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FROM THE

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FEBRUARY 2026

January kicked off the new year with energy and optimism. We welcomed students back with a winter sports rally, course selection presentations, Battle of the Bands, a Goodwill donation drive, and Winter Formal. February may be short, but it's full of exciting moments — keep reading to see what's in store!

JANUARY HIGHLIGHTS



UPCOMING DATES

Feb 12th - ALL Bell Schedule

Feb 13th - Feb 16th - Presidents' Day Break

NO SCHOOL

Feb 18th - EXPO night

Feb 21st - Fashion Show

Feb 23rd - Feb 27th - Culture Week

Feb 26th - Culture Week assembly

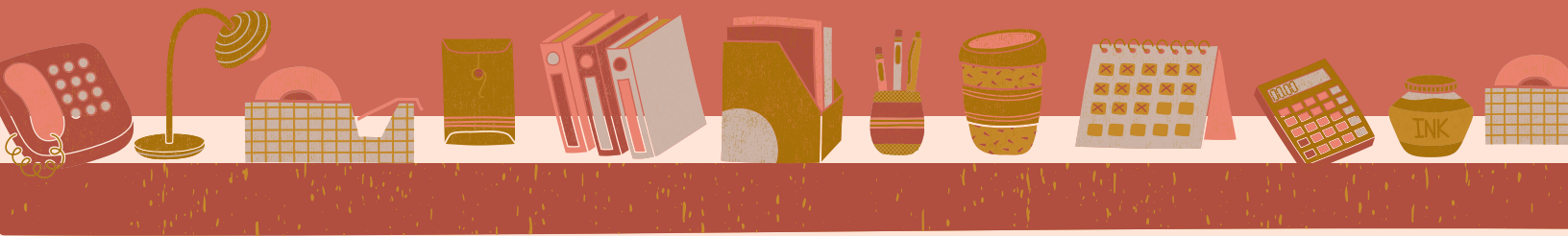


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SVHS](#)

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IMPORTANT LINKS



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear SVHS Families,

I hope you're enjoying the start of February! It's been nice to start the month off with plenty of sunshine.

As a reminder, we'll have a four-day weekend for Presidents' Day—no school on February 14th & 17th, and the SVHS office will be closed. On Thursday, February 13th, we'll follow a Long All bell schedule, with all seven periods but no Tutorial period as well.

I'd also like to take a moment to recognize National School Counselor Week, which runs this week, February 2nd to 6th. A huge thank you to our dedicated school counselors, Sarah Hershey and Grace Wahl, for all their hard work and support—they truly make a difference in our students' lives.

This month is the start of our spring sports season, along with the work on the spring musical Little Shop of Horrors. I am continually encouraged by how many of our students choose to engage in so many extracurricular school-sponsored activities. Come out and support our Falcons as they conclude their soccer and basketball seasons.

I hope this message finds you and your family safe and healthy. Be sure to check out the rest of the updates for this month's events and important dates.

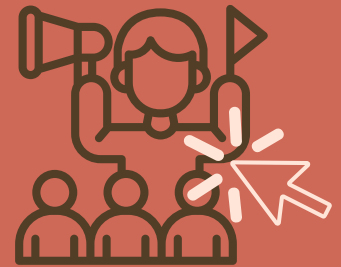
Joe Allen

Become a Student Ambassador

We are looking for SVHS students who represent our RIC values and have school spirit who are interested in hosting a guest student for one of our Shadow Days.

Mar 9 – Apr 27

Follow the [LINK](#) to sign up or see Leslie in the Front Office for more details.



Library



In February we celebrate black history month. The library will have displays highlighting black authors & black history. We have been fortunate enough to have SVHS alumni Angela Caparas coming in to do our whiteboards highlighting the specific history and focus months. Her volunteer time creates beauty & interest in the library.

When was the last time you asked your student about the book they are reading? Some of books currently being used in English classes are 1984, Night, To Kill a Mockingbird, Into the Wild, and Heart of Darkness. Strike up a conversation about their books & what they think. Maybe even read the book yourself. Try modeling good literary habits by reading before bed instead of screen time.

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Athletics

winter



spring



Track & Field



Girls Lacrosse



Boys Lacrosse

Interest meeting Thursday
January 29 at beginning of
lunch in front of the Gym,
1:35pm.



Swimming

Practices will begin on Feb
2nd at SLVHS and will be
M-Th, 4:30-6:00 PM.



