



The Ranger Reporter

Smithson Valley High School PTSA, 14001 Hwy. 46 W, Spring Branch, TX 78070

Message from the Main Office

Dear SVHS Community,

As the end of the year approaches, some of you may think that we are starting to wrap things up and preparing for a well deserved summer break at SVHS. Others, who are familiar with high school, understand that we are just getting started. Beginning April 26, we will be administering some form of an assessment almost daily until the last day of school on May 28. I have listed the tests and windows of testing below:

- TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) –
 April 26-30
 LAT (Language Accommodated Testing) – April 26-30
 AP (Advanced Placement) May 3-14
 EOC (End of Course) May 17-21
 LTF (Laying the Foundation) – May 3-7
 Final Exams
 Seniors - May 24-25
 Underclassmen – May 26-28

In order to ensure your students perform their very best please make sure they are present everyday, well rested and focused on the tasks at hand. With your help and the support of their teachers, I am confident that the RANGERS will prove once again that they ARE THE BEST IN TEXAS!

Along with testing, we are preparing to honor 474 Seniors! Each of these young men and women has been working diligently to mark the end of their high school experience successfully and will walk across the stage at Strahan Coliseum at Texas State University. I have listed some of the important Senior dates below:

- May 26 Fine/Obligations and Cap and Gown
 Distribution
 May 27 Senior Breakfast and Panoramic Picture
 May 28 Graduation Rehearsal
 May 29 Graduation @ Texas State at 1:00

We will be mailing more specific information to all Seniors in the coming weeks. Please be looking for this in the mail. Also, the SVHS website is a great source for many of your school related questions. If you have not visited this site, please take a minute to learn about all of the great things that are happening in the Valley svhs@comalisd.org.

Thanks and Have a Great Ranger Day!

Chris Smith
Interim Principal

President's Letter

Hello, Rangers!

Another school year has passed way too quickly! It seems we have so much more we can accomplish!

I have the honor of being asked to serve one more year as your PTSA President and I have accepted. My priority this year was to include more students on our board and in our activities. We are a PTSA, not a PTA, which means that we are a student organization as well as a Parent, Teacher organization. We have been very successful in this endeavor and next year will be an exciting year with the help of our students.

Besure and check out the list of your PTSA's accomplishments in this newsletter. Thanks to all of you for your support this year. We couldn't do it without you! Don't forget to join us again next year!

Barby Gregory
SVHS PTSA President
lazviranchette@aol.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SVHS NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNIZED STUDENTS!

- **Brian Chenault**, National Merit Commended Student
- **Amanda Falcon**, National Merit Commended Student and National Hispanic Scholar
- **Riley Fincher**, National Merit Commended Student
- **Kyle Pittman**, National Hispanic Scholar
- **Weston Santleben**, National Merit Commended Student

There are 34,000 National Merit Commended students throughout the nation who placed in the top five percent of more than one million students who entered the NMSQT competition by taking the 2008 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

The National Hispanic Recognition Program identifies outstanding Hispanic/Latino high school students. Each year, the NHRP identifies nearly 5,000 of the highest-scoring students (from a nationwide total of more than 200,000 juniors) in the United States and U.S. Territories who take the PSAT/NMSQT and designate themselves as Hispanic/Latino.

Comal ISD names new SVHS principal



The Comal ISD Board of Trustees approved the hiring of John Montelongo III as the new principal at Smithson Valley High School at the board's May 6 board workshop.

Montelongo is replacing former SVHS principal Chris Trotter who accepted an assistant superintendent's position in Tomball ISD earlier in the year. SVHS assistant principal Chris Smith has served as interim principal at the school since Comal ISD returned from spring break.

Montelongo said he is looking forward to starting his journey at SVHS on Monday, May 10.

"I'm really excited about joining the Comal ISD and Smithson Valley families because of the traditions and excellence that the district and school have maintained over the years," said Montelongo. "I look forward to continuing that hard work and dedication."

Montelongo began his

career in education in 1995 as a seventh grade reading teacher and coach in Pearland ISD. Within four years, he began his climb up the administrative ladder and accepted an assistant principal's job in neighboring Alvin ISD. He held two other assistant principal positions at Fort Bend ISD and Pearland ISD before taking on his first principal's position at Hitchcock High School in Hitchcock ISD in 2006.

