Happy New Year Charger Families,

Second semester has begun, and we are charging forward through the school year. This semester is a busy one for students as they not only continue to learn and engage in curriculum, but also begin to look forward to the next school year. Ninth through 11th grade students will soon begin selecting classes for next year. In the next month, counselors will begin to visit classrooms and students will head to the computer labs to select their coursework. For students who might be considering taking advanced placement courses, the AP application window will open at the end of February. For our seniors, this semester means making plans for the next chapter of their lives. There are so many things to think about and prepare for as they transition to life after high school. What an exciting time! Do not hesitate to make an appointment with your counselor to talk through your plans for next year.

Many other things will be happening this spring. Here are some highlights of events and information you should be aware of as the semester progresses.

1:1 Chromebooks for 10th and 11th Grade Students

This will be the first year of the district’s rollout of one-to-one technology for all students in SCUSD. This January all 10th and 11th grade students at Wilcox will receive their own Chromebook that will be checked out to them. Students will be using these devices daily in classrooms and may bring it home to continue their work. Much more information is to come as we prepare for this exciting opportunity for our students. Check School Loop for information on upcoming parent information meetings, how we are preparing our students, and device check-out dates for students.

Women’s Lacrosse Inaugural Season

After over a year of careful planning, women’s lacrosse is coming to Wilcox for the first time in the history of the school. Wilcox is excited to pioneer this new opportunity for women’s sports in Santa Clara Unified School District. A couple of familiar faces will be coaching this team in its inaugural season: Coach Luis Lujan, our current Girls’ Varsity Soccer Coach, will be the coach for the varsity team, and Mr. Daniel Burkehead, Wilcox English teacher, will coach the junior varsity team. With great support from one of our new athletic directors, Laura Stott, the first ever Wilcox Girls’ Lacrosse team is ready for a successful launch with tryouts beginning in the end of January.
Wilcox offers a variety of opportunities for students to participate in sports teams. Sports are not only a wonderful way to stay active, participating in extracurricular athletic activities is also a great way to keep students engaged in school. Below is a list of upcoming sports opportunities for students this spring. Tryouts will begin at the end of January. Check the daily announcements for tryout times and locations.

Boys: Badminton, Baseball, Golf, Swimming, Tennis, Track and Field, Volleyball
Girls: Badminton, Softball, Swimming, Track and Field, Lacrosse

**Testing**
SBAC/CAASPP testing at Wilcox is scheduled to take place April 24 - 27, 2018. AP testing will take place the first two weeks of May. Registration to take AP tests will begin next month. More information on both these test administrations will be coming soon via School Loop.

**NEW:** The SAT is being offered to all juniors at Wilcox High School on Wednesday March 7, 2018 during the regular school day. Wilcox data shows that the vast majority of sophomores have the desire to be four-year-college ready when they graduate. Offering the SAT exam to all juniors allows us to complete a major part of this pathway. Wilcox has been paying for PSAT for 10th graders for the last four years. Check School Loop for more information on the test administration.

**Summer School**
SCUSD will be offering summer school classes for students in the Summer of 2018. Both Santa Clara High School and Wilcox High School will host summer school on their campuses. Check School Loop and the district website for more information as the semester continues.

**Parking Lot and Traffic Safety**
Help us maintain a safe environment by obeying traffic laws and following directions on posted signs -- both on the streets, and on school grounds. Pick-up and drop-off times are busy and chaotic. Please practice safe and respectful driving habits as these not only create a safe environment for our students, they also serve as a great model for our new drivers. Families are encouraged to choose alternate times to drop off and pick up students. Adjusting the time by 15-30 minutes can not only alleviate traffic congestion, but can also make for a more pleasant experience for you and your student. Students who arrive early to school are welcome to study in the cafeteria or library. Students who stay late are welcome to study in the library or attend tutoring offered Monday through Thursday to all students in Mr. Contreras’ and Mrs. Sidorova’s classrooms.

**New Crosswalk Beacons and Changes for Pedestrian Safety**
The new HAWK pedestrian crosswalk beacons have been activated along Monroe Street. Even with this added safety measure, pedestrians continue to have a responsibility to be cautious and safe when crossing the street. Parents can help support this effort by having conversations with students about pedestrian responsibility and safety. We are excited that the City has partnered with Santa Clara Unified School District to add this new safety feature for our students. Knowing how to approach the beacons is an important educational moment for the whole community since the HAWK lights are in several places around the City, and often an unfamiliar type of traffic signal. The City of Santa Clara has prepared an educational video and flyer that will show both pedestrians and motorists how to approach the beacons. This information can be found on our School Loop homepage.

We look forward to a wonderful Spring semester with our Charger students and families.