Softball

Tryouts: Feb 2

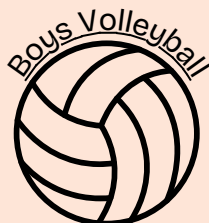


Baseball

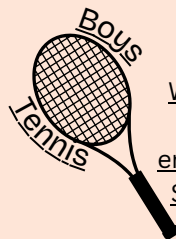
Tryouts: Feb 2, 3, and 4
after school until 5:30 on
the baseball field



Boys Golf



Tryouts: Feb 2nd
@ THE MIDDLE SCHOOL
630-830



Boys Tennis

With a great blend of experienced
returning players along with an
energized group of new players, the
SVHS Boys Tennis team is looking
forward to an exciting and
competitive season. We will travel
to Pacific Grove on February 26th to
open our non-league season and
host Carmel in our last non-league
match on March 11th at 4:00 pm.
Come on out and watch this great
group! We appreciate the support!



Beach Volleyball

The season begins Feb 17.
Meeting at lunch in c508
on Thurs, Feb 5 for girls
interested.
Practices Tues and Thur
4-5:45pm at main beach

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS CALENDAR



Our district is proud to continue celebrating the rich diversity that makes our community so special. Over the past few years, many of our teachers have brought the calendar to life through lessons, activities, and celebrations. The updated Community Connections Calendar builds on that tradition by introducing a unifying monthly theme that connects the many observances our school may choose to highlight.

ASB Events



- Friday 2/6: Deadline for seniors to sign up for the senior trip to Magic Mountain at the early bird price of \$245. Price goes up to \$265 afterward and there is no guarantee of getting a spot on the trip.
- Thursday 2/13: Valentine decorating at lunch in the quad for all students
- Wednesday 2/18: 8th grade parent meeting with the counselors at 5:30pm followed by our Expo presentation at 6pm and campus tours from 6:30 to 8pm.
- Thursday 2/19: Senior Panoramic (weather permitting) during tutorial on the grassy knoll
- Monday 2/23-Friday 2/27: SVHS Culture Week, fun activities every day at break or lunch, assembly on Thursday
- Thursday 2/26: Even Long Assembly Bell Schedule

SVHS Counseling

SVHS School Counselors offer drop in office hours during break, lunch and Tutorials and one on one appointments throughout the day and after school. Email your School Counselor for an appointment! SVHS Counselors offer Social/Emotional as well as Academic and College/Career support.

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COURSE SELECTION

In January, counselors visited with all 9-11th graders to present on course selection for the 2026-2027 school year.

Students were given a packet of information to help with the course selection process. Packets included Course Selection Forms which need to be signed by parents and returned to their classrooms in order to enter their requests into our system.

If your student was absent, the forms and information can be found [HERE](#).

Changes to course requests can be made through April, if needed, by contacting your student's School Counselor.



RECENT PRESENTATION SLIDES

JUNIORS - PREPARING
FOR COLLEGE

2026-2027 COURSE
SELECTION INFO

CABRILLO COLLEGE INFORMATION

SENIORS – If you are planning or considering Cabrillo College next fall, here are some important upcoming dates for you to put on your calendar:



~~Learning Communities Information Session~~
~~Thursday, January 29th 11:15am.~~



Next Steps Workshop, Wednesday, February 18th.



Schedule Building Workshop, Tuesday, April 28th.



Seahawk Prep Day, TBD in May.



Running Start, Thursday, May 7th.

*Click
FOR
Details*



College & Career

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The College and Career Center is here to help students of all ages explore their many options for the future. From four year colleges to trades school, summer jobs to fulfilling career paths.

Explore the links below to learn more about what services we offer to our students:



◆ [COLLEGE AND CAREER PAGE](#) ◆ [SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION](#) ◆ [COMMUNITY SERVICE](#) ◆

The Wellness Center

In February The Wellness Center will be focusing on Healthy Relationship with various activities in the Quad and in the Wellness Center. Based on input from the Student Wellness Council, activities will discuss communication, what we value in relationships, saying "no" and dealing with rejection. February 6th will be Single Pringle Day in the Wellness Center, where students can write their Single Pringle Manifesto!

We continue our Sophomore Wellness Tutorial Talks. Students select to attend one talk this semester. Topics this month are Red Flags & Green Flags in Relationships, Teen Dating Violence, Masculinity & Social Norms and Procrastination. Guest presenters include The Diversity Center, Monarch Services & Joe Nedney.



The new year can be a time of transition for students, and we want to ensure that they feel supported at school. If you'd like additional support for your student, you can request it via the QR code.



Help us keep wellness and emotional support available to all of our students. Click the link below to learn more:





SCOTTS VALLEY
WELLNESS WALK

SAVE

THE DATE

March 28, 2026
Starting at 10am

EVERY STEP COUNTS WHEN IT COMES TO WELLNESS.

THE EVENT

Join us on March 28th for a community-wide initiative to promote wellness access and support for students, families, and staff in the Scotts Valley Unified School District. The walk will raise funds to support the ongoing programs of The Wellness Center at Scotts Valley High School. Let's keep it open and thriving!

