



NEWS SV

FROM THE NEST



JANUARY 2025

December was a short but busy month here at Scotts Valley High. The Drama department had us rolling in the aisles with their comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest," the band and choir put on a wonderful winter concert, and our students finished the semester strong with finals. We hope you've all had a relaxing break and enjoyed quality time with your students. We're excited to be back and ready to start the semester strong!

DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

UPCOMING DATES

Jan 16 - Winter Sports Rally (Short Assembly)

Jan 19 MLK Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL!

Jan 23 - Battle of the Bands

Jan 30 - Winter Formal



Stress less week

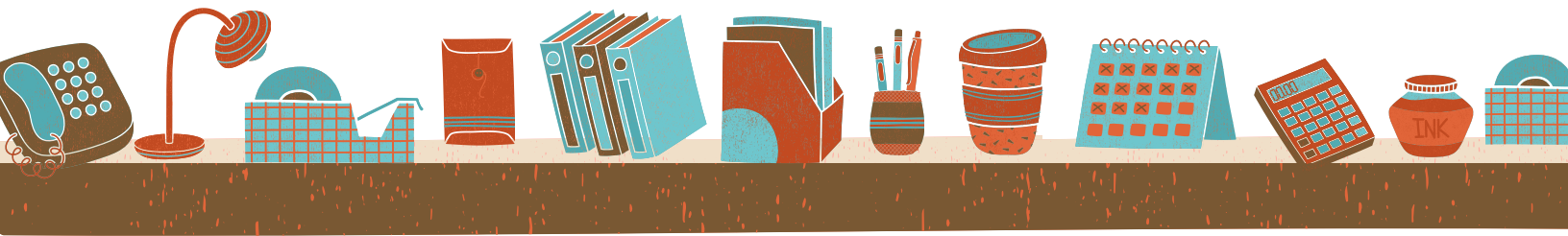


[Weekly Announcements](#)

[Volunteer at SVHS](#)

[Student Parking Permit](#)

IMPORTANT LINKS



A Message From Our Principal

Dear SVHS Families,

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! I hope 2026 is off to a great start for you and your family. As we begin the second half of the school year, I want to thank our Parent Club for their continued generosity and support. Their Finals Week snack bags and pre-break teacher luncheon were truly appreciated by both students and staff. They also welcomed us back to school on Monday at break with an incredible hot chocolate bar for our students, a huge hit. Please consider joining our parent club meetings, volunteering to help at an event, or supporting their efforts financially to continue to benefit our teachers and students.

As we return to our routines, please note a few important campus expectations. Students may not use cell phones or earbuds during class time, and we ask families to avoid calling or texting students during the school day.

For campus safety, all visitors must check in at the front door of the main office and wear a visitor badge while on campus. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe, focused learning environment.

Tutorial is a required class period for all students and plays an important role in academic success. This time is used for completing work, making up assessments, or receiving extra help from teachers.

As the first semester progressed, many students struggled with arriving to class or school on time. We appreciate your support at home in encouraging punctuality, especially in the mornings.

We would also like to remind families that we are a closed campus. Students may only leave campus if they have an approved open period pass and are finished with classes for the day. Students may not leave during break or lunch. Leaving campus during these times has been a primary reason students return late to class after visiting nearby businesses. Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting student responsibility and success.

We are also beginning preparations for the 2026-2027 school year. Counselors have started grade level presentations for course requests. The most recent communication from Superintendent Tanya Krause included information about the required Intent to Return form for the 26-27 school year, along with upcoming District updates. Please fill out that form as soon as possible so that we can accurately plan for next year.

Finally, please share your family's health insurance information with the school. This enables SVHS to receive reimbursement for health and wellness service, at no cost to families, helping us to continue to offer support like grade-level presentations, lunch workshops, tutorial sessions on health and wellness, and individual or group counseling. Your information is kept completely private and secure and will have no impact on your plan. All students benefit from these services, which are designed to promote well-being and success.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support. Please review the links and calendar items below to stay informed about upcoming events and important updates at SVHS.

Joe Allen



Athletics

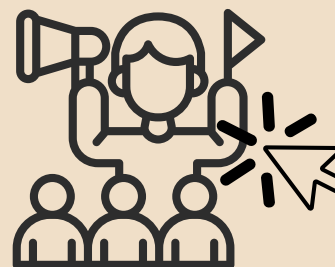


Become a Student Ambassador!

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.

Jan 26 - Mar 9 - Apr 27

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



Library



Rainy season is upon us. If your student has to walk or bike to and from school, they will need to take precautions to keep their books and materials safe and dry. Consider putting small English readers in Ziploc bags or another waterproof type of storage bag. Water damage will cause the books to swell and sometimes mold, which requires replacement. The librarian would be happy to help if your student has any questions.

Thank you to anyone who donated to the Bookshop Santa Cruz Holiday Book Drive. At last count, they surpassed their \$12,000 goal. We should be receiving our donations later this month.