After making significant gains in only a year's time at Hitchcock High School, including helping the school move from Academically Unacceptable to Academically Acceptable and ensuring a 100 percent student graduation rate, Montelongo accepted the principal's job at Fox Tech High School in San Antonio ISD in 2007.

Again, Montelongo guided the school from an Academically Unacceptable state rating to Academically Accept-

able rating in his first year as principal and increased that rating to Recognized in his second year. He also helped to increase the number of students graduating from Fox Tech by 113 students before taking SAISD's Director of High School Initiative position in 2009.

Montelongo said he will continue to strive to increase the number of graduates and the number of students accepted into four-year universities as principal at SVHS.

"Ensuring every student graduates and proceeds on to post-secondary education is important to me and something I plan to work hard at as principal at Smithson Valley," Montelongo said. "My main goal is always to put students first, to help them in

any way possible and to help them achieve their goals and dreams."

Montelongo earned his bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary studies from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas in 1995, and he received his master's degree in education from Texas Southern University in Houston in 2000.

"We are extremely enthusiastic to have someone of Mr. Montelongo's caliber to be joining the Comal ISD team," said Comal ISD Assistant Superintendent for Academics and Student Services Dr. Jodi Duron. "I am confident that he has the passion, leadership ability, and skill set to move SVHS forward and recognized as one of the best high schools in the state of Texas."

Margaret Edmonson awarded PTSA Lifetime Membership

The SVHS PTSA is proud to announce that we have awarded our very own Mrs. Margaret Edmonson a Texas PTA Honorary Life Membership. This award is one of the highest honors that is presented by the Texas PTA to individuals for outstanding service to children. Recipients are exempt from paying the local dues of their PTA for life.

We have chosen Mrs. Edmonson as our recipient of this award because of her outstanding dedication to our school

and for her unwavering support of our PTSA. Mrs. Edmonson, whose classroom is always buzzing with activity and enthusiastic students, wears many hats on the SV campus. Her many responsibilities include teaching journalism and writing classes, overseeing the publication of the Smithson Valley yearbook, facilitating the morning announcements and coaching several UIL teams.

She still finds time to take on much of the responsibility for getting this PTSA

newsletter published.

We, as a PTA, depend on her talent and skill, and at times her patience and understanding, as we attempt to put out a comprehensive and relevant newsletter several times a year. It is individuals and teachers like Mrs. Edmonson that help our organization be the best that it can be.

We are so grateful to her and for her. Congratulations, Mrs. Edmonson, and thank you for all you do.



The FACS Program Ends a Success

How do you measure success? If the first year of the Family and Community Services (FACS) class is any indication, I would say it was very successful. Matthew Emerzian and Kelly Bozza, authors of the book Every Monday Matters, write "Time spent on what matters most is never a waste of time". Approximately 70 FACS students spent this valuable time this semester volunteering for various service projects at SVHS and in the community. Many of the projects were highlighted throughout the year in the Comal Communicator, School Life, and the Bulverde Community Newspaper.

One of the yearly projects included three Blood Drives. A total of 304 units of blood were donated in these blood drives held through out the year. This is equivalent to 912 patients that have been impacted by the donors at Smithson Valley HS for 2009/2010. Nattalie Cardona, Rachel Harwell, Kyana Fischer, Leslie Torres, Maria Ochoa, and Rocio Huizar coordinated



the sign-ups as well as communicated with the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center.

This spring, the students continued with projects carried over from the fall or began new service projects. In the month of December, five SV students worked with Arlon Seay Elementary School and organized a shoe drive. They were able to collect over 400 pairs of shoes to donate to Soles 4 Souls in Haiti after the earthquake! The students were Veronica Morales, Alix Lake, Reid Schamberger, Joshua Bagley, and Nelson Teel. This same five organized

the 30 Hour Famine in April. The 30 Hour Famine is a World Vision program that allows young people to make a significant impact on the problem of world hunger. By pledging to go without food for 30 hours, participants not only raise money to help feed and care for children worldwide, but also gain an understanding of how it feels to experience hunger. A total of 60 students participated and raised over \$1,000.00.

The earthquake in Haiti not only impacted the Soles 4 Souls shoe drive, but also sparked an interest in senior Erin Heft. Erin's project was



to sell Rangers Hope for Haiti t-shirts and use the money raised to go to the American Red Cross for the earthquake relief effort. The project is still continuing until the last t-shirt sells. Any one can purchase the t-shirts for \$10 each - \$5 of each shirt goes towards the American Red Cross. If you are interested in purchasing a Rangers Hope for Haiti t-shirt, please call the school at 885-1000 and ask for extension 1017.