Go Chargers!

**Kristin Gonzalez**
Principal
Happy New Year! I hope you had a relaxing break with family and friends and are ready for 2018.

The Wilcox PTSA continues its mission to enhance our children’s experience at Wilcox. The programs, services and events we sponsor are designed to make a meaningful impact on your child while building a stronger, more engaged community. We can’t do it without you - the parent, student, staff and community members of the Wilcox PTSA. Thank you, as always, for your input and participation.

This year we have reached over 620 members! If you have not yet joined, please take a moment to join at the PTSA page on the Wilcox website https://wilcox.School Loop.com/joinptsa. You can pay via PayPal ($8 per member). You can also make a direct donation to support our programs if you wish.

We will have a special guest at our January 10th General Association meeting, Jodi Muirhead, school board member. She will be presenting information on a variety of topics of interest to our families (Bond measure, activity at the Farm, Peterson/Laurelwood future plans for overcrowding). Also at this meeting we will elect a nominating committee to find interested parents and students for our next PTSA board. Please email me directly if you are interested. This meeting is open to ALL PTSA members.

If you have e-waste to dispose of, please come to our e-Waste collection on Saturday, January 13. We get paid by the pound, so the bigger the better! Please, no appliances or household waste.

Have a happy and healthy 2018! Go Chargers!

Colleen Yamada
Wilcox PTSA President
cryamada@yahoo.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- January 13: E-waste Fundraiser
- January 15: MLK Day - No school
- January 19: Winter Spirit Rally
- January 31: Parent Education Program
- February 3: Sadie Hawkins Dance
- February 6: Blood Drive
- February 19-23: President's Week Break
- February 26-March 2: Fantastics Week
- March 15-16: Staff Professional Develop.m.ent (no school)
- March 23: Spring Spirit Rally
- March 26-30: A.S.B. Elections
- April 7: Goodwill Drive
- April 28: Prom
- April 16-20: Spring Break
- April 23-27: CASPP Testing
- May 28: Memorial Day (no school)
Wilcox High PTSA Senior Sendoff

E-WASTE FUNDRAISER EVENT

January 13, 2018

Getting a new TV for the holidays … cleaning out your cubicles and closets … getting rid of your obsolete or unwanted e-waste? Bring it all to us.

WHAT WE WILL COLLECT

Monitors, computers, laptops, cell phones, telecom equipment, TVs wire/cable, PC boards, scrap metal/aluminum, computer mice, keyboards, toner and ink cartridges, DVD/CD/MP3 players

WHAT WE CAN’T TAKE

Household items, appliances, toys, smoke detectors, fluorescent lights, or alkaline batteries

Funds raised support Wilcox High School PTSA Senior Sendoff ~ giving our seniors a safe and sober celebration. It’s good for the kids and the planet too!

Contact: Jolene Soares
carusosoares@gmail.com

Saturday, January 13, 2018

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Adrian Wilcox High School
3250 Monroe Street
Santa Clara CA 95051
PARENT/TEEN SAFE DRIVING WORKSHOP
PRESENTED BY
IMPACT TEEN DRIVERS
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
WILCOX HIGH SCHOOL PTSA

Wednesday January 31, 2018
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Mission City Center for Performing Arts
3250 Monroe St, Santa Clara, CA 95051

Learn about:
• Strategies to keep your kids safe on the roads
• Graduated Drivers Licensing (GDL) laws
• How you can help stop the #1 killer of teens in America — Reckless and distracted driving

For more information please contact: melnuss2002@yahoo.com

Did You Know?
You need 50 hours of supervised driving experience with an adult to obtain a California driver’s license.

It takes only six hours of supervised behind-the-wheel experience with a certified driving instructor to get a California driver’s license. Yet, a manicurist must complete 400 hours under supervision to be licensed in the state of California!

Teen drivers are at the highest risk. The crash rate (per mile driven) for 16-year-olds is four times that of adult drivers.

Having passengers is a serious distraction for teen drivers. Carrying 3 or more passengers increases the risk of a crash for 16 and 17-year-olds three-fold compared to driving alone.

Funding for program was provided by the CA Office of Traffic Safety through National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

WILCOX PTSA SENIOR SEND-OFF COMMITTEE &
GOODWILL OF SILICON VALLEY FUNDRAISER

Saturday, April 7, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Wilcox High School Parking Lot
3250 Monroe Street, Santa Clara

It’s time to clean out your closets, garages, sheds and storage cabinets! We are collecting gently used CLOTHES, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, BOOKS, TOYS, ELECTRONICS, E-WASTE: COMPUTERS, MONITORS* (NO LARGER THAN 22”), KEYBOARDS, DVD/CD PLAYERS, CELLPHONES, and more.

