

# School of Engineering and Sciences

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## VOLUNTEERS

A very special "Thank you" to the many volunteers who support our school and programs. The unique characteristics of our Small High School are our connection to our regional business and academic partners. Our volunteers make our fieldtrips and job shadowing possible. We had excellent fieldtrips to Folsom Dam and CSUS recently. The Petersons commute to our school from Folsom and Mrs. Peterson helped coordinate and organize this excellent experience at Folsom Dam for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

The parents who chaperoned our fieldtrips are:

Kerrie Peterson  
Anna Cambrey  
Liz Ehlers  
Mary Huang  
Cynthia Metzger

Jenifer Mojonier  
Ryan Harris  
Joann Helmich  
Antonio Rivas

Linda Updegraff  
Oscar Caro  
Darrel Sullaway  
Susan Hansen



When you call our school, often you speak with one of our volunteers:

LaTonda Beatty, mother of Zacchaeus Beatty  
Marion Weitzl, grandmother of Robert and Jennifer Ehlers  
Bonnie Bartholomew, grandmother of Trey Nohren  
Kerrie Peterson, mother of Ryan Peterson

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## BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS

Our first Benchmark Exams have been scored and hopefully your student's classroom teachers in Math and Language Arts have had a chance to share this information with your student. We are especially pleased with the progress our students made in Language Arts.

Our next Benchmark Exams are scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

Important Date

## PARENT MEETING

A follow-up meeting to our November 17<sup>th</sup> meeting is scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in our Multipurpose Room/Cafeteria. Since our meeting, we have had excellent support from our District Leadership as we problem solve some of our most recent challenges.



## SES BASKETBALL



The SES boy's basketball season is coming to an end. It has been a tough road for a brand new small school competing with Junior High Schools of over a thousand students, but consistent improvement has instilled a sense of pride and most importantly, we are having fun.

On Tuesday, we suffered a tough loss to Mills Junior High School missing two key starters and a third one being injured. Still, we fought hard and showed some determination off the bench. We will finish our season at the Christmas Classic tournament at Sutter Junior High on December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>.

We are very appreciative to the fantastic group of parents who support this activity by driving and attending these games so our students can participate.

Cheyenne Harris, Cayla Cooks, and Eboni Jenkins are competing on the team from Leonardo DaVinci. High School Students can tryout for teams at the comprehensive high schools in their neighborhood. Last year we had students involved in sports at Kennedy, McClatchy, and Hiram Johnson High Schools.

Our school will have track for middle school students this spring. Hopefully, all of our students interested in athletics will pursue their interests!!

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student Government will be putting on a flag football game, "The Snow Bowl", on Friday, December 5, 2008, from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

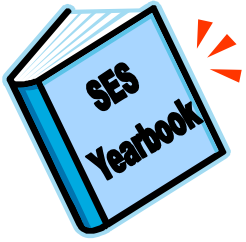
Next week will be our second "Spirit Week" followed by a Winterfest celebration on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> during 6<sup>th</sup> period and continuing after school.

Dress Days for "Spirit Week":

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| Monday    | - | Crazy Sock Day  |
| Tuesday   | - | Santa Hat Day   |
| Wednesday | - | White Out Day   |
| Thursday  | - | Pajama Day      |
| Friday    | - | Red & Green Day |



## YEARBOOK EARLY BIRD SPECIAL SALE



Starting on December 5<sup>th</sup>, a limited number of 2008-09 yearbooks will be offered for pre-sale. The pre-sale price is \$40.00. This is more than a 10% savings off the regular price. This price goes away after December 19<sup>th</sup>, so order now and save.

You may also customize your yearbook. Please see the order form for prices and designs.

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## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Our school received a very significant award this week from the California Special Populations Advisory Committee at their annual conference held in Sacramento. We were nominated for this award because of the multiple science career pathways available to our students as part of our thematic curriculum program and the unique support we receive from our business and academic partners. The group which nominated and awarded us this special recognition focus on schools which are career-based college prep programs primarily in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields.

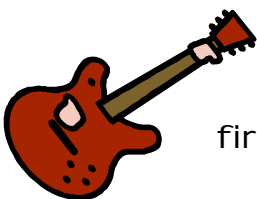
A group of our students attended the dinner reception and spoke about their personal career goals and their personal reasons for choosing our school. The students did an excellent job representing our school and speaking to the group about our program and student body.

The students who attended the awards dinner are Jordan Wilson, Brandi Spooner, Elias Bella, and Chie Hong Yee. The committee was very impressed with our school and invited our students to be presenters at a similar conference being held in San Diego.



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## BEGINNING GUITAR CLASS



Ms. Rogar is offering beginning acoustic guitar classes on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:15 pm. The classes will be limited to the first twenty people who respond. You must bring your own guitar.

We will begin by learning the basics: tuning, basic chords, and easy songs. If you are more advanced, you are welcome in the class too. You can help teach others. If you have never played guitar before, this class is for you! **You can learn guitar! It is easy and it is fun!** First class is on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 in Room 17.

## WINTER BREAK

Our last day of school for the year 2008 is Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. We return to school on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. This is a late start Monday. Classes begin promptly at 9:18 am. As a reminder, the Bell Schedule can be found on our school website.

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## SCIENCE NIGHT

Our first Science Night will be on Wednesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. This is the first week after our Winter Break. So mark your calendars.

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## COATS FOR KIDS



Once again our school will be participating in the annual News10 Coats for Kids winter coat drive. Please check your closets for any useable coats that your family no longer needs.

We are also collecting new toys to be given to various charitable organizations in the Sacramento area.

Donations can be brought to Student Governments Winterfest celebration on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. With your generosity, coats and toys will be available to children and families in need.

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## LOST AND FOUND

It's time to donate unclaimed lost and found clothing. Please check lost and found by Friday, December 12, 2008. We will also be looking for volunteers to wash the unclaimed clothing.

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We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season

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