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Dear Seniors and Parents:

With the fall semester now almost a memory, we are in the “final countdown” for the Class of 2011--the Thirteenth graduating class of Santa Susana High School. This letter is a tool to assist you in planning and enjoying the last semester of your education at Santa Susana High School. Below is a chronological check list of items and events that will assist you as you move toward the finish line. Additional descriptions and information follow the check list. During the next few months, the 2011 Graduation Committee and Senior Class Officers will meet to plan Senior activities that will lead to Graduation on Thursday, June 9th.



The List

<input type="checkbox"/>	Now to March 18 th	Senior Activity Fees (\$85.00) \$90 from February 1 st – March 18 th
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feb 1 st – Mar. 10 th	AP Test Purchases(\$87.00)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar. 1 st – April 21 st	Grad Night tickets on sale (\$100.00)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Mar. 1 st – Mar. 25 th	Prom tickets (\$85.00/\$90.00) \$90/95 from Mar. 28 th - April 21 st
<input type="checkbox"/>	March 24 th - Thursday	Senior Project Presentations
<input type="checkbox"/>	April 13 th - Wednesday	Senior Activity
<input type="checkbox"/>	April 14 th - Thursday	Senior Activity
<input type="checkbox"/>	April 20 th - Wednesday	Senior Activity
<input type="checkbox"/>	April 21 st - Thursday	Senior Activity
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 14 th - Saturday	Senior Prom 7:00-11:00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/>	May 31 st - Tuesday	Senior Awards Night – New SSHA Performing Arts Building
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 1 st - Wednesday	Senior Finals (2,4)
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 2 nd - Thursday	Senior Finals (3,5)
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 3 rd - Friday	Senior BBQ / Yearbook distribution
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 6 th - Monday	Locker Clearance
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 8 th - Wednesday	Grad Practice (Mandatory 1:30 pm)/ Gowns & Tickets
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 8 th - Wednesday	Grad Night (Busses load at 8:45 pm)
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 9 th - Thursday	Senior Breakfast (7:30 - 9:00 am)
<input type="checkbox"/>	June 9 th - Thursday	Graduation (8:00 pm)

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE: There is NO “official” or planned Senior “ditch” day at Santa Susana High School! Students who “ditch” school at any time will receive a truancy for the day and will be subject to disciplinary action. Also, there is no Senior “trip” before or after Graduation that is organized by Santa Susana High School or the Simi Valley Unified School District.

- **Caps, Gowns, & Announcements** were ordered in November. All Seniors must order a Cap & Gown to take part in the Graduation Ceremony. Jostens will deliver Graduation Announcements in May (exact date to be determined) so that Seniors may mail them to relatives and friends. Caps and Gowns will be handed out after graduation practice on Wednesday, June 8th. **Seniors must be on track to graduate and all debts to the school must be cleared before Caps and Gowns are released.** If you missed out on purchasing these items in October when the Jostens representatives were on campus, you can still contact their representatives at 805.987.4147.

- **Senior Grad Check:** SSHS Counselors and TAP Advisors have worked closely with Seniors this year concerning progress toward Graduation. Seniors have been contacted by Ms. Erickson, Ms. McCormack, to review their Graduation status.
- **Senior Graduation Contracts** were signed and returned in November. Please review your Contract copy (additional copies can be found at www.santasusana.org [Student info>senior info]) so that you understand the behavior required during the remainder of the year. Remember, serious behavior problems will lead to being denied participation in the activities outlined above as well as the Graduation Ceremony.
- **Senior Activities:** Activities are now being planned by the Senior Class. Activities in previous years have included: Senior Awards Night, Senior Breakfast, Golf –N- Stuff, a movie at a local theater, bowling, field day, Senior picnic, etc.
- **Senior Project Presentations:** Thursday, March 24th. Be ready and be prepared! The Senior Project is ten (10) percent of your second semester grade in English. *If you have questions, please see Mr. Beck or Mrs. Carter.*
- **Senior Awards Night** is Tuesday, May 31st. Presentation will be made of awards and scholarships for the Class of 2011. This event will take place at New SSHS Performing Arts building, at 7 pm.

2011 Yearbook & Disk: Last year's SSHS Illusions yearbook ranked was rank #1 (out of 140 competitors) by American Scholastic Press. The popular **Illusions** yearbook and accompanying electronic memories disk sell out every year. There will be few, if any, available for purchase after delivery in June. Currently they are available at \$90 for Seniors through February 4th. After that, yearbooks will cost \$100, so why wait? Buy your 2011 **Illusions** now in the Campus Store! Yearbooks will be distributed to Seniors **FIRST**--before the other classes--in June. **NOTE:** Yearbooks and disks are **not** sold separately.



