

March 18-20
Conference Days
(Minimum Day Schedule)

March 27
Third Quarter Ends

March 27
7th/8th Grade Dance

April 6-10
Spring Recess

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A NATIONAL BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

IRON HORSE JAGUARS

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

A Message from the PTA President

Greetings!

The second half of the school year is passing quickly. As a PTA we are already looking forward to the 2009-2010 school year and making plans. Our nominating committee has been formed and we are currently looking for parents to serve on our Board for the 2009-2010 year. We need both officers and committee chairmen. The majority of our positions do not require a major time commitment or require attendance at every PTA meeting. President Obama has spoken repeatedly about the importance of serving your local

community. Volunteering to be part of your child's PTA is a great place to start! If you are interested in serving, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairman, **Cynthia Byers** at byersnews1@aol.com.

In addition to looking for new officers and chairmen, we are considering some changes to our meetings and activities. If you have any specific ideas of things you would like to see your PTA become involved in, please let me know. Change seems to be the buzz word these days and Iron Horse PTA is not exempt from needing to consider some new ways of doing things. If you would like to contact me

to discuss any ideas, my email address is jmu110@juno.com.

Iron Horse been nominated to be honored as a California Distinguished School. Members of the judging committee will be visiting the school on March 12. This is a tremendous honor for our school. Only a small percentage of schools in California qualify to submit an application for the award. An even smaller percentage are selected for a visit. It is a testament to our fabulous teachers and staff and the supportive parent

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Mrs. Cooper Writes



To the Fabulous Iron Horse Parent Community,

As with every newsletter, my intent is to continue keeping our IHMS parent community updated on how we are progressing towards our five primary goals:

1. **Understanding Pre-Adolescence**
2. **Increasing Parent and community Involvement**
3. **Communication and Collaboration**
4. **Increasing Academic Achievement and Enrichment Opportunities**
5. **Respect, Responsibility and Accountability**

Here are some updates.....

Distinguished School

Iron Horse Middle School is just one step away from once again being named

a California Distinguished School. On Thursday, March 12th, a team representing the California Department of Education visited Iron Horse to conduct a validation visit and determine if our school meets the criteria for this designation. The validation team visited classrooms, review data, and interview students, staff members, district personnel and parents. By the end of the day, the validation team was ready to make their recommendation. Our State Superintendent, Jack O'Connell, will make the official announcement of the 2009 California Distinguished Schools in mid-April. There are approximately 1,400 middle schools in California and only 86 of them have been selected to receive Distinguished School visits. It is a real honor for Iron Horse to be selected to this elite group.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Distinguished School application writing team including **Chris George, Cathy Carle, Jenny Benz** and the **IHMS Math**

department. I also want to share my gratitude for our entire Iron Horse staff and our fabulous Iron Horse PTA for all of the hard work and dedication they are demonstrating throughout this process.

Iron Horse will "Shine" (as always) on March 12th!

Parent Patrol

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You!" to all of our IHMS parents who have volunteered their valuable time to serve on Parent Patrol. I can't express enough how excited I am with the number of parents who have participated in this program so far this school year. Mr. George, Ms. Allison and I have enjoyed spending time with our parents as we supervise lunchtime together. The extra support has really made a positive difference to the climate of lunchtime for our students. There are still spots open on the

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community that Iron Horse continues to be honored. I am very proud to be associated with this school.

Judith Upchurch
President

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calendar these next few months. Feel free to drop by the office or call (824-2820) to get your name on the Parent Patrol calendar.

If you have served on Parent Patrol this year I want you to know that you are absolutely and positively appreciated. Thank you, Thank you!

Iron Horse Honor Roll

Iron Horse students come to school ready to learn and to do their best. This is a fact that is evidenced by the large number of students who make honor roll each semester. Pages 6 -10 of this newsletter are filled with names of those Iron Horse students who have demonstrated an ability to master the California State Standards at their grade level and content area. Please make sure to take a few minutes and congratulate your child on making the honor roll. It takes a lot of hard work, determination and commitment to their learning for students to earn a spot on the Iron Horse Honor roll.

Congratulations!

So for now, please take a few moments to read through the pages of this newsletter so you are informed about all of the activities and programs that are currently in progress. Also, make sure to pay special attention to the "What's-Up" weekly e-mail that is sent via our LYRIS communication system. This weekly communication is e-mailed to all parents every Monday and includes important details of that current week's activities. We want our parents to be in the "loop" as much as possible!

I hope you all enjoy this wonderful month of March with all of the rain, the sunshine, and the anticipation of spring to come.

Sincerely,

Michelle Cooper ☺

From Ms. Allison!

Here it is already March! As I write this, it's pouring rain, but Spring is just around the corner, along with the extra busy-ness of second semester.

Anti-Bullying Program Update

Our counselor Jenny Benz and I recently attended a training on "Becoming an Ally." I passed along to the staff the notes on "How to stop bullying in the hallways in three minutes or less." We as a staff have renewed our commitment to being vigilant, and to emphasizing to our students that bullying is not tolerated here at Iron Horse.

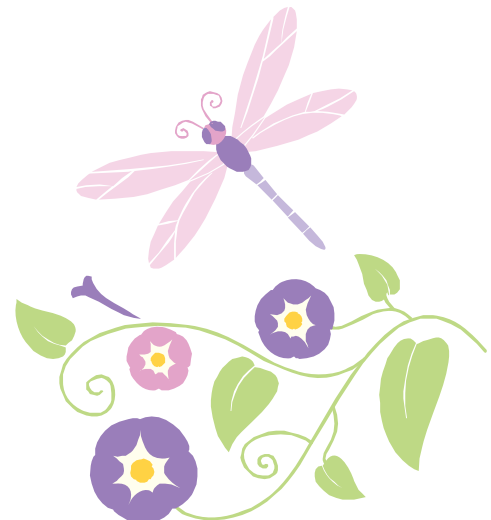
Super Jaguars

Currently, we have 94 students who have qualified for this program, and applications are still coming in! Super Jaguars qualify on the basis of service and citizenship, both at school and in the community. In February we took a trip to Dublin Iceland and Mountain Mike's Pizza, where a good time was had by all.

Student Attendance

Attendance and tardies affect student success. Thank you for your continuing efforts in ensuring that your student is here on time every day and ready to learn.

Happy Spring!