Our donation drive will not accept the following: Furniture, Large appliances including microwaves, printers, etc., Automobile parts, Bicycles, Weapons, Household trash, Construction debris, lumber, concrete, bricks, etc., Hazardous household chemicals or liquids of any kind (paints, insecticides, oils, flammables, alcohol, etc.), Food, Carpeting and Pet-related items.

Funds raised will support the Wilcox High School Class of 2018 Senior Send-Off, giving our kids a safe, sober and fun celebration. Email Tiffany Anderson with questions at totiffananderson@gmail.com.
Wilcox PTSA Scholarship 2017-2018

Seniors: Don’t miss the opportunity to apply for the 2017-2018 Wilcox PTSA Scholarship! Community service-based PTSA Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors for use at an accredited college or university, community college, or trade and technical school. Questions?

Where do I get an application?
You can download an application from the Wilcox website at http://wilcox.School Loop.com/ptsascholar, or you can pick one up from Jan Yee at the College and Career Resource Center on campus in January.

What kind of information do I have to provide to apply?
Details are on the application form but basically you’ll need to list the name(s) of accredited colleges, universities, community colleges, or trade and technical schools that you have applied and/or been accepted to, and your intended major or course of study. You’ll provide a brief statement of your reason for applying for this scholarship and list your career plans.

You’ll describe your school service-related activities and details of your volunteer service in the community, and include a reference letter from a teacher, counselor, employer or advisor. IT’S EASY—it’s limited to two typed pages (plus the reference letter).

And if you have not joined the PTSA yet, this is the time to do as the student has to have been a PTSA member as of December 15, 2017.

When is it due?
The application deadline is Friday, March 16, 2018.

Where do I submit my application?
Completed applications must be submitted to Anna Thompson in the front office at Wilcox.

How will I know if I’ve been selected to receive a scholarship?
Scholarships will be presented at the Wilcox Academic Awards Night ceremony (recipients will be notified ahead of time).

If you have further questions, email Renate Harrison at renetehar@comcast.net.
Wilcox PTSA Scholarship Application

Scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors for use at an accredited college/university, community college, or trade and technical school.

RETURN COMPLETED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TO ANNA THOMPSON (WILCOX FRONT OFFICE) BY FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2018.

Name: __________________________________________ Phone: ( ) __________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________________________

Residence number     Street     City     State     Zip

Requirements

1. Student has been enrolled at Wilcox High School for both junior and senior years.
2. Student has been a PTSA member as of December 15, 2017.
3. Student has a grade point average of 2.5, or better.
4. Student must show proof of college or university enrollment as a full-time student by October 15, 2018, (or have valid reason for delaying education until January 2019), or the scholarship will be voided and redistributed to an alternate applicant.

Provide the Following

(No more than two pages. Please type or print legibly.)

1. List names of accredited colleges, universities, community colleges, or trade and technical schools to which you have applied and/or been accepted.
2. List intended major/course of study at college/university, trade, or technical school.
3. Please give a brief statement of your reason for applying for this scholarship. Include your career plans, goals, objectives, and any other information you feel would be valuable to the selection committee.
4. Please describe all school service-related activities — including any service you provide to others in school. Do not use abbreviations for any organization listed.
5. Please describe in detail your volunteer service in the community. (You may attach your Community Service Confirmation of Hours form, if desired.)
6. Include a reference letter from a teacher, counselor, employer or advisor.

Signature of applicant: __________________________________________ Date: __________________
PTSA MINI-GRANT PROGRAM IS BACK!!

Because of the very strong interest among staff and students alike, we are planning on releasing additional funds for a second PTSA Mini-Grant Program during the spring semester (pending approval by the PTSA General Association). Stay tuned for details on School Loop. To date, we have awarded almost $2,000 to the following:

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For more information, please contact Leslie Kloes, Mini-Grant Committee Chair at lkloes@gmail.com.

WILCOX DADS, GRADS & MOMS BOOSTER CLUB

- Is your student involved in sports?
- Is your student interested in social clubs?
- Is your student academically inclined?
- Do you want your child to enjoy going to Wilcox?

Happy New Year! I want to thank all the volunteers who pitched in and worked very hard in the football snack bar during the games this season. The club has been financially rewarded due to your efforts. The next activity on the agenda is the annual wrestling tournament the first weekend of February. If you couldn't help at the football snack bar, here's another opportunity to come out and help support Wilcox. Hearty congratulations to fall sports on a job well done, especially to the football team for making it to the CCS playoffs again.