The Wellness Walk, featuring two walking routes, will start and end at SVHS, complete with a pre-walk rally, on-course fuel, water, and activity stations, and will end with a post-walk wellness festival.

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

But for now, please visit our website!

www.svwellnesswalk.com



SUPPORTING





IB Diploma Program News

February 2026

February is here, and seniors are mostly finished with their “Internal Assessment” work. Science labs, math research papers, history essays, English oral exams, all great work and great practice for college-level writing. Full IB seniors will be writing their TOK Essays in February, and then that is the last of it!

We are very much in need of proctors for IB Exams in May! We really can’t do it without parent help. Please note, parents cannot proctor exams that their own children are taking, but they can proctor any other Exams.

Please contact Dayna Nedney at dnedney@scottsvalleysd.org or Leslie Gerlach at lgerlack@scottsvalleysd.org to discuss volunteering. The schedule of Exams is posted on our website here: <https://svhs.scottsvalleysd.org/o/svhs/page/ib-program>

If you’re ready to volunteer and already have clearance paperwork on file with Ms. Gerlach, you can sign up for your choice of time slots here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA929A0FCC70-61815847-ibexams>

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IB Diploma Program Coordinator

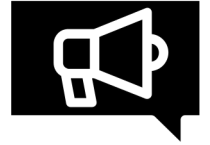
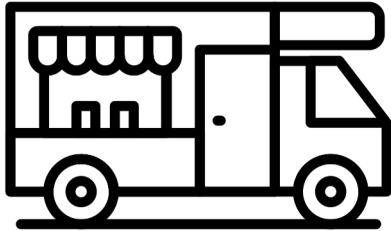


SCOTTS VALLEY
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Scotts Valley Educational Foundation (SVEF) is looking for volunteers for the following positions:

Marketing Committee Member

- Create flyers and other promotional materials in Canva
- Update Website (Wix preferred)
- Design and select Merchandise



Food Truck Friday Committee Member

- Help manage volunteers
- Create speciality drink for each month
- April-October

Assistant Treasurer (Board Position)

- Assist the current treasurer with reports, reimbursements
- Train to become the Treasurer



Give Where You Live Committee Member

- Help manage the annual fundraising campaign (July-December)

*Volunteers
Make a
Difference.*

Please email SVEF President, Lindsey Rice at: president@svef.net to find out more!

www.svef.net

Strong Schools. Strong Community. Together We Are Scotts Valley.

LATINO ROLE MODELS

CONFERENCE 2026

LATINOS MODELOS

CONFERENCIA 2026

ALCANZA TUS SUEÑOS PARA LA UNIVERSIDAD Y LA CARRERA
ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER

**SÁBADO | FEB.
SATURDAY | 21**

9AM - 1PM

**CABRILLO COLLEGE
CROCKER THEATER**



Un evento anual gratuito para estudiantes del condado de Santa Cruz desde el sexto grado a la universidad y sus familias, con profesionales latinos, estudiantes universitarios e información sobre recursos. Esta conferencia será en español con interpretación al inglés. Asistentes elegibles para premios.

A free annual event for Santa Cruz County students grades 6 to college and their families, featuring Latino professionals, college students, and resource information. Presented in Spanish with English translation. Attendees eligible for prizes.

Presented by:

- Cabrillo College • Live Oak School District • Mexican Consulate, San Jose • Pajaro Valley Unified
- San Lorenzo Valley Unified • Santa Cruz City Schools • Santa Cruz County Office of Education
- Scotts Valley Unified • Senderos • Soquel Union Elementary • UCSC

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COMMUNITY FILM SCREENING

Join Us for a Free Community Film Screening, Conversation and Resource Fair



**INCLUDES STRONG LANGUAGE AND
MATURE THEMES. APPROPRIATE FOR
ADULTS AND TEENS 15+**

The Mask You Live In explores the challenges boys and young men face in staying true to themselves while navigating society's narrow expectations of masculinity.

CAPITOLA CINELUX, 6 PM WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28TH

SCOTTS VALLEY CINELUX, 6PM MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD

**RESERVE YOUR
FREE TICKETS!**



**COMMUNITY TABLING AT 5:00 PM
FILM SCREENING AT 6:00 PM
COMMUNITY CONVERSATION TO FOLLOW**

Subtitles and interpretation available in Spanish

[SCOE.LINK/MASKYOULIVEIN](https://scoe.link/maskyoulivein)



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want to help?

HERE'S A WAY!

Estás invitado al SVUSD

Reunión de DELAC

(District English Learner Advisory Committee)

"¿Qué es Delac?"

El Delac es un grupo compuesto por padres y personal del SVUSD que abogan por estudiantes cuyos idiomas primarios no son el inglés. Juntos hablamos de Curriculum, Servicios de Apoyo, Planificación y Progress para asegurar que estamos proporcionando el mejor programa posible para nuestros estudiantes.

