

School of Engineering and Sciences

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BENCHMARK EXAMS

Our students take the first Benchmark Exams this week. The assessments are very important because they align directly to the core academic program in Language Arts and Mathematics.

Please help your student to take these assessments seriously by encouraging good eating, sleeping, and attendance. The teachers use the scores for these assessments to guide the student's classroom instruction because they are directly aligned to our core Language Arts and Math curriculum.



CELL PHONES

We have an excellent group of students. One of our primary concerns is keeping our students focused on academic achievement.

We realize that many students carry phones for emergency purposes, however, SCUSD **does not allow** cell phones or other personal electronics in class or visible on campus during school hours including breakfast, lunch, and before or after school. We have had some recent incidents of students "texting" each other in class or calling their friends in other classrooms or schools. Please help us with this escalating cell phone problem at our school. The telephone situation is taking away valuable instructional class time for discipline and theft problems.



PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY

Picture Re-take Day will be on Friday, November 7, 2008!!!!

FIELDTRIPS

Mr. Roach took a group of high school students to Sacramento State (CSUS). This was a very successful trip and we plan to make more frequent visits to their Engineering Department.

The 7th graders are invited to CSUS, November 14th. Our 7th graders will attend a special middle school event. Students need to complete permission slips in order to board the buses.

8th graders are scheduled for a fieldtrip to Folsom Dam. Due to bus availability, one of the groups will attend the fieldtrip, Wednesday, November 12th and the other group is attending, Thursday, November 13th.

Chaperones are needed for the fieldtrips. Chaperones must have district clearance, so we need to establish a list of district-approved chaperones for our school. PTSA is attempting to develop a list of chaperones by grade level and interest. PTSA included sign-up sheets in their last newsletter but to date, only three to four responses have been received. A new form is being distributed this week. The general program for our school is based on experiences directly aligned to the areas of Science and Engineering in the Sacramento region. Please contact the school or Mary Clark, PTSA President with any questions.

Please help us to provide real experiences for our students in area and chaperone an event!

Contact info: Bethany Carter - (916) 433-5423
Mary Clark (PTSA) - maryclark13@comcast.net, (916) 428-6439

A.V.I.D.

7TH grade A.V.I.D. students have been doing an excellent job at maintaining their calendars. Thanks to the efforts of parents/guardians, students are in the habit of sharing their daily assignments every evening and keeping organized.

November's goal is self-motivation. Students will focus on their ability to solve problems independently. We will also be working on core subjects in tutoring groups twice a week. Second quarter is an exciting time for A.V.I.D. students because they have learned the routines and know the expectations.

HALLOWEEN DANCE

Student Government organized an outstanding Halloween Dance with the special support from PTSA, community members, and some local businesses. Cynthia Metzger coordinated the parent involvement in her role as liaison with Student Government. Our multipurpose room was transformed into a Halloween theme complete with hay bales, pumpkins, lots of cobwebs, and festive banners.

Prizes were awarded for the following costumes:



Niko Smith
Matt Beczkowski
Traci Devey
Joshua Anderson
Monique Hearst

Best Overall Costume
Most Humorous
Scariest
Creepiest
Most Original

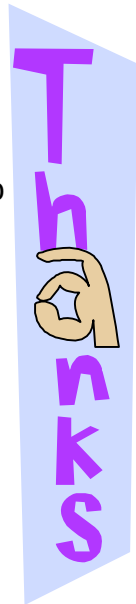


Thank you to all the parents who showed up with food, camera, and stayed to enjoy the fun. A special thank you to:

Kimberly Lee	Michelle Novoa-Castillo	Cyndee Metzger
Darlene Roberts	Merri Rundell	Kimberly I to
Liz Ehlers	Dennis & Linda Updegraff	Eura Trent
Sandra Moorman	Wade Hughes	Rita Tezanos-Pinto
Tim Ehlers Hay Sales	Goblin Gardens Pumpkin Patch	Marion Weitl

Susan Jelichich received donations from the following merchants:

Three pizzas from Round Table
Rite Aide - Popcorn Tin
Taco Bell - 7 bags of Cinnamon Twirls
Nugget - \$25 gift card
Starbucks - coffee and two door prizes



LOBSTER NIGHT

Student Government participated in yet another successful event. Students served at the 20-30 Club Lobster Night. It was a wonderful experience and Student Government earned \$765 for their hard work. A special thanks to Peter McClellan for giving SES such a great opportunity. Also, thanks to Mr. Novoa-Castillo who helped chaperone.

SES BASKETBALL

It is with great pleasure that I introduce to you our first ever SES Rockets basketball team. The following students will be representing our school proudly on the basketball court this year. **Congratulations!**



Joseph Salazar
Trey Nohren
E'tieonnie Dobson
Jakeen Hingano
Anadin Pizovic
Davaughn Williams
Rashan Storms

Taylor De La Pena
Nathan Gee
Michael Moore
Jared Hingano
Riley Smith
Eneasi Taumoefolau

Our season kicks off at 4:00 pm at da Vinci on
Thursday, November 6th.

We will need volunteers to drive our students to and from the basketball games. Below are the scheduled dates:

November 6	4:00 pm	Leonardo da Vinci, Sacramento
November 10	4:30 pm	Silverado Middle School, Roseville
November 12	4:00 pm	Leonardo da Vinci, Sacramento
November 21	TBA	Creekview Ranch Middle School, Roseville
November 22	TBA	Creekview Ranch Middle School, Roseville
December 2	4:15 pm	Mills Jr High, Rancho Cordova

Please call or stop by the school to obtain the "Volunteer Personal Automobile Use Form". Thanks for your participation.

BREAKFAST CHANGE

BREAKFAST TIME IS CHANGING! Last year breakfast was after "0" period. We started this year with breakfast before "0" period. We are now back to our original schedule of last year. Breakfast is 8:55 am - 9:20 am. "0" Period begins at 8:05 am and ends at 9:20 am.

Thank you for your support with these necessary changes.

BOOK FAIR

Just in time for the holidays, SES Yearbook Club is holding its Annual Book Fair.

The Book Fair will be open before school and during lunch Tuesday, November 18 through Thursday, November 20. In addition, books can be browsed and/or purchased before Science Night, November 18th, from 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm. Some of the hottest titles, such as Mary Downing Hahn's Deep, Dark, and Dangerous and Chris D'Lacey's The Fire Eternal are only \$5.99. Posters, which make great stocking stuffers for teens, are only \$4.50. A wide assortment of bookmarks, colored pencils, and designer pens are all under \$1.00. A teacher's Wish List will be posted so you can donate books directly for the classroom.



If you are able to volunteer, please contact Mrs. Sargent, Yearbook Advisor.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

An outstanding group of students participated in the annual fundraising dinner for the new library connected to our new school building at the intersection of Gloria Drive and Swale River Way. Our new school is scheduled to open in the 2009-2010 school year.

Volunteers and a group of our students created an excellent prize-winning centerpiece for the School of Engineering and Sciences table at the dinner. Our table received the 2nd place trophy and a \$50.00 check for Student Government. Thanks to Trey Nohren, Robert Ehlers, Jennifer Ehlers, and Matthew Metzger for putting together the centerpiece.

Several schools in our district participated in the dinner and entertainment, however, School of Engineering and Sciences was represented with the largest number of student participants.

Many community members supported this event including three SCUSD Board Members Karen Young, Rick Jennings, and Roy Grimes.

A very special thank you to our students Trey Nohren, Joseph Salazar, Jacob Clark, Robert Ehlers, Jennifer Ehlers, and Matthew Metzger and parents.