California Junior Scholarship Federation 2008-2009 Semester 2 Roster

7th Grade

Austin, Rainier
Apte, Shriram
Bernier, Bryn
Camenzind, Kathy
Cantoni, Erin
Chang, Justine
Durazzo, Kristian
Fisch, Samantha
Golchehreh, Omid
Gonzalez-Aviles, Jascylette
Goodman, Christopher
Heath, Christopher
Ito, Kelly
Kannan, Anand
Kashikar, Devashish
Kawaguchi, Jennifer
Koo, Stephanie
Lofaso, Joseph
Louie, Norvin
Malloy, Sean
Murdech, Kanani O'Makena
Nakajima, Mia, - *Secretary S2*
Nathlich, Mark
Nemeth, Sophia
Pathak, Mahek
Pratt, Ryan
Ramirez, Andrew
Randall, Kyle
Ravipati, Vikki (*Vivekavardhan*)
Rebro, Scott
Schneider, Michael
Shemirani, Rozana
Suh, Jiehee
Syed Kasim, Abdui Kareem
Talwar, Tanya
Tortolero, Lauren
Walker, Mitchell
Williams, Kelsey
Williams, Rhea
Worth, Anna
Villafuerte, Allie

8th Grade

Akkawi, Jonathan * *Activities Director, S2*
Albert-Hall, Casey
Anderson, Brooks * *President, S2*
Avancena, Kara Danielle *
Baronia, Avanti
Bandler, Alec *
Battu, Varun *
Cantoni, Nick *
Cheng, Hsiang
Diaz, Maria Elena
Fajardo, Nicholas
Fisch, Cameron
Gath, Kenneth *
Gee, Jacob *
Gill, Jennifer
Gole, Shalaka *
Harris, Lindsay * *Vice President, S2*
Ho, Natalie *
Hsia, Melody
Iversen, Jennifer *
Jalihal, Aditya * *Treasurer, S2*
Kim, Innæ
Kim, Michelle *
Kim Seohyun *
Knigge, Courtney *
Li, Julie *
Li, Lucy *
Linford, Katelyn *
Lyll, Kayla *
Lyll, Rachel *
McHugh, Victoria
Motekaitis, Alyssa
Piehl, Tyler *
Shim, Iris
Shen, Alice (Yaqi)
Sivaraman, Timothy *
Tilahun, Mekaleya
Upchurch, Jennifer
Wang, Yicheng
Waychal, Soham
Wiedeman, Katherine
Young, Liane *
Zhu, Jillian *

*Lifetime Member

Student Body News

January and February were busy months for leadership. Leadership held a “pennies for patients” drive that lasted two weeks. Every morning during the drive, leadership students went into advisories, and students would put in paper money in their advisory jar. During lunch, students were free to “sabotage” other advisories’ jars by putting in coins. The next morning, leadership would count the money that was in each advisory jar and for every dollar that was in that jar that advisory would get 100 positive points. For every penny that is in that advisory jar, that advisory would get a negative point. At the end of two weeks, the winning advisories (the advisories with the most points) from each grade level would get a mile pass. The winners were: Cline’s advisory for 6th grade, Green’s advisory for 7th grade, and Armstrong’s advisory for 8th grade. All the money that was donated, which was over \$4,000, went to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and the Children’s Tumor Foundation.

Sincerely,

Sophia Nemeth

District Budget Info

If you would like information about the budget crisis and how it affects our schools, the School District has posted to the district website a list of Frequently Asked Questions – and Answers. It can be found at:

http://www.srvusd.net/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=42767&type=d&termREC_ID=&id=1&rn=7074066

To navigate to the page from the district homepage, go to www.srvusd.net – click on the red “Budget Info” tab in the upper left corner – click on “District Budget Crisis - Questions and Answers” in the box to the right.

Reminder: Valuables on Campus

As is stated in your student's Binder
Reminder:

"Bringing valuables to school is highly discouraged, as loss and theft may occur. Iron Horse Middle School is not responsible for lost or stolen items."

We have a great group of students at Iron Horse who demonstrate exemplary character yet they are still early adolescents and therefore may use poor judgment at times. Early adolescents may find themselves doing something they know is wrong (like stealing) but not appreciate the consequences of what they are doing until after they have committed the act. We work with students all of the time who get caught breaking a rule and sometimes their only defense is "I don't know what I was thinking." Understanding that poor judgment is part of Early Adolescence it is important for our students to appreciate why they need to be careful when bringing valuables on campus.

Please take a few minutes to discuss this topic with your child so they do not become a victim of theft. Share with them how they need to keep their valuables by their side and when in the locker room they need to lock their valuables safely in a locker. Also, in the spirit of promoting positive character traits, please encourage him/her to report any suspicious activity they may see in the locker room that could help us discipline the guilty party. We want any student who makes the decision to steal be held accountable so they may deal with the consequences for their actions, learn from the experience and then move on and not do it again.

Even though Iron Horse is not responsible for items that are stolen we do take reports of theft seriously and will investigate any leads that are brought to our office. Suspension is automatic for those who are determined to be guilty of theft.

Iron Horse Middle School Education Fund Update

IHMSEF is currently looking for parent volunteers to join our organization as Ed Fund Board Members for the 2009-10 school year. Please consider this opportunity to serve as a school leader to help address the educational and school budget challenges which we all face.

The goals of the IHMSEF are to raise money in support of educational programs at Iron Horse, primarily in the areas of class size reduction and technology. Over the past years, our organization has provided funding for several teacher sections (achieving lower student to teacher ratios) and also for a variety of technology purchases throughout the school.

IHMSEF fundraising comes primarily from family donations, with additional funds from corporate matching gift and eScrip programs. We do not conduct auctions or other fundraising events.

We would like to add several parents to replace the eighth grade parents who will finish their terms on the board. We seek to have an active board from a cross section of our school population.

If you are interested in this important opportunity to maintain the high standard of education at Iron Horse, please contact **Bob Anderson** (hey.bob.a@comcast.net or 925-743-0196).

Next IHMSEF Meeting:

Monday April 13, 2009, 7:00 pm,

Iron Horse Media Center

Articulation Timeline 2009

Iron Horse Middle School

High School Articulation

Cal High counselors will be visiting our Science classrooms on Tuesday, March 17th to pick up course selection sheets that will be distributed at the Parent Info Nights.

The Cal High Parent Nights for Incoming 9th Graders are on: March 9, 10, 11, and 12th

- Cal High will be mailing informational letters home to CHS bound students on Feb.16th.