Give the Gift of Sight: Recycle Your Eyeglasses

Please bring your old and unwanted sun glasses and prescription eyeglasses that are in good condition to the recycling box in the main office. Eyeglasses will be processed by the Lions Club and then sent off to third world countries to give the gift of sight to those less fortunate.

PURCHASE YOUR RANGERS/ HOPE FOR HAITI T-SHIRT!!!

FACS (Family and Community Services) is selling "Rangers Hope for Haiti" T-shirts. The T-shirts are gray with red, white, and blue print. They sell for \$10, with \$5 going to the American



Red Cross earthquake relief fund for Haiti.

Senior Erin Heft organized this project after seeing the devastation left from the earthquake in Haiti. She has diligently been putting in

many volunteer hours and hopes to sell every single shirt.

Please call the school at (830) 885-1000 ext. 1017 to order your Hope for Haiti T-shirt. Currently all sizes are available, but order soon before they are gone. Thank you for your support!

PIANO CONCERT SCHEDULE

The spring piano concerts will be held in the SVHS auditorium on the evenings of May 20-21. The 4th period class will perform at 7:00 p.m. and the 5th period class at 8:00 p.m. on the 20th with a reception between.

The 6th period class will play at 7:00 p.m. and the 3rd period class at 8:00 p.m. on the 21st, with a reception between. Each student will play both a popular and a classical solo. Hope to see you there.

SVHS PTSA Accomplishments

2009-2010 School Year

1. Set up of registration, preparation of registration packets for parents and provision of volunteers to assist with registration.
2. Staff Appreciation provided the *Back to School Luncheon* and treats throughout the year for teachers and staff.
3. "Get Smart, Don't Start" anti-tobacco campaign for Red Ribbon Week.
4. Donated 800 pencils with anti-tobacco slogan to Math teachers.
5. Held Flu-Buster campaign and vaccinated 128 students & parents.
6. Prepared and published school's PTSA newsletter.
7. Maintained an email listing of members in order to assist school in getting important information out to our families more quickly.
8. Held Reflections program for students.
9. Held "Student Buzz" for students with board trustee, Carol Keller.
10. Provided CIS with toiletries for families.
11. Held cookie exchange for teachers/staff during Christmas.
12. Donated to "Save the Children" campaign for Haiti.
13. Sponsored the "Laws You Should Know" presentation for students and parents.
14. Established the PTSA Environmental Awareness Program.
15. Prepared a basket donation for the Cajun Fest.
16. Honored Ms. Margaret Edmonson with the Lifetime Membership Award.
17. Donated \$500 in scholarship funds for each of the 4 core subjects.
18. Provided the science department with \$500 for purchase of dissection specimens.
19. Donated \$1000 to school library.
20. Donated \$1350 to SV NJROTC for equipment including spotting scopes, binoculars for the rifle team; gloves for the entire drill team; and repair parts for drill rifles.
21. Provided flowers for teacher awards upon request.
22. Awarded four \$500 college scholarships.
23. Provided SV shirts to all the special education students for the Track & Field Star athlete program.
24. Donated \$1000 to the junior class for senior class activities.
25. Donated \$200 to Special Education – Behavior class for rewards for good behavior.
26. Donated t-shirts to FFA for their Dance fundraiser.
27. Donated \$800 for camcorder for fine arts department.
28. Ran the Ranger Wear store during football games & other school events.



From left to right it is Jordan Wimberley, Kaitlin O'Brien, Sarah Raye, Kaci Mullen.

FOUR SMITHSON VALLEY HIGH STUDENTS PLACE AT STATE FCCLA COMPETITION

Nineteen students from Smithson Valley High School competed in the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Dallas, Texas April 8-10th.

SVHS students competed in 10 different event categories at the state level. Each of these students had already placed within the top six in their respective categories at Region V, the largest region in Texas.

Jordan Wimberley, a senior at Smithson Valley who is currently enrolled in the Ready, Set, Teach program taught by Ann Massey, placed 4th in Early Childhood. Jordan is an intern at Bill Brown Elementary under the mentorship of Sarah Trager in Life Skills and April Gregg in 1st grade. Jordan will be

attending Texas A&M in the fall majoring in Special Education.