Melissa Walpole
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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



- **1/9:** Battle of the Bands meeting at break in Nedney's room (C-302)
- **1/16:** Winter Sports Rally (Short Assembly Schedule)
- **1/21 and 1/22:** Battle of the Bands setup/rehearsal after school
- **1/23:** Battle of the Bands 6-8pm in the Student Union
- **1/30:** Winter Formal 7:30-11pm at the Scotts Valley Hilton
- Reminder seniors to sign up for the senior trip to Magic Mountain on 5/15 - Early bird price of \$245 by **Feb. 6th**, no guarantee for a spot on the trip after 2/6/26 and price goes up to \$265

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

Starting January 6th, counselors will be coming to 9th, 10th, and 11th grade classrooms to help students select next years' classes. Keep an eye out for paperwork coming home and check the website for more information.



RECENT PRESENTATION SLIDES

SENIOR
PRESENTATION

JUNIORS - PREPARING
FOR COLLEGE

9TH GRADE
PARENT NIGHT

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.

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Details*



College & Career

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College Application season is over, but the excruciating waiting period has just begun. Please do not fret about college admissions. The best thing you and your student can do now is focus on school work, spend lots of time with family and friends, and enjoy these last few months as a SV Falcon!

[College and Career Page](#)
[Scholarship Information](#)

[Community Service](#)

[UC Application](#)

[CSU Application](#)

[CommonApp](#)



The Wellness Center



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.



All sophomore students will be invited to attend a tutorial talk during the spring semester in the Wellness Center as a part of their social-emotional learning.

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





IB Diploma Program News: January 2026

We have just under four months before IB exams begin on Tuesday, April 28th . In the meantime, teachers will be working hard to complete their curriculum and provide time for review. Please go to our website to find the IB exam schedule for 2026:

<https://svhs.scottsvalleysd.org/o/svhs/page/ib-program>

Later this month, I will post a revised calendar with exact times for each exam.

If you have a sophomore who is interested in pursuing the IB Diploma (“full IB”) next year, please contact me soon to schedule a meeting where I’ll walk you and your student through the requirements. Many of our interested sophomores have already met with me, it’s not too late so please reach out with any questions.

We are in need of volunteers to help proctor IB exams in April/May! The IB people are very particular about the exact time when the Exams must be given. This schedule generally doesn’t match with teachers’ class schedules, meaning that we must rely on volunteers. Volunteer work shifts are short, typically between one to two hours. Please contact Dayna Nedney at dnedney@scottsvalleysd.org . A signup form will be sent out soon.

Throughout April, SVHS IB teachers will be giving practice exams referred to as “mock exams” in all subjects to help students prepare for the actual IB exams. In many cases, these practice exams will also count as their final exams for the second semester. As with all of our major assessments, IB teachers coordinate to calendar these mock exams, in order to manage student workload. Our Internal Calendar (for major projects and assessments) is on the IB page of our website, along with the mock exam calendar.

The next few months will be a time of growing stress and pressure for our examining students. Please keep an eye on their eating and sleeping habits and encourage and support them in finishing up strong. As always, please feel free to contact me to discuss any concerns or issues.