Placement test for CHS Advanced English and Advanced World Geography is **Wednesday, April 1st** at Iron Horse from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The Dougherty Valley High Parent Night is on March 17th @ 7:00 PM in the Theater

- March 20th – Course Selection Sheets due to IHMS Counseling Office

No Advanced classes offered at DVHS for 9th graders

The Monte Vista High Parent Nights will begin at 7:00 PM in the Theater on these dates:

- **March 16th** (A-G)
- **March 17th** (H-N)
- **March 18th** (O-Z)

Special Education Parent Meeting on Mar. 16 @ 6:00 PM

IHMS Course Selection Visits

Cathy Carle and Jenny Benz, Iron Horse counselors, will visit all 6th and 7th grade classrooms to review the procedures for how students will choose their courses for the 2009-10 school year. These visits will occur during the week of April 20th.

Incoming 6th Graders to

Incoming 6th Graders Parent Night - Tuesday, May 5th @ 7:00 p.m. in our MPR

Iron Horse Will Visit our Feeder Elementary Schools on:

Monday, May 11th @ 8:45 AM—Twin Creeks

Wednesday, May 13th @ 9:15 AM—Montevideo

Thursday, May 14th @ 9:00 AM—Golden View

Friday, May 15th @ 8:45 AM—Bollinger Canyon

Our Feeder Elementary Students Will Tour Iron Horse on:

Twin Creeks and Montevideo:

May 21st @ 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Bollinger Canyon and Golden View:

May 22nd @ 9:00 – 10:00 AM

Gold Honor Roll

Abadir, Jarrett	Chevez, Mia	Goodman, Christopher
Adami, Christopher	Chew, Charlene	Gredell, Matthew
Adams, David	Chin, Michael	Guo, Scarlett
Akkawi, Jonathan	Choing, Christina	Gupta, Hardik
Alam, Sai	Clark, Breanna	Guse, Kara
Albert Hall, Annelise	Clayton, Sabrina	Gyamfi, Akosua
Albert Hall, Ashlyn	Clements, Madeleine	Haefling, Brandon
Albert Hall, Casey	Costelli, Ryan	Halawani, Maen
Alfaro, Amanda	Cristiano, Alexis	Haller, Lara
Ampil, Adianez	Cvetovac, Kaitlin	Haller, Leonard
Anderson, Brooks	D Emilio, Colin	Haraguchi, Holly
Anderson, Isabella	D Emilio, Nathan	Harkins, Patrick
Anees, Samra	Dadgari, Olivia	Harris, Lindsay
Annunziato, Jonathan	Dalal, Samantha	Harwood, Alaina
Ansari, Imadh	Damiano, Katherine	Heath, Christopher
Apte, Shriram	Daniels, Andrew	Heins, Bridget
Ardestani, Maysam	Delaney, Kaelin	Heisel, Emilie
Arnold, Chelsea	Dennedy, Ciana	Ho, Natalie
Ashley, Kenneth	Diaz, Maria	Holsworth, Alyssa
Austin, Pacific	Dimalanta Kim, Danielle	Hornett, Daniel
Austin, Rainier	Dong, Kevin	Howard, Benjamin
Avancena, Kara Danielle	Doshi, Kush	Howe, Annabelle
Baird, Sterling	Drake, Erica	Hsia, Melody
Balabhadra, Nisha	Dunford, Derek	Huang, Ivan
Bandler, Alec	Eiges, Melanie	Huber, Lindsay
Barlow, Scott	Emmons, Michelle	Hulse, Cole
Barnard, Lauren	Ennis, Emily	Hulse, Corey
Baronia, Avanti	Espanola, Reynaldo Lee	Hwang, Bum Sik
Baronia, Neel	Fabia, Alyssa	Ilindra, Abhiram
Battu, Varun	Fagenboym, Marta	Ilmain, Juliana
Bengco, Karina Rose	Fajardo, Alessandra	Ip, Pak See
Bergman, Noah	Farmer, Jeanina	Islam, Raim Ul
Bernard, Jacob	Feldman, Rachel	Ito Gamarra, Kelly
Bernier, Bryn	Filosa, Jamie	Iversen, Jennifer
Bierwith, Blake	Findley, Autumn	J usrey, Christine
Blythe, Daniel	Fisch, Cameron	Jachowski, Tyler
Boehler, Maximilian	Fisch, Samantha	Jalihal, Aditya
Boienipelly, Harini	Forgey Jahn, Charlotte	Jenkins, Sean
Boutros, Silvia	Fornataro, Amanda	Jeong, Woo Young
Boyle, Ruby	Fox, Samantha	Johnson, Erik
Bringer, Alexandra	Freels, Alyssa	Johnson, Rachael
Brown, Jamal	Frias, Sergio	Kan, Amber
Burhanuddin, Fatema	Friedman, Mason	Kang, James
Caito, Nathaniel	Gabler, Hannah	Kang, Tai Hun
Calosso, Chandra	Gabrielson, Ariana	Kang, Tai Hyun
Camenzind, Katherine	Gaddam, Neehar	Kannan, Anand
Cameron, Brianna	Gath, Kenneth	Karbo, David
Cantoni, Erin	Geary, Shannon	Karbo, Stephanie
Cantoni, Nicholas	Gee, Jacob	Kashikar, Devashish
Casadont, Tatiana	Gerlach, Danielle	Kasin, Hope
Castillo, Sydney	Ghosh, Dibya Jyoti	Kaul, Priyanka
Cavalier, Joshua	Gill, Jennifer	Kawaguchi, Jennifer
Chambers, Melissa	Gillespie, Jessica	Kearns, Kyle
Chan, Alvin	Glugatch, Sarah	Kenney, Tyler
Chan, Lai	Goel, Charvee	Ketelsen, Jaden
Chang, Justine	Gole, Shalaka	Khul, Isaiah
Chang, Samantha	Gomm, Kirsten	Kim, In Nae
Cheng, Hsiang	Gonzalez Aviles, Jascylette	Kim, Karina
Cheung, Andrea	Gooding, Christopher	Kim, Michelle