PARENTS! *The Class of 2011 needs parent volunteers to assist in class activities. The meetings of the Senior "Moms and Dads" will be held both during the day and early evening throughout the spring. Please call Mrs. Wolloch or Mrs. Martinet (805.520.6800) or e-mail lcappella@simi.k12.ca.us or fmartinet@simi.k12.ca.us as soon as possible if you would like to participate.*

DETAILS OF IMPORTANT SENIOR ACTIVITIES



PROM (May 14th): The SSHS Prom will be Saturday night, May 14th, from 7 – 11 pm. The Prom is a formal event. From March 1st – 25th, individual tickets cost only \$85.00 with paid senior activity fees and \$90.00 without. March 28th– April 21st the prices will increase to \$90.00 and \$95.00. The price includes dinner and dancing. Tickets can be purchased in the student store. Once again, this is an event you will not want to miss. Bids **WILL** sell out! Buy early!! Questions concerning the Prom? See, call, or e-mail Mrs. Wolloch or Mrs. Martinet, Senior Class advisors, for additional information - 805.520.6800 or lcappella@simi.k12.ca.us or fmartinet@simi.k12.ca.us

- **Guest Passes MUST** be completed **PRIOR** to purchasing tickets. After the guest pass is completed (signatures, appropriate information, & a photo copy of an appropriate I.D. i.e. drivers license, passport, student I.D. card) and turned in to Ms. Piscitello in the student store, tickets may then be purchased. *Guests must be high school students 10th grade and above, but under 21.*
- **Students and guests are expected to follow acceptable standards of school behavior at the Prom. Students violating school rules will face disciplinary consequences and may lose campus and Graduation privileges.**
- **Please note:** *While the Prom is a "formal" event, Santa Susana High School does not recommend that students hire limousines for the evening. If students and parents decide to hire a "limo," we offer this information from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC): 1) There are occasional problems in hiring limousines; 2) limousine companies should be licensed and insured; 3) licensed limousine services are required to show their permit ("TCP") in advertising; 4) Please obtain a written contract from the limo operator; and, 5) if you have doubts concerning a particular limousine company's license, please call the CPUC at 800.877.8867. We are sorry, but neither Santa Susana High School nor the Simi Valley Unified School District can intervene in any dispute or resolve problems with private limo firms as representatives of or on behalf of students or their parents.*

Grad Night (June 8th-9th) & Senior Breakfast (June 9th): Grad Night is the traditional Senior Activity during which many students from high schools throughout California have Disneyland to “themselves” all night. This is a very popular activity. There will be many bands playing throughout the Park, and virtually all rides will operate that evening (rides open are at Disneyland’s option). This is an activity for Graduating Santa Susana Seniors only. No guests will be invited to attend Grad Night. All Seniors will ride “recliner-type” busses to Disneyland—**no private cars are allowed to drive to Disneyland for Grad Night (Disneyland’s rule).** There is also a dress code that will be explained to students before tickets go on sale. Adult chaperones will accompany Seniors on the buses. **NOTE!!! TICKETS ARE LIMITED TO 200 SSHS Grads.** Busses will be available for boarding beginning at approximately 8:45 p.m. and arrive at Disneyland at approximately 11:30 p.m. The Park will be open from 11:59 p.m. June 8th until 6:00 a.m. the following morning (June 9th). We should return to SSHS by 7:30 a.m.—just in time for the Mandatory Senior Breakfast which will begin at 7:30 am.

- Grad Night tickets will be on sale from **March 1st – April 21st in the student store.** Cost for the Grad Night Ticket is \$100 per person. Please note – Only Seniors on track to graduate by the end of the 3rd quarter may participate in this activity.



Graduation & Graduation Tickets: Graduation will begin at 8:00 p.m. sharp on **Thursday, June 9th.**

Each Graduating Senior may request up to SIX (6) tickets for Graduation. **Tickets** will be distributed after the **mandatory** Graduation Practice on Wednesday, **June 8th at 1:30 p.m.** Tickets will **not** be available earlier. Additional tickets may be available **after** the initial allotment is distributed along with the grad robes. **HOWEVER,** the number of tickets is limited, and we may **not** be able to accommodate all requests. There is no cost for the original six tickets. Additional tickets beyond the six, if available, will cost \$2.00 each. Seating in the Amphitheatre will begin promptly at 7:00 p.m.—no earlier. The Amphitheatre will be closed prior to 7:00 p.m., and seats **may not** be “saved” in advance. Coolers and bags (other than camera bags) will not be admitted to the Amphitheatre. Please plan accordingly. Graduation will conclude at approximately 9:30 p.m.

- ***Students missing the Practice for any reason may not go through the Graduation Ceremony and will not receive tickets to the Graduation! If you have questions concerning Graduation tickets, please call Mr. Buckle at 805.520.6800.***
- Wheelchair access and seating will be available for Graduation. For arrangements, please call Ms. Mayea, Assistant Principal, at 805.520.6800 no later than Friday, May 27th.
- Seniors will be seated alphabetically at Graduation. Available for purchase will be still photos of each Senior receiving congratulations on the awarding of his/her diploma as well as videotapes of the ceremony. Order forms for the Graduation Video and the still photos will be included in the next Senior Letter. Although you are welcome to take your own pictures, we recommend that you order the video and the stills for the very best photos of this important event.

Continue to study hard—and don’t let down! We want to make sure that the Class of 2011, as Santa Susana’s Thirteenth graduating class, receives all the positive recognition it deserves, and that the Class of 2011 leaves a positive and memorable legacy at Santa Susana High School.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carter
Principal

Mrs. Wolloch
Co-Advisor-Class of '11

Mrs. Martinet
Co-Advisor-Class of '11

Mr. Buckle
Assistant Principal