Thank you,

Dayna Nedney

IB Diploma Program Coordinator

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AUDITIONS FOR



LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

VOCAL AUDITIONS*: Jan. 12 & 13th at 3:50pm

DANCE AUDITIONS: Weds. Jan 14th at 3:00pm

CALL BACKS: Thurs. Jan 15th at 3:45pm

***Please prepare 1 minute (32 bars) of a musical theatre song with an accompanying piano track**

Sign up for a vocal audition spot on Mrs. K's
website or by scanning here →



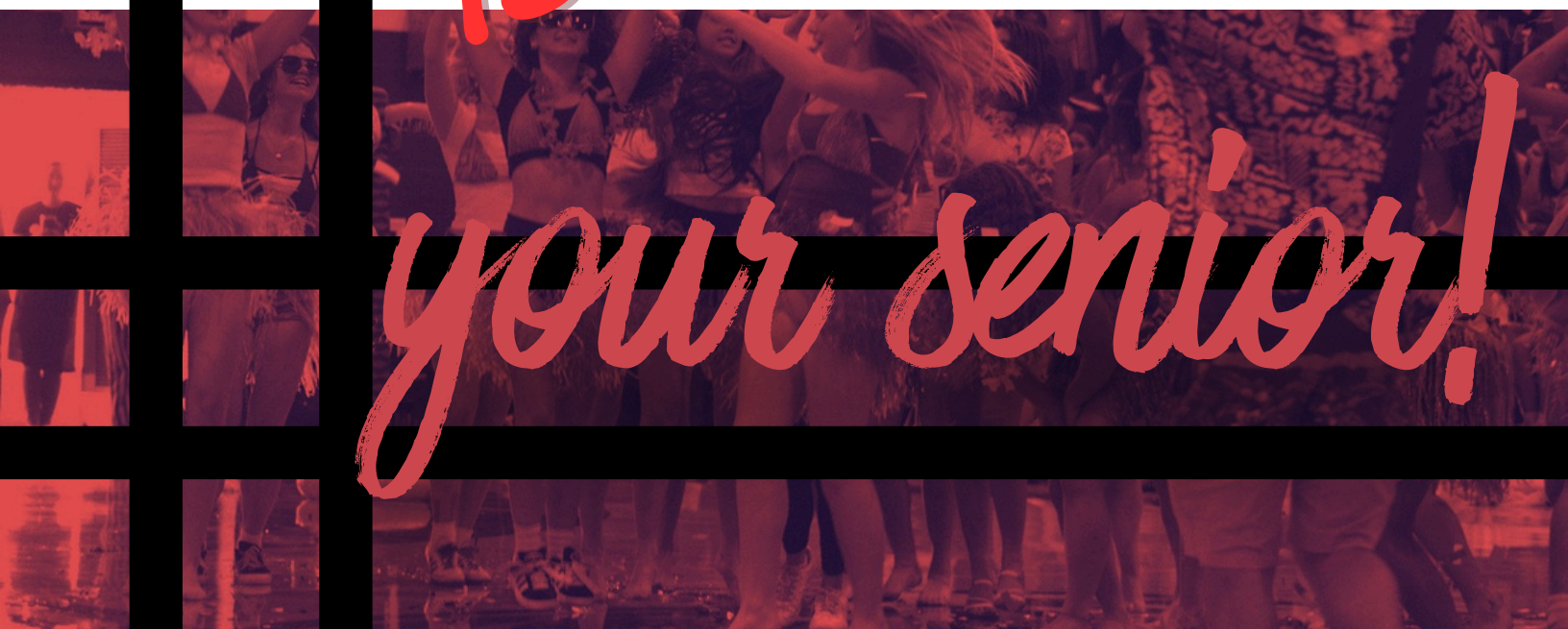


CELEBRATE

Order your
SENIOR AD
before

~~December 1st~~

**JANUARY
15TH!!!**



your senior!



SVHS BATTLE OF THE BANDS



JANUARY

23

IN THE STUDENT UNION

6-8 PM



CASH PRIZE FOR BEST BAND

**TICKETS – \$5
SOLD AT THE DOOR**



SVHS 2026 WINTER FORMAL

JANUARY 30TH @ SCOTTS VALLEY HILTON

DOORS OPEN 7:30 PM PRICE: \$20 WITH ASB

DOORS CLOSE 9:00 PM \$25 WITHOUT ASB

DANCE RUNS: 7:30 PM

TO 11:00 PM

TICKET SALES

1/20 - 1/23 @ BREAK 1/26 - 1/30 @ BREAK & LUNCH

ALL PAPERWORK FOR GUESTS DUE UPON PURCHASE

SVHS Parent Club

January Newsletter



Next Parent Club Meeting: **January 14th at 6pm**

SAVE THE DATE

- January 5th - Classes resume, and a hot chocolate bar during break
- January 7th - Senior activities parent planning meeting at 7 pm
- January 14th - SVHS Parent Club meeting at 6 pm
- January 15th - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Breakfast (sign up here!)
- January 15th - Yearbook deadline for senior ads (order here)
- January 16th - Winter sports rally (short assembly schedule)
- January 19th - No school for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 29th - Cabrillo Learning Communities Info Session 11:15 am
- January 30th - Winter Formal

Class of
2026

Spotlight on the Class of 2026!

The year is here!

- 2/2: Last day to signup 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.

let's help our SVHS teachers
Clear the List

click here for
SVHS Amazon Wish Lists



Want to directly help our teachers?
Classroom & Library wishlists!

TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Please sign up to help celebrate our teachers & staff.
Sign up here!

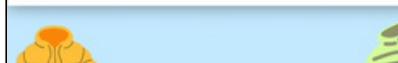


Blanket and Coat Drive

Share the Warmth!

Donate new or lightly used blankets and coats to support those in need this winter season.

Please drop off jackets and coats off in the SVHS front office by January 30th



Class of
2026

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

January Newsletter

Next Meeting: January 14th at 7:00pm *all are welcome!*



SAVE THE DATE

- January 14th - Falcon Club Mtg @ 7pm



Sign up for the newsletter



Pay sports participation



Visit our new webpage!

Congratulations!

Girls Cross Country
Placed 4th at State!



Would you like your team to be featured on our newsletter or social media? Please email ericaturzak@yahoo.com with score updates and photos!

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!



PARTICIPATION
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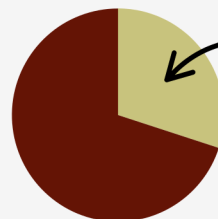


FALCON CLUB
MEMBERSHIP
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WHAT WE FUND: FALCON CLUB - \$140 PER ATHLETE

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



Team
Discretionary
Fund

\$60 per athlete

www.svhshfalconclub.com