Kim, Seohyun	Medikonda, Kamala	Re, Danielle	Tran, Dylan
Kim, So Hyung	Meisel, Jennifer	Rebro, Scott	Tran, Tiffanie
Kirkpatrick, Joshua	Meng, Helen	Reik, Zoe	Tsang, Lillian
Kissoyan, Garen	Minwalla, Zara	Rendich, Mackenzie	Um, Richard
Klassen, Fiona	Mishra, Bibhuti	Richardson, Christina	Upchurch, Allison
Knezeak, Kody	Mistry, Chandni	Rienhart, Gabrielle	Vahabzadeh, Yasmin
Knigge, Courtney	Mitchell, Mary	Rienhart, Moshe	Vasquez, Mackenzie
Ko, Sean	Mitchell, Ryan	Riley, Grant	Vaughn, Mia
Ko, Vivian	Miyakado, Lyndsey	Roe, Natalie	Villafuerte, Alexandra
Kolluru, Ajay	Mizuhara, Mariko	Roehrs, Ashley	Vincent, Shaina
Koo, Stephanie	Molloy, Sean	Rovai, Juliana	Vishwakarma, Prithviraj
Kovler, Eden	Montag, Alexandria	Rovai, Kristen	Vodanovich, Samantha
Kumarasivan, Adith Shamruth	Montes, Marisol	Runyon, Kelly	Wadhvani, Divya
Kuo, Ellen	Morelli, Christine	Sachdeva, Vidhi	Wang, Yicheng
Kurtz, Brandon	Morgan, Olivia	Sackett, Stacia	Watson, Mary
Kwong, Stephen	Mosier, Melissa	Salamatina, Alina	Westwick, William
Lait, Gillian	Motekaitis, Alyssa	Sandoval, Taylor	Williams, Joelle
Larking, Callum	Mun, Emily	Sarkany, Zsanett	Williams, Kelsey
Larson, Christopher	Muralidharan, Sucharita	Savage, Julia	Williams, Rhea
Latheef, Aafreen	Murdoch, Kananiomakena	Schaer, Talia	Wojcik, Chelsey
Laughton, Daina	Nadeem, Maha	Schneider, Michael	Woodward, Bryce
Laux, Joseph	Nakajima, Mia	Schofield, Nicole	Woodward, Pierce
Le, Bryan	Nathlich, Mark	Schumann, Heidi	Worth, Anna
Lee, Bryant	Naziruddin, Mina	Scott Jester, Andrew	Ye, Brandon
Lee, Caroline	Nemeth, Sophia	Sebastiani, Matthew	Ye, Chenyang
Lee, Esther	Ng, Wan Jee	Segelke, Haley	Yee, Morgan
Lee, Hyun Soo	Nguyen, Hung	Shaw, Stephen	Yeh, Breannah
Leung, Jade	Niles, John	Shemirani, Rozana	Yen, Carissa
Leushina, Maria	Olson, Kurt	Shen, Yaqi	Young, Kaila
Li, Julie	Orito, Derin	Shi, Celine	Young, Liane
Li, Lucy	Ouyang, Andrea	Shim, Iris	Zhou, Christine
Li, Vivian	Panos, Kate	Shokri, Kimiya	Zhou, Katherine
Lim, Chelsea Diane	Parente, Alicia	Sigamony, Brandon Nathaniel	Zhu, Jillian
Lin, Andy	Pariikh, Jessica	Sivaraman, Timothy	
Lindberg, Daniel	Parwito, Pradipta	Snyder, Matthew	
Linford, Katelyn	Patel, Nilam	Speltz, Oliver	
Linford, Samantha	Pathak, Mahek	Spence, Nicholas	
Livschitz, Jennifer	Patil, Aditya	Stalcup, Dylan	
Lofaso, Christian	Perfect, Ellen	Starck, Tarrant	
Lofaso, Joseph	Petty, Jessica	Steigerwald, Gabrielle	
Lorenz, Matthew	Phadnis, Shalaka	Stein, Caitlin	
Louie, Norvin	Pham, Amanda	Stelter, Amanda	
Lyall, Kayla	Pham, Thuy Linh	Stinson, Shawna	
Lyall, Rachel	Pidgeon, Mikaila	Stoneman, Dana	
Maggio, Matthew	Piehl, Tyler	Suezaki, Andrew	
Mahony, Michael	Pisio, Madeleine	Suh, Jiehee	
Mai, Ngoc	Powada, Bryce	Suresh, Sneha	
Maier, Cheyenne	Pratt, Ryan	Syed Kasim, Abdul Kareem	
Maiti, Esha	Pray, Matthew	Tafazzoli, Arman	
Majdalani, Rosemarie	Price, Nicole	Talwar, Tanya	
Mallari, Brianna Nicole	Prieur, Remi	Tantoco, Isabelle	
Manickam, Vishal	Puri, Chiranjeev	Tekell, Dennis	
Mann, Joshua	Purser, Jessica	Tey, You Sheng Ryan	
Martin, Luke	Quan, Menchus	Thakur, Ashka	
Masoian, Taline	Randall, Kyle	Thomas, Ashley	
Matharu, Deepak	Randall, Tyler	Thompson, Hailey	
McFarlane, Logan	Ravipati, Jageeshadurga	Tibrewala, Rajvee	
McHugh, Victoria	Ravipati, Vivekavardhan	Tilahun, Mekaleya	
McMillan, Samantha	Re, Carly	Tortolero, Lauren	

