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Dear Senior Students,

As the final weeks of your high school journey come to an end, we are filled with a mix of emotions - pride in all you've accomplished and excitement for the adventures that await you beyond Santa Clara High School. As your principal, I want to take this moment to reflect on your time these past four years and offer some words of encouragement and gratitude.

Over the past four years, you have grown not only academically but also personally. From navigating the halls as curious freshmen to stepping confidently into leadership roles as seniors, each of you has left a special legacy. Your resilience, determination, and spirit have inspired us all, and we are incredibly grateful.

As you prepare to graduate, take a moment to celebrate all that you have achieved. Whether it's academic accomplishments, athletic victories, artistic ambitions, or Christian service projects, each success is a testament to your hard work and dedication. As you look back on your high school years, may you take pride in how far you have come and look forward with excitement to the opportunities that lie ahead.

As you prepare to embark on the next chapter of your life, remember that the future is filled with endless possibilities. Whether you're heading off to college, entering the workforce, or pursuing other paths, approach each new adventure with courage, curiosity, and an open heart. Keep your faith close and dear to your heart and know that God has a plan for you and will always be there to guide you.

On behalf of the Saint community, I want to express my deepest gratitude to each of you for your contributions to Santa Clara High School. Your leadership, creativity, and enthusiasm have enriched our campus in countless ways, and the Saint community is better because of you. Thank you for sharing your talents, passions, and dreams with us - you will always have a special place in our hearts.

Congratulations, seniors, on reaching this significant milestone. May your futures be bright, your dreams be bold, and your hearts be filled with hope, love, and faith.

Blessings,

Mr. J. Guzman
Proud Principal

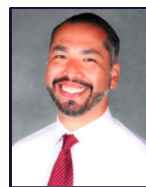


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"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord...The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name."

-Mary's Magnificat, Lk .1:46-48



DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE

BY LINDA LUNA

In the words Pope Francis:

"The first setting in which faith enlightens the human city is the family."

Greetings Saint Families!

As we head in this month of May, a friendly reminder that any pending Fiesta Ticket and Sports fees will be billed via Blackbaud Accounts. If you have questions reach out to our Main Office, and we will gladly assist you. If families are experiencing extenuating financial circumstances and may need tuition assistance, please do not hesitate to contact the Main Office for help and support.

The month of May is the Month of Mary, Mother of God, Mother of the Church.



DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND ADVANCEMENT

BY THERESA VALENZUELA

As we move through May, we celebrate and keep in mind all alumni who are mothers, grandmothers and daughters, as well as all graduates who served or are serving in the Armed Forces. Each of these groups represents an extraordinary display of sacrifice, love and selflessness. As always, we hold you in prayer. School may be winding down, but giving is always in season! Check out our "24 in '24" campaign, as well as our invitation to be a Santa Clara F.A.N.! If you are planning a reunion celebration, Alumni, keep us in mind if you wish to include a tour of your Alma Mater as part of your festivities. You can contact me at tvalenzuela@santaclarahighschool.com



BY TERESA PALMISANO

Happy May! Graduation month for our seniors! Congratulations to our seniors and their families.

The AP exams for our AP students who registered are on May 7 Statistics, May 8 English Literature, May 10 European History/US History, May 14 English Language and May 16 Spanish Language. Students taking the AP exams are asked to be on campus 20 minutes before the exam start time. After the exam, students are done for the day and must leave campus.

Senior Finals are scheduled for May 28 to May 30. Underclassmen finals are scheduled for June 3 to June 5. Students will take two finals each day with a break between each final.

End of the year underclassmen awards assembly is on May 21 @ 1:30pm. We will be recognizing and celebrating our top students and most improve students of each class.

Senior Awards Night is on May 29 at 5pm.

"TO BE A SAINT IS A WAY OF LIFE!"



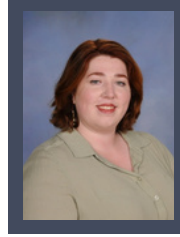
DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES

BY SAGE SCHNEIDERBAUER

Hello Saint Families,

Throughout April:

- Prom was held at McCormick Ranch - Huge thank you to our Prom committee for all their hard work.
- Drama Club now has a troupe with the International Thespian Society, an honor society for theater students.



Upcoming:

- Drama will premiere their spring production *In the Heights* May 11th.
- **Yearbooks are currently available for sale in the office for \$125**
 - There are a limited amount available, be sure to purchase yours before they're gone.
- ASB Elections for the 24-25 school year will be happening later this month.
- Senior Families be sure to check your email for info on Graduation, Grad Nite, and all other upcoming senior events.
- Don't miss these important events:
 - Grad Nite May 23rd
 - Senior Awards May 29th
 - Graduation May 31st



DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS:

Hello Saints Families,

BY JESUS LANDEROS



We had our 10th annual Soccer St. Sebastian Cup on April 20th. The tournament was full of great energy and excitement from the players and parents. Santa Clara Elementary girls took the Championship trophy for the 3rd year in a row and Our Lady of Guadalupe boys took the championship trophy for the 4th year in a row.

We have concluded our spring sports. Beach Volleyball had its first team in school history and beat Grace on their Senior Night. Baseball also beat Villanova on their Senior Night. Softball enjoy a walk off run to beat Grace on the last game of the season and made it to the Wild Card CIF game. Swim had a small team this season but in their meets. Track and Field will have Makio Thompson compete in CIF this Saturday May 10th.

We will celebrate our spring athletes on Wednesday, May 15th. The Spring sports Banquet will take place at our gym at 6:30. I look forward to seeing all the athletes and families.

I would like to thank all the families and students that helped in fiestas. Myself was in charged in set up, clean up, and take down. I really had a rockstar parents that helped out and I am grateful.

Please reach out if you have any questions.
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SAINT ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: EDUCATORS OF SCHS!

BY THERESA VALENZUELA

We remember and celebrate Modesto "Morey" Navarro, who passed away on Monday, March 4, 2024 at the age of 73.

Morey was born on January 2, 1951 in Tepatitlan, Jalisco, Mexico to Esteban and Celia Navarro, the oldest of 8 siblings. In 1962 he moved to Oxnard, CA where he would reside for the remainder of his life.

He attended Our Lady of Guadalupe then Santa Clara High School and Ventura College. In 1971 Morey started Oxnard Towing until his retirement in 2005. He loved taking road trips with his family and spending time with his grand-dogs. Aside from his love of family, he was passionate about giving back. He was very involved in the community, always helping at his Alma mater, Santa Clara was proud to be a part of the Oxnard Planning Commission. Our father was an advocate for the people of Oxnard and spent his entire life donating his time to assist others.

Celebration of a Life *Modesto "Morey"* *Navarro*



*January 2,
1951
Jalisco,
Mexico*

*March 4,
2024
Oxnard,
California*

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one, I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun, Of happy memories that I leave, When life is done.

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MAY / JUNE UPCOMING EVENTS

- 5/11-5/12 "In The Heights"
- 5/17 School Mass at 11:00 @ St. Anthony's parish.
- 5/21 Awards Assembly
- 5/22 Minimum Day
- 5/24 No School
- 5/25- 5/26 "In The Heights"
- 5/31 Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation
- 6/3-6/5 Finals, Grades 9-11
- 6/5 Last Day of School
- 6/17 Summer School Session 1 Begins