¡ÚNETE A NOSOTROS!

- Fortalecemos la comunidad
- Refrescas
- Niños bienvenidos



Cuándo:
5:00 a 6:00

Reunión
MIÉRCOLES, el Cuatro del Marzo

Dónde:
Salon 2 @ SVMS o Zoom
8 Bean Creek Rd.
Scotts Valley



¿No puedes asistir en persona?
¡Escanee su cámara aquí para iniciar sesión!

Por favor, RSVP a larguelles@scottsvalleysd.org or (831) 889-2519

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE SVUSD

DELAC MEETING

(District English Learner Advisory Committee)

"What is DELAC?"

The DELAC is a group made up of parents and SVUSD Staff who advocate for students whose primary languages are not English. Together we discuss Curriculum, Support Services, Planning and Progress to assure we are providing the best program possible for our students.

PLEASE JOIN US!

- Build Community
- Refreshments
- Children Welcome



WHEN:

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Meeting:

Wednesday, MARCH 4th

WHERE:

SVMS Room 2 or Zoom
8 Bean Creek Rd.
Scotts Valley



Can't Attend in Person? Scan here to Zoom in!

Please RSVP to larguelles@scottsvalleysd.org or (831) 889-2519

SVHS Parent Club

February Newsletter

Next Parent Club Meeting: **February 11th at 6pm at Erik's Deli!**



SAVE THE DATE

- February 2: Last day for Grad Night tickets and Banners ([click here](#))
- February 6: Last Day for Magic Mountain tickets
- February 11: Erik's Deli Fundraiser
- February 11: Parent Club Meeting at 7pm (at Erik's Deli)
- February 19: Careers in Education
- February 19: Teacher & Staff Luncheon ([sign-up here to help](#))
- March 13: Empty Nest & All the Rest Comedy Show ([get tickets here](#))
- March 28: Scotts Valley Wellness Walk in support of the Wellness Center ([click here](#) for more information)



Spotlight on the Class of 2026!

The year is here!

- 2/2: Last day to sign up for Grad Night and banners!
- 2/6: Last day to purchase Magic Mountain trip tickets at the early bird price.
- For important dates and deadlines, please [click here](#).

<p><i>Fundraiser</i> ERIK'S DELICAFE</p>  <p>February 11 All Day SV Location</p> <p>No need to make dinner - swing by Erik's Deli on 2/11 and dine for a cause</p>	<p> <i>Lunar New Year</i> SVHS Parent Club Teacher & Staff Lunch</p> <p>Please sign up to help celebrate our teachers & staff. Sign up here!</p>	<p>CAREERS IN EDUCATION FEB 19TH</p> <p>PRINCIPAL & TEACHER CAREER WORKSHOP</p> <p> FEBRUARY 19TH AT LUNCH Kristin Murphy, Principal, Teacher and SVHS Parent, will be our presenter. ROOM C703 FREE PIZZA</p> <p>FEB 19TH AT LUNCH</p> <p>Careers in Education as a Principal & Teacher with Kristin Murphy</p>
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Senior parents, please join our [FB group](#) and check out the **[Class of 2026 website](#)** for information regarding cap & gown, FAFSA, senior night, and more!

WWW.SVHSPARENTCLUB.ORG

SVHS FALCON CLUB

February Newsletter

Next Meeting: February 11th at 7:00pm at Erik's Deli *all are welcome!*

SAVE THE DATE

- February 11 - Falcon Club Meeting
- Coming Soon - Spring Sports Meeting! Be on the lookout
- May 1: Falcon Club Golf Tournament



Sign up for the newsletter



Pay sports participation



Visit our new webpage!



JOIN US MAY 1 FOR THE ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Swing into the action at our

Golf Tournament

Register yourself or your foursome here!

BECOME A FALCON CLUB MEMBER!

- **Falcon Supporter \$50** - Shout out on our social media and newsletter!
- **Falcon Maroon \$100** - Season pass for one to ALL home games (except CCS) and shout-outs!
- **Falcon Gold \$200** - Season pass for two to ALL home games (except CCS), a branded stadium blanket and shout-outs!



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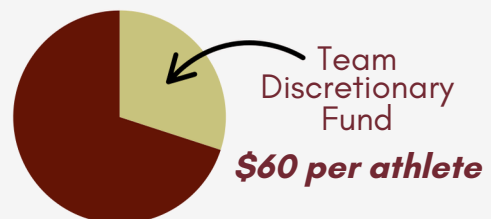


FALCON CLUB
MEMBERSHIP
SCAN HERE



WHAT WE FUND: FALCON CLUB - \$140 PER ATHLETE

- League fees: SCCAL League games, CCS Tournament Fees, CIF State Championships
- Officials and referees
- Coach and trainer stipends
- Field maintenance and fixed expenses



www.svhsfalconclub.com