Silver Honor Roll

Abiharb, Sarah	DeFazio, Daniel	Hoyt, Brian
Alcozai, Omar	DeMain, Karly	Hrkalovich, Sabine
Alizadeh, Sam	DeRuyter, Paige	Hsieh, Michael
Altomare, Kevin	Deshpande, Saatvika	Huang, Michelle
Alvarez, Deonna	Diaz, Mario	Huettenhain, Jeffrey
Anaya, Austin	Dickman, Elizabeth	Hundal, Sahil
Anderson, Jordan	Diemdowicz, Nathan	Hyrn, Brooke
Andrus, Kassandra	Dohmann, Alec	Ilango, Satveka
Ardestani, Melika	Dohmann, Cole	Jafri, Kazim
Asencios, Andrea	Dunford, Cody	Jepson, Brittany
Baker, Hannah	Durazzo, Kristian	Johnson, Dean
Bandtell, Serena	Durkin, Emma	Johnson, Lauren
Banoth, Aravind	Emmel, Shelbie	Kal, Layth
Barekzia, Madina	Ertassi, Rachel	Kalich, Andrew
Barratt, Nicole	Eshghipour, Shaheen	Kang, Taewoo
Barrett, David	Everhart, Jacob	Karan, Hasnain
Bartlik, Brianna	Ewert, Dylan	Keefer, John
Batyuk, Elizabeth	Fagundes, Jessica	Keeran, Vaidya
Becerra Bautista, Shawntel	Fajardo, Nicholas	Khan, Hussain
Bennett, Morgan	Fatima, Aqdas	Kim, Daniel
Birlangi, Venkat Meher Ashish	Ferreira, Baylee	Kim, Sojung
Bluestein, Matthew	Ferrer, Earvin	Kim, Yunha
Bondoc, Brandy	Figueroa, Macario	Kleinman, Brandon
Bondoc, Marcus	Filo, Mason	Kleinman, Justin
Borashan, Ryan	Forester, Emily	Kraemer, Tyler
Bouchet, Olivia	Fotoohi, Donna	Kumaran, Uttam
Brehm, Thomas	Frias, Alexander	Kwong, Andrew
Brown, Kimberly	Garrison, Johanna	Kwong, Sarah
Buechler, Sandra	Garwood, Jake	Lampron, Robin
Byers, Olivia	Ge, Jiaying	Lamsen, Ronalyn
Cabrera, Maximiliano	Giansante, Genevieve	Lau, Justin
Cabrera Paz, Marlene	Glazzy, Spencer	Law, David
Caito, Anthony	Godfrey, John	Lee, Alexandra
Calcagno, Benjamin	Golchehreh, Omid	Lee, Ariel
Calilung, Mikayla	Good, Steven	Lee, Spencer
Carr, Tyler	Grabanski, David	Lee, Trevor
Cautiverio, Trina	Granieri, Marlena	Levan, Jason
Chan, Ernest	Grauss, Bianca	Ley, Heather
Chauvin, Austin	Grauss, Brooke	Li, Alberto
Cheng, Chi	Greb, Elyse	Light, Gregory
Chew, Brian	Grewal, Ashwin	Lillig, Benjamin
Chilese, Isabella	Gunning, Erika	Livingston, Stephanie
Chin, Andrew	Gupta, Naomi	Lopez, Amanda
Chin, Brandon	Ha, Minh Thy	Lum, Kianna
Church, Brandon	Haddad, Angel	Lyjynen, Aari
Clark, Kathryn	Halawani, Omar	Lyjynen, Alex
Coite, Olivia	Haley, Cache	Ma, Anthony
Cornwell, Conrad	Hansen, Curtis	Mah, Ariana
Crabb, Tristan	Harp, Karaline	Mai, Ryan
Crivello, James	Harp, Kelly	Marek, Mindee
Dami, Alexandra	Herrera, Maria	Marks, Andrew
Darden, Michaela	Hingano, Pasimi	Martin, Alea
Davidson, Collin	Hingano, Sisileti	Mason, Noah
Davidson, Emilee	Hollfelder, Robyn	Mendoza Perez, Danahe
Davis, Kaycee	Holloway, Elie	Merrick, Cole
Deal, Makenna	Hooshmand Rad, Sahar	Mezzapelle, Lauren
Dedekind, Rebecca	Howick, Ashleigh	Miller, Alexandra

Miller, Melinda
 Miller, Samuel
 Modaressi, Arian
 Mohan, Ashwath
 Monis, Briana
 Montes, Esteban
 Morgan, Zachary
 Mosbacher, Tyler
 Mostaghimi, Raz
 Murdoch, Alexander
 Neil, Natalie
 Niazi, Imran
 Niazi, Subhan
 Nunez, Francisco
 O'Brien, Taylor
 Ordway, Natalie
 Padron, Isaac
 Pang, Erica
 Paniagua, Brian
 Panthari, Suhas
 Pardini, Angela
 Patel, Swati
 Patten, Nicholas
 Pavone, Bianca
 Pevzner, Anna
 Phuon, Lindsey
 Polasu, Yasaswani
 Pollard, Angelica
 Potter, Madeline
 Prange, Alex
 Prange, Joseph
 Prembabu, Bhuvanesh
 Prilutsky, Laura
 Probets, Hannah
 Rackmil, Seth
 Rahimi, Harris
 Ramirez, Andrew
 Ramsey, Jordan
 Reddy, Gautam
 Regets, Chandler
 Reynolds, Hanna
 Ricca, Taylor
 Riley, Conner
 Ritter, Maxwell
 Rivers, Haley
 Roberts, Travis
 Rodrigues, Marisa
 Rogers, Frederick
 Rogers, Jay
 Saavedra, Gabriel
 Sadler, Blair
 Saferite Elkin, Dakota
 Salavitch, Mathew
 Sandoval, Nathan
 Sarmenta, Megan
 Schaer, Danielle
 Schumann, Hans
 Seo, Ho Young
 Shah, Namrata
 Shair, Omar
 Sheppard, Morgan
 Silva, Pulith
 Slavens, Dallin
 Smith, Ryan
 Smith, Sofia
 Smith, Timothy
 Snashall, Nicole
 Solares, Daniel
 Souza, Andrew
 Spitzer, Andrew
 Srimongkol, Mitchell
 Starck, Tristan
 Stewart, Jaida
 Stewart, Jessica
 Stovall, Dariane
 Sufi, Arman
 Suico, Janelle
 Sylvia, Jared
 Sylvia, Kyle
 Tautalatasi, Dasmond
 Thayer, Andrew
 Tovchigrechko, Anna
 Tran, Loc
 Tribble, Jalen
 Tristant, Amelie
 Upchurch, Jennifer
 Urvinika, Megan
 Utchen, Audrey
 Utchen, Lauren
 Utley, Matthew
 Vahey, Marissa
 Vasquez Gutierrez, Alejandro
 Vaughn, Zoi
 Villanueva, Eric
 Voss, Eric
 Wali, Zakee
 Walker, Mitchell
 Wang, Alberta
 Waychal, Soham
 Weber, Alanna
 Welch, Christine
 Whisenhunt, Tyler
 Wiedeman, Katherine
 Williamson, Claire
 Winning, Rebecca
 Winslow, Melania
 Wong, Isabella
 Wu, Corey
 Wurnitsch, Danielle
 Yu, Anita
 Zarate, Alexander
 Zheng, Andrew
 Zhu, Jasmine