Kaitlin O'Brien, a junior, placed 4th in Interior Design, taught by Lori Niles. The Interior Design event recognizes participants who apply interior design skills learned in Family and Consumer Sciences courses to design interiors that meet the living space needs of clients.

Sarah Raye, a senior at Smithson Valley, placed 5th in the Job Interview event. In this event the students created a job portfolio and participated in a job interview. Sarah based her portfolio information on her current job with Comal ISD in the School Age Child Care program at Arlon Seay. The portfolio and job interviewing skills were taught in

Ann Massey's Career Preparation Work Program class. Sarah plans to attend Northeast Lakeview and then will attend UTSA majoring in Elementary Education.

Kaci Mullen placed 5th in the Teach and Train event, which recognizes participants for their exploration of the education and training fields through research and hands-on experience. Kaci, a junior in Ann Massey's Ready, Set, Teach class, is also an intern at Startzville Elementary under the mentorship of Jennifer Curtis in 4th grade.

Congratulations to these four students for representing Smithson Valley High School and Comal ISD on the State level. We are proud of you.



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SHARE! Southwest Regional Office, 8609 Glencrest Lane, Dallas, Texas 75209
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Kayla Oliver gets Princeton Book Recognition

Junior Kayla Oliver receives The Princeton Book Award from longtime San Antonio journalist Chris Marrou. She received the award for San Antonio's most outstanding high school juniors, chosen for academic and extracurricular excellence. Alyssa Pappas and Sarah Mayfield were also nominees. Counselor Amanda Pedroza attended the ceremony at Trinity University on May 6.

Maranda Edmonson



Congratulations to the largest UIL Academic Team in 10 years and all the UIL Academic Coaches for their hard work.

This is the 2nd consecutive year the SVHS UIL Academic Team has earned "SWEEPSTAKES" at competitions attended! The entire SVHS Faculty deserves to share in the honors as their focus on academics has definitely made an impact. Appreciation should be extended to our former Principal, Mr. Chris Trotter, A/P's Mr. Chris Smith, Mr. Corbee Wunderlich, Mr. Paul Breaux, Ms. Patsy Lovelady and Ms. Christine Rostedt, in addition to SVHS Administrative Personnel, for their support in our growing program! It should be noted that the UIL Program has had an outpouring of support from our SVHS Parents who have attended the UIL Tournaments and contributed their time to help motivate students toward our "Commitment to Excellence" in Academics.

Ms. Gloria Wolfshohl is the SVHS Academic Coordinator and is also to be congratulated and commended for her success with this enormous program.

Two of our students placed fifth at the Regional tournament at UTSA and are contenders to compete at the state UIL tournament this month. They are Maranda Edmonson in Feature Writing and Lloyd Cunningham in Computer Science. Alexa Nichols and Lawrence Cital also competed at the Region Level in Oral Interpretation-Prose and Persuasive Speaking respectively.

Five of our students qualified as alternates to compete at this tournament they are: Maranda Edmonson in Headline Writing, News Writing and Editorial Writing; Kayla Oliver in Headline Writing; Ian Robbins in Social Studies, Amada Falcon in Current Events & Issues and Deanna Crane in Headline Writing and Feature Writing.

Our success at the District 26 Conference 5A Meet at Reagan High School was outstanding. Among the teams receiving district honors were: The Journalism Team that took 2nd place; The Current Events Team that took 3rd Place; The Computer Science Team that took 4th

Place; The Speech Team that took 5th Place; and the Literary Criticism Team and the Spelling & Vocabulary Team that took 6th Place.

Individual Competitors receiving 1st place honors at district were Lloyd Cunningham and Maranda Edmonson for Computer Science and Feature Writing respectively. Third place went to Alexa Nichols in Prose. Fourth Place went to Deanna Crane and Lawrence Cital for Headline Writing and Persuasive Speaking respectively. Maranda Edmonson took 5th place in both Headline Writing and Editorial Writing. Competitors receiving 6th Place honors were Kayla Oliver for Headline Writing; Maranda Edmonson for News Writing; Deanna Crane for Feature Writing; Ian Robbins for Social Studies and Amanda Falcon for Current Issues & Events.