Parents of seniors, let your student know that DGM scholarship applications should be available in the Career Center near the end of January, in addition to being on the School Loop website. To apply for a DGM scholarship you need to have been a member for three years, including your senior year. In the past we have not always had enough applicants to offer the full amount of scholarships even though there were many eligible. This year we will be offering three scholarships of $1,000 each. In addition to the Mary Shaddle scholarship, which is $500.

Last October I gave my annual talk on college financial aid planning, but unfortunately, lost the recording. It is similar to my 2016 talk, which is available on School Loop along with the 2017 handout. One thing I tried to stress is picking a school that is the right fit for the student by doing their homework and not basing it on published rankings.

Hope to see you at one of our monthly meetings at 7p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month in the staff lounge.

Marc Lund, DGM President
(408) 739-6560
Wilcox.dgm.boosters@gmail.com, marc@marclundcpa.com
2017 Wilcox PTSA Reflections Program

Three Wilcox students recently received an award including an Award of Excellence at the Santa Clara Unified School Council PTA Reflections program and will move to the District PTA for judging. This year’s theme, "Within Reach." invited original works in the categories of dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography and visual arts. Debbie Nguyen received Honorable Mention, and Anthony Alas received the Award of Merit in the Visual Arts category, and Tyler McNierney received the Award of Excellence in Music Composition. Congratulations to all, and best of luck to Tyler!

Winners for PTA Reflections at the District level will be announced at a reception on Monday, January 9, at the Santa Clara Office of Education. For more information, please contact Tracy Gries, Reflections Committee Chair, at wilcoxptsareflections@gmail.com

Debbie Nguyen, Honorable Mention, Visual Arts

Anthony Alas, Award of Merit, Visual Arts

Class of 2018

Save the Date!!

Senior Send-Off Party
"Wake Up at Wilcox"
June 2, 2018
Tickets Go On Sale In May 2018

More Info Coming In January
KEEP TRACK OF YOUR CHILD’S CLASSES, TALK TO TEACHERS AND OTHER PARENTS, AND LEARN ABOUT SCHOOL EVENTS

School Loop is a web site designed to help you keep track of your child's classes and assignments, communicate with your child's teachers, and participate in your school community. You can only access your child's class information and receive daily emails about assignments if you are registered.

To register, go to http://wilcox.School Loop.com
Click the Register Now button (upper left)
Select Parent Registration

Complete all information requested. You will need to know your child's 6-digit Student ID number. Parent registrations must be verified by the webmaster, teacher or administrator. Any of your child's teachers may approve your registration.

After the registration has been approved, parents will receive a daily email that includes the student's assignments, progress reports, and school news published for parents. Once logged in, parents can add additional children to their account by clicking on the Add Student link from the TOOLBOX at the top right of their Portal Page.

If after registering you have log-in issues, please contact Janet Armstrong at jarmstrong@scusd.net. Sign up for School Loop today!

Wilcox families, if you have questions about the school, activities, procedures, experiences that other parents may be able to answer, we invite you to join the Wilcox Parents Yahoo Group. This group is also used to provide information to and from parents, including announcements of upcoming events, etc.

The Wilcox Yahoo Group is not sponsored or administered by the PTSA or the Wilcox High School staff. It is solely a parent-driven forum. To join, please send an email to: wilcox_parents-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

For questions or additional information, please contact Lillian Kwiatkowski at lgkwiat@gmail.com.
Santa Clara Unified is very grateful to have a partnership with the community-based Sports Basement. The Sports Basement Marketing Department has opened their doors by allowing Santa Clara Unified School District’s many schools/sports groups/interest groups to host meetings in their store (with free refreshments) and helping with fundraising efforts (shopping nights) during these tough budgetary times. On any given day when you go in and make a purchase just mention Santa Clara Unified School District at the register to receive 10% off your purchase and 5% goes back to help fund the Santa Clara Unified’s AED (Automated External Defibrillator) Project. An AED is the only device that will reset your heart if you are experiencing a Sudden Cardiac Arrest. There are AEDs (69) at every school site in the district as well as AEDs that travel with athletic teams to away competitions. The AED Project is strictly funded on donations and grants. Thank you for your support!

Love Amazon? Want to support our school? You can help your PTSA when you buy something on Amazon.com. They will donate 0.5% of your purchases to us. Please make sure to choose Adrian C. Wilcox High PTSA as your Amazon Smile charity. Go to https://smile.amazon.com. Remember, only purchases at smile.amazon.com (not www.amazon.com, or the mobile app) go towards the school. Thank you!

Show your Charger Spirit! Buy a Wilcox spirit shirt at an affordable price, and contribute to the PTSA and the many programs it supports! Please email Renate Harrison renatehar@comcast.net to place your order.