Bronze Honor Roll

Adair, Kyle
 Alejandrino, Daniel
 Andersen, Gabriel
 Anderson, Cameron
 Aziz, Daniel
 Bae, Eun Bi
 Bargas, Madison
 Beckerman, Eric
 Belloso, Alondra
 Benning, Avery
 Bramer, Max
 Brandenburg, Grayson
 Brotherson, Graham
 Burke, Travis
 Byrd, Samantha
 Call, David
 Calosso, Gabrielle
 Canestro, Mario
 Castro, Joel
 Choe, Kevin
 Coiner, Shelby
 Collins, Justin
 Cruz, Joseph
 Cui, Wenbo
 Cutler, Nicole
 deCarion, Alper
 DeMera, Gigi
 Denton, Isabella
 Diehl, Brennen
 Dionisio, Miranda
 Dumpit, Lauren
 Durkin, Monica
 Enders, Cassidy
 Engberson, Allie
 Fabrique, Trevor
 Fox, Danielle
 Frambes Wheeler, Christopher
 Freitas, Marcus
 Garcia, Michael
 Gentry, Dorian
 Golabi, Nakisa
 Gomes, Allie
 Gonsalves, Melissa
 Gonzales, Jasmyn
 Hagebush, Christopher
 Hannah, Kristen
 Hauser, Maximilian
 Hayfield, Miles
 Hernandez, Daniela
 Horschman, Anne
 Hulley, Matthew
 Johnson, Shannon
 Kanjee, Hannibal
 Kimber, Helen
 La, Dylan
 Lamarre, Stephanie
 Larking, Ceri Megan
 Latef, Mursal
 Leach, Christiana
 Locy, Austin
 Loos, Melissa
 Lu, Jessica
 Lubarsky, Ashton
 Lubarsky, Roman
 Martin, Jonah
 McDougall, Trent
 Miller, Mason
 Moore, Rockford
 Morris, Allison
 Ng, Samuel
 Norton, Erik
 O'Rourke, Kyle
 Peguese, Kinzy
 Peterson, Christopher
 Pham, Christian
 Phares, Nicole
 Ramirez, Monica
 Ramos, Michelle
 Ramseck, Ryan
 Reese, Kamar
 Rinear, Jasmine
 Rodrigue, Rachel
 Rodriguez, Paige
 Rosemond, Julian
 Rostratter, Michael
 Rothfarb, Julianna
 Sagafi, Amir
 Sanil Kumar, Sharanya
 Sehgal, Satwik
 Shabrina, Isni
 Shapira, Shmuel
 Shewry, Alec
 Simon, Nava
 Simpson, Laura
 Sirota, James
 Skahill, Tara
 Smith, Jonas
 Smith, Nicole
 Thomas, Alissa
 Thomas, Sara
 Thornton, Kirra
 Torres, Joaquin
 Wallace, Mikayla
 Westwick, Kurt
 Whitaker, Cole
 Wilson, Julian
 Wong, Perry
 Wright, Troy
 Wurnitsch, Brittany

Counselor's Corner

Catherine Carle and Jennifer Benz, Counselors

This is the time of the school year where time starts to fly by. Career Day, visits from the high schools, registration information, conferences, and Spring Break are all right around the corner. Parents: please be aware that students earning semester grades of D or F will be referred for Summer School, so please continue to work with your child and his/her teachers in keeping your student on track academically.

This month's Counselor's Corner contains lots of important dates and information regarding testing, spring conferences, and registration for the 2009-10 school year.

Spring Conferences: March 18-20

On March 18th, 19th, and 20th 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 13, 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 13 and would like to request a conference, please call your child's teacher(s) any time after March 13.

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 28 through May 1. 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 3, 2009.

Registration for 2009-2010 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

March 9, 10, 11, and 12: Incoming 9th grade Parent & Student Night. Information containing times and location will be mailed by CHS the week of February 16 to parents of Cal High-bound students.

March 17: CHS counselors visit 8th grade science classes at IHMS to pick up course selection sheets

April 1: Advanced English and World Geography placement test at IHMS, 2-4 pm

Dougherty Valley High School

March 17: 9th Grade Parent Night, 7pm in the Theater

March 20: Course selection sheets due back to Iron Horse counseling office

Monte Vista High School

March 16 (A-G), March 17 (H-N) and March 18 (O-Z): 9th Grade Parent Night, 7pm in the Theater

March 16: Special Ed Parent Night, 6pm, in the Library

March 20: Course selection sheets due back to Iron Horse counseling

office

April 13: MVHS Cheer try outs, 3:30 in the Small Gym

April 20: MVHS Sports Night, 7pm in the Large Gym

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 programs 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.

8th Grade Registration

April 20 and 21: Counselor visits to 7th grade core classrooms to discuss course selection for 8th grade.

April 27: Course selection sheets must be signed by parent and returned to core classroom teacher.

7th Grade Registration

April 22 and 23: Counselor visits to 6th grade core classrooms to discuss course selection for 7th grade.

April 27: Course selection sheets must be signed by parent and returned to core classroom teacher.

New this year: The district, middle school course catalog will be on the Iron Horse website as of March 23. We will be meeting with all 6th and 7th graders the week of April 20th and showing them how to access the information online.

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

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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 the week of May 11th to discuss the 6th grade program at IHMS. 6th Grade Parent Orientation will be the evening of May 5 at IHMS and visits by the elementary schools to IHMS are scheduled for May 21 and 22.

Academic Summer School Information

- Current **6th** and **7th** grade students who have received semester grades of D and/or F in an academic subject (English/Language Arts, History, Mathematics and Science) should attend Academic Summer School at Iron Horse Middle School June 19 – July 17.
- Current **8th** grade students who have earned an F in English/Language Arts and/or Math are required to attend Academic Summer School at Venture School on designated days, 8:00am – 12:15pm: **Students must have a 2.0 GPA to be eligible for activities and sports in high school and must remediate all failing grades in order to promote to high school.**

Applications for Summer School will be available at IHMS during Conference Week, March 18-20.

Other Important Dates

March 18-20	Conference Week: Minimum Day Schedule
March 27	End of 3 rd Quarter
April 3	Report cards mailed
April 6 - 10	Spring Recess

Library Media Center News

On February 20th, we were privileged to host a visit by **Paul Janeczko** who spoke to many of our students about poetry and publishing books. He told funny, as well as poignant stories, read poetry, and inspired students to write their own poetry. Paul has published over 50 books and visited hundreds of schools. We were able to bring him here, courtesy of a San Ramon Valley Education Fund grant. For more information about him, please visit his website at <http://www.paulbjanezko.com>

8th Graders will begin their Civil War research in March. They will discover that our library has many books to help them with their research. In addition they have access 24/7 to a set of electronic books, *The American Civil War Reference Library*. Please have a look by clicking on the link under Electronic Books on the library catalog home page at <http://library.ihms.srvusd.net> Our password is <jaguars> We have the print edition of this reference set in the library, but the keyword searching features of the online eBook are fantastic. When citing this source, students will follow the rules for an encyclopedia, acknowledging that they got the information from the eBook through the Gale Virtual Reference Library and giving the date they accessed the information.