The following students should also be congratulated for qualifying and competing at the District 26 Competition:

Calculator Applications

Michael Nipper

Computer Applications

Jordan Jentz
Chase Kuentz
Gracie Hendrix

Computer Science

Michael Nipper
Justin Lowe
Aaron Pozos

Editorial Writing

Maranda Edmonson
Kayla Oliver

Feature Writing

Maranda Edmonson
Abby Harrison
Deanna Crane

Social Studies

Amanda Falcon
Charlie Cevallos

Current Issues & Events

Ian Robbins

Literary Criticism

Alexa Nichols

Science

Michael Nipper
Shanna Schaefer
Michael Nipper
Kelly Day
Andrew Waterreus
Eric Schweinberg
Avalon Crighton

Mathematics

Charlie Cevallos
Michael Nipper
Brian Chenault
Jordan Wimberley

*Spelling & Vocabulary

Brandon Cantu
Nicole Stewart

News Writing

Deanna Crane
Abby Harrison
Maranda Edmonson

Ready Writing

Kelly Day
Kayla Oliver
Colton Gabelman

Persuasive Speaking

Ashleigh Pannell
Jordan Jentz

Informative Speaking

Alyssa Pappas
Sarah Brashear

Lincoln Douglas Debate

Robert Lagoudis
Lloyd Cunningham
Jordan Jentz

Oran Interpretation: Prose

Krystal Young
Ashlynn Morales

Oral Interpretation: Poetry

Abby Kneupper
Amanda Falcon
Kelly Day
Emily Spencer

Number Sense

Charlie Cevallos
Yi-Chia Chen
Emily Spencer
John Johnson

Lloyd Cunningham



Speech and Debate Team Achievements

The Smithson Valley High School Oral Interpretation and Debate team competed in the Central and South Texas, State and National Speech Competitions with many students achieving membership into the prestigious National Forensic League Honor Society.

Additionally three students, Ashleigh Pannell, Lawrence Cital and Ray Villarreal qualified to compete at Texas Forensic Association State Tournament. Ashleigh and Lawrence competed as a Public Forum Debate Team and Ray competed in Oral Interpretation – Poetry. Twelve students also competed in the National Forensic League District Tournament against 19 Texas High Schools.

The Speech and Debate Team are coached by Gloria Wolfshohl and Drake Mikeska. Honors received by students are listed Below:

NFL Membership was achieved in the Central & South Texas, State and National Speech Competitions by the following students:

DEGREE OF DISTINCTION

Lawrence Cital
Lloyd Cunningham
Kelly Day
Ashleigh Pannell
Tiffany Platt

DEGREE OF EXCELLENCE

Alexa Nichols
Jordan Jentz

DEGREE OF HONOR

Evan Beyer
Ellen Gordon
Robert Lagoudis
Erin Large
Alyssa Pappas
Beau Rhode
Brian Schnedler

DEGREE OF MERIT

Ray Villarreal	Dayna Janney
Tracy Kimble	Abby Kneupper
Karli Herrick	Leslie Longoria
Krystal Young	Amanda Falcon
Garrett Gunter	Robby Forte
Lauren Broderick	Josiah Haben
Claudia Hernandez	Robin Tessenyl
Sarah Brashear	Weston Santleben
Ali Papatonis	Brittany Knowlton
Taray Woods	Emily Ehrlich
Maddie Harvey	

DISTINGUISHED COMPETITOR CANDIDATES

Layla Abed
Yi-Chia Chen
Angelica Cital

Austin Coulter
Pamela Delgado
Shalimar Dominguez
Justin Dragoescu
Emily Estes
Pauline Fields
Will Flato
Kendyll Georgen
Luke Jenkins
John Johnson
Zephir Lambert
Kenneth Josh Mann
Chelsea McRea
Veronica Morales
Ashlynn Morales
Andrea Navarro
Katlin O'Brien
Dallas Pate
Daniel Pryor
Ana Reyes
Patrice Risenmay
McCall Shattuck
Catlin Smith
Sarah Summers
Samantha Wagner
Joe Walsh

Results from the National Forensic League District Tournament:

DISTRICT FINALISTS (TOP 6)

LINCOLN DOUGLASS DEBATE
Lloyd Cunningham

DISTRICT FINALISTS (TOP 7)

PUBLIC FORMUM
Tiffany Platt & Even Beyer

3RD ROUND FINALIST

ORAL INTERPRETATION - HUMOROUS
Ray Villarreal

DISTINGUISHED COMPETITORS:

ORAL INTERPRETATION - DRAMATIC
Alexa Nichols

ORAL INTERPRETATION - HUMOROUS
Tracy Kimble

UNITED STATES EXTEMPORANEOUS
Lawrence Cital

LINCOLN DOUGLASS DEBATE
Jordan Jentz

PUBLIC FORMUM DEBATE TEAM:
Ashleigh Pannell & Lawrence Cital
Sarah Brashear & Lauren Broderick

SMITHSON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

GRADUATION WEEK INFORMATION MAY 2010

Monday, May 24th – Senior Final Exams 5, 6, 7
Pay Fines and Obligations

Tuesday, May 25th – Senior Final Exams 1, 2, 3, 4
Senior students are dismissed from school after 4th period.
Pay Fines and Obligations

Wednesday, May 26th – 9:30 am -12:00 pm Cap and Gown Distribution
Final Deadline for all Fines and Obligations.

Thursday, May 27th – 9:00 Senior Breakfast
9:30 Cap and Gown Panoramic Picture

Friday, May 28th - 1:00 pm Graduation Rehearsal at the SVHS Gym
MANDATORY REHEARSAL FOR GRADUATION

Saturday, May 29th – **SVHS Graduation 1:00 pm**
Report to Strahan Coliseum (RM 101) at 12:00 pm

Graduation Pictures – Sam Roberts Photography will photograph the actual presentation of the diploma. You will receive information on how to order pictures on Friday, May 28th at Graduation Practice.

Dress Code: Women – Dress or slacks (not jeans). Appropriate shoes or sandals.
(high heels not recommended).
Men – Button-down collared shirt, slacks (not jeans), leather shoes or boots.

Leave cell phones, cameras, purses, and other valuables with family.

Decorations on Caps: Must be approved by administration at graduation rehearsal.

Diplomas: Diplomas will be distributed in RM 101 after the recessional.

Friends and Family: Please ask friends and family not to bring noise makers to graduation. They may meet graduates on the Sewell Park side of Strahan Coliseum after the ceremony.

IMPORTANT: On June 27, 2007, the Board of Trustees approved a policy requiring that all students must meet all state and local graduation requirements, including all applicable exit-level TAKS testing, to be eligible to participate in commencement activities and ceremonies.

College and Career Center Information:

By: Kristy Castilleja, SVHS Academic and Career Advisor
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CollegeWeekLive TEXAS DAY, first online college fair devoted to schools in Texas!

CollegeWeekLive TEXAS DAY takes place May 18th from 9 AM to 9 PM Central. [Register now for free.](#)

At CollegeWeekLive TEXAS DAY, students can chat live with admissions reps from Baylor University, Hardin-Simmons University, LeTourneau University, Sam Houston State University, Schreiner University, Texas A & M University, Texas Chiropractic College, Texas Christian University, Texas Tech University, University of Houston - University Park, University of Houston - Victoria, University of North Texas, University of Texas, University of Texas - Brownsville, and more!

Students can also participate in online presentations covering Texas related topics.

Mark your calendar on May 18th to attend this free online event at <http://www.CollegeWeekLive.com>.

This is an excellent opportunity for your students, both Juniors and Seniors,

to visit with college representatives in their own homes.

UPDATE for SAT/ACT

Vouchers:

High school juniors may now register for the SAT or the ACT for free using vouchers. Vouchers for the ACT (as well as the SAT) are now available at the 11th grade student services or College/Career Center.

For the June 5th SAT test, you must register online with a voucher by May 5th and SVHS is now a test site.

For the June 12th ACT, you must register online with a voucher by May 7th.

Helpful Websites:

**FAQs regarding this new College Preparation Program (updated 4/13)

http://ritter.tea.state.tx.us/curriculum/CPP_FAOs_grade11.pdf

** Registration information for the SAT is available at www.sat.collegeboard.com.

** Information about the ACT is available at <http://www.act.org/aap/texas/>.

Sophomores and Juniors:

COMAL ISD is offering a PSAT/SAT Academy which provides an opportunity to gain familiarity with the test format, style, types of questions, scoring,

etc. It also helps students understand strategies to attack the PSAT and SAT questions, test-taking tips, and an opportunity to practice in a timed setting. If you are interested, come by the College and Career Center and sign up today. The dates are either June 28-July 1 OR July 19-22 from 9:00am-3:30pm and the cost is \$250.00. It will be held at Mountain Valley Middle School.

