nathlich, Amy	Scott Jester, Andrew

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 Segal, Claire
 Segelke, Haley
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 Shaw, Stephen
 Shemirani, Radeen
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 Sheyman, David
 Shokri, Kimiya
 Sigamony, Brandon Nathaniel
 Slavens, Dallin
 Smith, Ryan
 Snashall, Nicole
 Solares, Ian
 Speltz, Oliver
 Steigerwald, Carl
 Steigerwald, Gabrielle
 Stein, Caitlin
 Steinhart, Bailey
 Suh, Jiehee
 Sujishi, Kelsie
 Sun, Henry
 Suresh, Sneha
 Syed Kasim, Abdul Kareem
 Tafazzoli, Arman
 Talwar, Tanya
 Taniguchi, James
 Taticek, Nadia
 Terashita, Calvin
 Thakur, Ashka
 Thronson, Jessica
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 Tortolero, Lauren
 Um, Richard
 Vahabzadeh, Yasmin
 Vasquez, Mackenzie
 Vaughn, Mia
 Verhaeghe, Jill
 Villafuerte, Isabella
 Vincent, Chelsea
 Vincent, Shaina
 Vodanovich, Samantha
 Wadhvani, Divya
 Walker, Maxwell
 Walker, Mitchell
 Wang, Alberta
 Wang, Yangqiyue Cindy
 Waterson, Amanda
 Watson, Mary
 Weinhausen, Samantha
 Williams, Kelsey
 Williams, Rhea
 Williamson, Claire
 Wisesaputri, Sukowatipracitta
 Witzig, Katherine
 Wong, Christopher
 Woodward, Bryce
 Worth, Anna
 Yadav, Siddharth
 Ye, Brandon
 Ye, Chenyang
 Ye, Linda
 Ye, Sharon
 Yee, Morgan

Yen, Carissa
 Young, Kaila
 Yunus, Adnan
 Zheng, Andrew
 Zhou, Caroline
 Zhou, Christine
 Zhou, Katherine
 Zhu, Jasmine

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 Abiharb, Sarah
 Adair, Kyle
 Agustin, Amanda
 Albert Hall, Annelise
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 Alcozai, Akber
 Alikhani, Kevin
 Andersen, Gabriel
 Anderson, Skyler
 Annunziato, Jonathan
 Ardestani, Melika
 Arnold, Chelsea
 Ashley, Kenneth
 Baig, Arman
 Baker, Hannah
 Bang, Yena
 Barlow, Corey
 Bartlik, Brianna
 Bartlik, Connor
 Beloso, Alondra
 Benabou, Aliya
 Bluestein, Matthew
 Boehler, Maximilian
 Bouchet, Olivia
 Boyle, Ruby
 Bramer, Max
 Brehm, Thomas
 Bringer, Alexandra
 Brown, Blake Robert
 Burhanuddin, Fatema
 Burke, Travis
 Calilung, Mikayla
 Call, David
 Cao, Bian Heng Henry
 Cardinale, Nicolai
 Carr, Tyler
 Cautiverio, Trina
 Chan, Ernest
 Chandran, Yassin
 Chauvin, Austin
 Chawla, Sneh
 Cheng, Chi
 Cheung, Andrea
 Chin, Andrew
 Clark, Kathryn
 Coite, Olivia
 Cui, Wenbo
 Curley, David
 Cvetovac, Kaitlin
 D Emilio, Colin
 Dadgari, Olivia
 Darden, Michaela
 Davis, Kaycee
 Deal, Makenna
 deCarion, Alper
 DeGroen, Berlin
 Delgado, Patricia
 DeMain, Karly
 DeMain, Madison
 DeMera, Gigi
 Denning, Nicholas
 Denton, Isabella
 Dickman, Elizabeth
 Diehl, Toby
 Dimalanta Kim, Danielle

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 Dohmann, Alec
 Dong, Kevin
 Downey, Peter
 Durazzo, Kristian
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 Eisenberg, Payton
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 Engbersen, Allie
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 Fajardo, Alessandra
 Feldman, Ryan
 Ferrer, Earvin
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 Filosa, Jamie
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 Fotoohi, Donna
 Fox, Samantha
 Freitas, Marcus
 Furrow, Noah
 Garwood, Jake
 Gee, Gabrielle
 Glazzy, Spencer
 Grabanski, David
 Greb, Elyse
 Grewal, Ashwin
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 Haddad, Nicole
 Haley, Cache
 Haller, Lara
 Hannah, Kristen
 Hansen, Curtis
 Hanson, Michal
 Harp, Kelly
 Harrison, Michelle
 Hazelton, Makenna
 Heath, Christopher
 Heins, Bridget
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 Herick, Christina
 Hingano, Mele
 Hollfelder, Robyn
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 Huettenhain, Jeffrey
 Hughes, Craig
 Hryn, Brooke
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 Johnson, Dean
 Johnson, Erik
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 Kearns, Kyle
 Keeran, Vaidya
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 Kraft, Clancy