Our students will be voting for their favorite books from the California Young Reader Medal nominees at the end of March. This is an opportunity for them to choose an award-winning book. For details on the contest, please see <http://www.californiayoungreadermedal.org/index.htm>

Speaking of awards, in late January, the American Library Association announced the 2009 winners honoring books and media published for children and young adults. These books represent the very best available and are a great guide for parents and kids looking for something to read next. For a list of the winners, please go to the link on the IHMS Library page at <http://library.ihms.srvusd.net> Many of the titles are available for checkout in our library.

Cybersafety For help keeping your kids safe online try these websites:

Wired Safety, the world's largest online safety and help group offers tips to help you and your children stay safe online. <http://www.wiredsafety.org/> One of their tools, "Have You Ever Been Cyberbullied?" offers a quiz to help kids evaluate the risks of their online habits http://www.wiredkids.org/ktt_universal/games/javascript/cyberbullying_quiz_1/index.html

From the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children: Don't Believe the Type <http://tcs.cybertipline.com/>

In January and February, the IHMS Library circulated over 6,500 items. What is always amazing to see is how much is used and enjoyed without leaving the library. In February, there were 900 items in this category. They range from the books used to research the elements by 8th Grade science students to graphic novels that kids voraciously devour at break and lunch. Still, over 1800 were checked out by those readers and researchers. Wow!

Please have a look around your house to see if you turn up any library books. When you do, please check to see if there is a current due date stamped on the back of the book. If not, perhaps the book is overdue or not checked out of the library. Each year, we lose 50 - 60 books. This causes a financial burden, obviously; but it is also frustrating for other students who would like to read the material that has disappeared. Sometimes there is a glitch in our circulation system and books my T/As think they're checking out are not registering under the student's name. At other times, middle school kids are just absent-minded. Unfortunately, though, sometimes these students are stealing. This year we are already missing a pile of things.

The simplest way to identify a library book is by its spine label and its barcode on the back. Students are able to log in to the library catalog <<http://library.ihms.srvusd.net>> and see what they have checked out, verify due dates, and renew books if needed.

“Enjoying Adolescence”

Article #6 Chores:

Understanding adolescence does make a difference!

Hardly anything is Few things irritate a parent of a middle schooler mores than trying to get him or her to work. Excuses, procrastination, false starts, and flat-out refusal are the order of the day when it comes to asking a preadolescent to perform even the smallest task. This is especially puzzling and agitating since the same child was so energetic and helpful just a few months ago.

We can begin by understanding the emotional highs and lows of this age. Preadolescents are alternately filled with energy and lifelessness. This is due to many factors, including hormone changes and growth cycles. Middle schoolers often start projects with vigor but abandon them when they are only half finished. Others take on more than they can accomplish, then feel frustrated when they can't get everything done. Finally, some suffer from a lack of energy. Understanding these ups and downs should encourage parents to capitalize on periods of energy and avoid nagging during times of listlessness.

Break down big chores into small parts. Sometimes young people feel overwhelmed by tasks, especially those they've let go for a long time, a disastrous bedroom, 23 overdue math assignments, a long-term project that's suddenly" due in a few days (or hours!) – all of these

cause the preadolescent to give up rather than get started.

Help your child by setting up smaller goals: clean off the bed, get five assignments done tonight, assemble the materials for the project. Preadolescents have trouble structuring tasks so they are more approachable. In even an offhand way, we can help them in this.

Of course, the hardest part in any task is getting started. We have all had the experience of avoiding tasks by doing everything else but the task itself. Young adolescents do the same thing. Small chores that they usually ignore become urgent when there's a bigger one waiting. Once begun, though, tasks can be completed; we just need to get ourselves – our middle schoolers – into getting started. A homework assignment is more easily begun if one starts by reviewing yesterday's work. A messy bedroom could be approached by starting with the top of the dresser. Clearing just the silverware off the table might begin the dishwashing process.

Students this age live in the "now." That is why, if you say, "Take out the trash," and the middle schooler says "Later," you are doomed. Later is a different now, and is as incomprehensible to a young person as trying to figure out the time in Manila if it's 8 p.m. here. Time has almost no steady meaning to a preadolescent. A simple task will take "A-L-L-L night!"; an assignment due in two weeks might as well be due in two years;

the most recently earned grade is the one they expect on the report card, regardless of how well or poorly they have performed otherwise. Discussions about the past or the future are meaningless if a perception of time is part of the discussion. Accept this, and capitalize on the "now" as much as you can.

Parents have the right to ask that middle schoolers perform ordinary chores when they are asked to do so ("Yes, you hafta"). Don't degenerate into sarcasm or name-calling. This causes anger, resentment, and rebelliousness, and damages the relationship. In the long run, no task is that important.

F E B R U A R Y
STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Teacher	Student
Mrs. Adragna	Tiffanie Tran
Ms. Alexander	Alex Dami
Ms. Allison (Mrs. Tyler)	Sean Kennelly
Mr. Armstrong	Anthony Caito
Mrs. Beggs	Chris Frambes Wheeler
Ms. Bencik	Aravind Banoth
Ms. Bertolero	Alea Martin
Mrs. Bishop	Silvia Diaz
Mr. Borghi	Alec Bandler
Ms. J. Brown	Rainer Austin
Mrs. Cicatelli	Bridget Heins
Ms. Cline	Christine Jusrey
Mrs. Gonzales	Akosua Gyamfi
Mrs. Green	Justine Chang
Mrs. Herrera	Ellen Perfect
Ms. Hill	Nick Patten
Mrs. Irwin	Mark Jones
Mrs. Jaspán	Jacob Bernard
Mrs. Keeler	Kelly Runyon
Mrs. Keller	Serena Bandtell
Mrs. Laake	Morgan Yee
Mrs. Lahive	Joseph Prange
Mrs. Lin	Alexandra Bringer
Mrs. Linhares	Neehar Gaddam
Mrs. Martin	Julia Savage
Ms. Marx	Nathan Morones
Mr. Matek	Charlene Chew
Mrs. McDonald	Samantha Linford
Mrs. Mihin	Angelica Pollard
Mrs. Prochnow	Stephen Saavedra
Ms. Raines	Bella Chilese
Ms. Regnier	Michael Rostratter
Mrs. Rowe	Moshe Rienhart
Ms. Shea	Helen Kimber
Mrs. Slaman	Justin Kleinman
Mrs. TenElshof	Callum Larking
Ms. Tully	Kaycee Davis
Ms. Ware	Mark Nathlich
Ms. Zinn	Dylan La

Cross County Partner School Program Update

On December 18, our Leadership students and the Cross County Committee visited our partner school, Riverside Elementary in Richmond.