Important Upcoming DATES to Remember:

- May 17th: Senior Awards Banquet by invitation only
- May 24th: Senior Exams 5, 6, and 7th periods
- May 25th: Senior Exams 1, 2, 3, and 4th periods
- May 26th: Senior Cap and Gown distribution. All obligations MUST be taken care of by this date!
- May 26th: Underclassmen exams 1, 2, and 3rd periods
- May 27th: Senior Breakfast and Panoramic picture in cap and gowns
- May 27th: Underclassmen exams 4 and 5th periods, early release at 12:30
- May 28th: Graduation practice for all seniors 12:45pm and senior picnic
- May 28th: Underclassmen exams 6 and 7th periods, early release at 12:30
- May 29th: Graduation at Strahan Coliseum at 1:00 pm

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Smithson Valley High School Graduation Day

Saturday, May 29, 2010. Ceremony begins 1:00 P.M.

All Graduates must report to Gym 101 at 12:00 P.M.

Driving Directions – Strahan Coliseum

From Austin/Dallas/Waco and the I-35 Corridor North

Follow I-35 South to San Marcos, take exit #206. Stay on the access road. Merge right onto Aquarena Springs Drive/Loop 82. You will pass two traffic lights and cross over a railroad track. Bobcat Stadium will be on your left. After the railroad tracks park in the lot to your left. You can then walk to Strahan Coliseum located just down Aquarena Springs Drive across Charles Austin Drive.

From San Antonio/Corpus Christi/Laredo and I-35 Corridor South

Follow I-35 North to San Marcos, take Exit #206 (Aquarena Springs Drive/Loop 82). Turn left on Aquarena Springs Drive/Loop 82 going under I-35 towards the University. You will pass three traffic lights and cross over a railroad track. Bobcat Stadium will be on your left. After the railroad tracks park in the lot to your left. You can then walk to Strahan Coliseum located just down Aquarena Springs Drive across Charles Austin Drive.

From Houston/Galveston/Beaumont and I-10 Corridor East

Driving west on I-10, exit onto HWY 123 North. Stay on HWY 123 to San Marcos (approximately 22 miles). At I-35 turn right and go north on I-35 to Exit #206 (Aquarena Springs Drive/Loop 82). Turn left on Aquarena Springs Drive/Loop 82 going under I-35 towards the University. You will pass three traffic lights and cross over a railroad track. Bobcat Stadium will be on your left. After the railroad tracks park in the lot to your left. You can then walk to Strahan Coliseum located just down Aquarena Springs Drive across Charles Austin Drive.

From El Paso/San Angelo/Midland and I-10 Corridor West

Travel East to I-35 and follow the directions from either I-35 North or South.

One Fundraiser One Purpose

Thank you to all that have supported our Greenback drive to date. As our greenback theme this year signifies it is one fundraiser with one purpose and that purpose is to better the education of the students of Smithson Valley High School. It is due to your contributions that PTSA will be able to continue its yearly events as well as start new programs that all students will be invited to attend.

Our entire 2009-2010 PTSA board would like to thank everyone that participated and especially the following contributors:

Presidential Level Sponsors:

James and Barby Gregory
Krista Prado
Angela and Jimmy Jacks
Douglas Trent and Susanna Harrison
The Wyatt Family
Kandy and Rod Perkins
The Walker Family of First Class Finish

Corporate Sponsors:

China King
The Lewalski Family of Trevi Hair Studio

***Contributions are accepted year round, are tax deductible and can be mailed to SVHS PTSA 14001 Hwy 46 West Spring Branch, TX 78070.

Greenback Donation

Personal Contributor

Presidential Level: \$100.00 and above
Blue Level: \$25.00 to \$49.00
Silver Level: \$ 50.00 to \$99.00
Ranger Level: Up to \$25.00

Personal Contributor's Name: _____

Amount: _____

SVHS PTSA Corporate Sponsor

Corporate Sponsorship: \$150.00 and above. Corporate level sponsors will receive recognition in the PTSA newsletter and at PTSA meetings and events.

Corporate Level Sponsor's Name: _____

Amount: _____

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Phone: _____

Thank You for your support of SVHS PTSA!!

PTSA Officers

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