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 La, Dylan
 Larson, Christopher
 Lau, Justin
 Loughton, Daina
 Law, David
 Lee, Alexandra
 Lee, Ariel
 Lee, Joseph
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 Lew, Kacey
 Light, Gregory
 Lindberg, Katherine
 Linden, Justin
 Linford, Samantha
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 Manzano, Kalena
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 Meisel, Jennifer
 Merjano, Samantha
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 Miller, Mason
 Miller, Melinda
 Miyakado, Lyndsey
 Mohan, Sahiba
 Montes, Esteban
 Moore, Rockford
 Morgan, Zachary
 Morris, Allison
 Mosbacher, Tyler
 Muralidharan, Sucharita
 Murdoch, Alexander
 Nannar, Balprit
 Norton, Kevin
 Nunez, Francisco
 Ortiz, Maria
 Panos, Kate
 Panthari, Suhas
 Parente, Alicia
 Parikh, Jessica
 Parker, Riley
 Patel, Nilam
 Patel, Swati
 Patil, Aditya
 Pennebaker, Craig
 Pham, Natalie
 Phuon, Lindsey
 Polasu, Yasaswani
 Pollard, Angelica
 Potter, Adrienne
 Potter, Madeline

Price, Nicole
 Prieur, Remi
 Probets, Hannah
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 Rains, Logan
 Rakow, Aleksei
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 Ramirez, Andrew
 Ramseck, Ryan
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 Re, Danielle
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 Rendich, Maxwell
 Reynolds, Hanna
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 Sarkany, Mark
 Sarkany, Zsanett
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 Shah, Namrata
 Shahriar, Iftee
 Shi, Celine
 Silva, Pulith
 Simpson, Brady
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 Slaughter, Kaitlyn
 Smith, Rayanna
 Smith, Sofia
 Smith, Timothy
 Snyder, Matthew
 Solares, Daniel
 Son, Christian
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 Spence, Nicholas
 Spitzer, Andrew
 Springer, Katarina
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 Stewart, Jessica
 Stimpson, Kaden
 Stoneman, Dana
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 Suico, Janelle
 Tantoco, Isabelle
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 Thayer, Andrew
 Thomason, Logan
 Thompson, Hailey
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 Tsang, Lillian

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 Welch, Christine
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 Wick, Tyler
 Wingard, Jordan
 Winslow, Melania
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 Wyrsh, Taylor
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 Yeh, Breannah
 Yu, Anita
 Zilinskas, Paige

Aliski, Nicholas
 Anaya, Austin
 Andrus, Kassandra
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 Bae, Eun Bi
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 Bennett, Morgan
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 Castaldi, Alessio
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 Dailey, Andrew
 Diaz, Mario
 Diehl, Brennen
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 Dowling, Brian
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 Franchi, Anthony
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 Gaub, Walker
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 Goodman, Jessica
 Gupta, Naomi
 Hamel, Alexandra
 Hanna, Sara
 Harrison, Alic
 Hebert, Lillianna
 Hingano, Pasimi
 Hingano, Sisileti
 Hoeke, Adrian
 Hong, Seok Joon
 Horschman, Anne
 Howick, Ashleigh
 Huang, Ivan
 Huber, Lindsay
 Hulse, Cole
 Jackson, Adam
 Jepson, Brittany
 Johnson, Lauren
 Kalich, Andrew
 Kasin, Hope
 Khan, Hussain
 Larking, Callum
 Lestrangle, Michelle
 Liscano, Andrew
 Lopez, Amanda
 Lopez, Gabriela
 Lubarsky, Roman
 Mai, Ryan
 Manibusan, Jordan
 Martinez, Yvonne
 McDougall, Trent
 Mendoza Perez, Danahe
 Miller, Samuel
 Monis, Briana
 Naroditskiy, Dennis
 Paras, Katherine

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 Prange, Joseph
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 Rothfarb, Julianna
 Rutherford, Joshua
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 Sandoval, Nathan
 Schmidig Wood, Austinn
 Shaw, Parker
 Solis, Antonio Rafael
 Sordini, Sabrina
 Souza, Luke
 Starman, Wyatt
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21	22	23	24 QTR. 3 PROGRESS REPORTS SENT VIA SCHOOLLOOP	25	26	27 SRVUSD Parent Conference 8:30 am - 2:30 pm
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7	8	9 SITE COUNCIL MEETING 7:30 am 8TH GRADE CAREER DAY TECH MUSEUM TRIP	10	11 PTA MEETING 7:00 pm	12	13