Thanks to **Christy Campbell**, the previous Cross County Program President, and her contacts with the Boy Scouts, we were able to present each grade school student with a wrapped book and each pre-school student with a stuffed animal. We also brought cookies and milk for all the students to enjoy while our Leadership students read books to them in class.

It was truly a wonderful experience. The Riverside students were overjoyed and sat quietly and were attentive during the reading of the books. The entire school was very appreciative to our Leadership students, as well as the entire Iron Horse community whose donations made this event possible.

Debbie Stinson

GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN 🎵 CENTERFOLD

St. Joan of Arc LIGHT Teen Ministry Proudly Presents
Our Sixth Musical Production



From the era that brought the world *The Rubik's Cube*,
Max Headroom and *The Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*
comes this "totally awesome" musical in the style of
movies such as *Back To The Future*,
Ferris Bueller's Day Off,
The Karate Kid and *The Wedding Singer*.

\$15 General Admission

Performance Dates:

Thursday, March 26 - 7:00 PM

Friday March 27th - 8:00 PM

Saturday, March 28th - 3:00 PM & 8:00 PM

Sunday March 29th - 3:00 PM

2601 San Ramon Valley Blvd., San Ramon

Tickets may be purchased in the Main Office at St. Joan's
For more information call (925) 830-0600

From the City of San Ramon

The City of San Ramon Parks & Community Services Department offers a variety of programs and classes. Visit 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.

Upcoming Events

Middle School Dance (Friday, April 17)

Put on your favorite Hawaiian shirt and shorts for this island themed middle school dance on Friday, April 17th from 6-9 pm at the San Ramon Community Center. All 6th, 7th, and 8th graders with a valid school ID are invited to attend this fun event. Tickets will be sold for \$6 at all middle schools the week of April 13th. Tickets will also be available at our middle school Teen Centers, and San Ramon Community Center beginning March 30th. The last dance sold out so get your tickets early! Dress code will be strictly enforced. A parental permission form is required and can be downloaded at www.SRTeen.org.

Upcoming Trips

Paintball (Saturday, April 25)

Try paintball which is tag, hide & seek and capture the flag all combined in one action packed sport. Feel the adrenaline rush and excitement of playing paintball with or against your friends. This is a great opportunity if you've never played before since we will only be playing against each other. You'll have lots of stories to tell after this unforgettable trip. Includes all equipment necessary, but bring a sack lunch. Cost is \$69 for residents. Visit www.SRTeen.org for more information.

Visit SRTeen.org

Go to San Ramon's Teen website, www.SRTeen.org, to get information on teen events, programs, classes, and other programs. Click on the Survey tab and complete our online surveys to be eligible for free prizes such as gift cards to Jamba Juice or Regal Cinema. Check out www.SRTeen.org to get the 411 on teen programs.

WAKE ME UP BEFORE YOU GO GO 🎵 DON'T WORRY BE HAPPY 🎵 VIDEO KILLED THE RADIO STAR 🎵

WALKING ON SUNSHINE 🎵 KIDS IN AMERICA 🎵 500 MILES 🎵 TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEART 🎵

LET'S HEAR IT FOR THE BOY 🎵 NEVER GOING TO GIVE U UP 🎵 FOOTLOOSE

Teen Job & Community Service Fair

Don't miss your chance for a summer job!

This FREE event provides a wide range of topics for the new teen employee.

Meet with employers, apply for jobs, explore career options, identify personal strengths, mock interviews to hone your skills, resume writing, skills analysis, chat rooms, and much, much more. For those too young to work or would like to gain valuable work experience, there will be representatives available from non-profit and volunteer organizations as well.

For more information call the Youth Employment Specialist at 973-3373.

Ages 14-19
Shannon Community Center
(11600 Shannon Avenue, Dublin)
Sat 3/28 1:00pm-4:00pm
Free

Summer Camp Fair

Plan your best summer ever with San Ramon Parks & Community Services Departments Summer Camps! Meet the instructors and summer staff, learn how to create a full day of supervised activities for your child and get answers to any questions you may have! For more information please contact us at (925) 973-3200.

Wednesday, March 25
6:00-8:00pm
Community Center at Central Park

March is Arts Education Month

Did You Know?

Young people who participate in the arts for at least three hours on three days each week through at least one full year are:

- ✓ 4 times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement
- ✓ 3 times more likely to be elected to class office within their schools
- ✓ 4 times more likely to participate in a math and science fair
- ✓ 4 times more likely to win an award for writing an essay or poem

Young artists, as compared with their peers, are likely to:

- ✓ Attend music, art, and dance classes nearly three times as frequently
- ✓ Participate in youth groups nearly four times as frequently
- ✓ Read for pleasure nearly twice as often
- ✓ Perform community service more than four times as often

("Living the Arts through Language + Learning: A Report on Community-based Youth Organizations," Shirley Brice Heath, Stanford University and Carnegie Foundation For the Advancement of Teaching, Americans for the Arts Monograph, November 1998)

The facts are that arts education...

- ✓ makes a tremendous impact on the developmental growth of every child and has been proven to help level the "learning field" across socio-economic boundaries

(Involvement in the Arts and Success in Secondary School, James S. Catterall, The UCLA Imagination Project, Graduate School of Education & Information Studies, UCLA, Americans for the Arts Monograph, January 1998)

- ✓ has a measurable impact on at-risk youth in deterring delinquent behavior and truancy problems while also increasing overall academic performance among those youth engaged in afterschool and summer arts programs targeted toward delinquency prevention



(YouthARTS Development Project, 1996, U.S. Department of Justice, National Endowment for the Arts, and Americans for the Arts)

Tell Your Legislators: Your PTA Supports the Arts

The California State PTA was instrumental in supporting arts education funding in the state budget. Please let your principal, your school board, your superintendent, and elected officials know you support the arts for every child at every school.



MARCH CALENDAR

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
15 MAR	16	17 ST. PATRICK'S DAY 	18 CONFERENCE DAYS (MIN DAYS)	19	20 1ST DAY OF SPRING 	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 END OF 3RD QUARTER 7TH/8TH GR. DANCE	28
29	30	31	1 APR	2	3	4
5	6 SPRING RECESS NO SCHOOL	7	8	9	10	11