

SVMS Mustang Runner Newsletter

February – March 2012



Important Dates for February and March

February 9th – Pep Rally

February 13th – MANDATORY Dance and Cheer parent meeting 7:00pm

February 20th – Student Holiday

February 28th – Student Spring Pictures

February 28th – March 2nd Cheer Tryouts

March 12th – 16th Spring Break

March 19th – 23rd Dance Tryouts

March 23rd – Coffee with the principal 8:30am in the Library



VALENTINE LUV NOTES!

NJHS "LUV Notes" go on sale this Thursday, February 2nd through Monday, February 13th. Flowers and stuffed animals (along with your personalized message) will be delivered during 2nd and 3rd period on Valentine's Day. Order forms available from 2nd period teachers or in the office or library. Contact Shelley Smith at shelley.smith@comalisd.org with any questions...

SVMS IS NOW RECYCLING!!!



What Goes in the Paper Retriever® Bin?

Yes, Please.....

Newspaper and Inserts – New newsprint can be made from 100% recycled paper. No virgin fiber has to be added when using this type of process.

Magazines/catalogs – Our Retriever program is happy to take magazines and catalogs, all slick paper. We can use all this high quality/high fiber paper with the exception of any paper coated in wax.

Office/School papers – These types of paper are highly recyclable. Because of the proliferation of paper created by offices and schools, please use the Retriever bin to recycle all that you can. We are able to accept window envelopes, paperback books, workbooks and staples without a problem. Shredded papers are acceptable, but please bag the shreds before putting them in the Retriever bin. However, please do not recycle colored paper, wrapping or tissue paper, carbon paper or sticky notes.

Mail – Most direct mail is printed on high quality recyclable paper. Please recycle the mail that you feel comfortable putting in our recycling bin.

No, Thanks.....

No Cardboard – We do not accept cardboard in any of our Retriever bins. We supply our mills with the recycled fiber we collect through the Retriever program to create new newsprint. Cardboard should not be used in making newsprint due to the excessive bleaching required.

However, cardboard is a valuable recycling commodity and should be recycled. Please research cardboard recycling options in your area.

No food boxes, fiberboard or chipboard. Cereal boxes, soda boxes and other paper food containers should be recycled with your cardboard. Please do not put these in the Retriever bin.

No textbooks or hard cover books. We do not have the equipment to modify these types of recyclables in the Retriever system. Please research other options for recycling these items.

No Phone Books – We do not accept phone books in our Retriever bins. We supply our mills with the recycled fiber we collect through the Retriever program to create new newsprint. Phone Books cannot be used in making newsprint. The fibers in the pages of the phone book are in their smallest form and do not contribute to the fiber needed for newsprint. Also, it is very hard to remove the ink from a phone book page. However, phone books are a valuable recycling commodity and should be recycled in the proper capacity.

Please research phone book recycling options in your area.

Principal's Message

Michael Keranen michael.keranen@comalisd.org

Dear Mustang parents, students, and community,

As you know, we have recently completed our first semester for the 2011-2012 school year. It has been a great fall for our students, staff and community. The students' have worked very hard academically and in the various extracurricular activities. Their hard work in the classes is evident by strong Curriculum Based Assessment results and high grade averages in classes. Our CBA results consistently lead the district in nearly all areas throughout the first semester, so please continue to encourage your children to work hard in all classes, as they are leading the pack.

This past basketball season our 8th grade girls won Smithson Valley Middle School's first district title in girls' basketball. The 7th grade girls were competing for the title until the final week of the season and finished 2nd in district. Great job girls! As we enter February and the spring semester, we currently have the boys teams in full swing with basketball, and track season for boys and girls is right around the corner. Band and choir are preparing for contest, and our theatre classes are again preparing for their spring performances. We are trying to make the facilities complement the hard work of our kids, as we have recently painted and installed a sound system in the cafeteria for concerts and presentations.

This school year, we are facing a challenge by the state of Texas with a new assessment they are calling the STARR test. Our teachers and students are feeling the pressure of the unknowns with this assessment. This campus, our staff and students, continue to work hard in the classroom each day. We realize that with spring there are distractions, such as the rodeo, warm weather and outside events for families to attend. Please help our students to stay organized and focused at this critical time of the year. Tutoring will begin soon for students, as our expectation for their success has never been higher. Individual assistance is available for any student in the mornings and lunch time in our "Horseshoe Hub." If your child is not using this resource, it is an excellent place created for them to complete projects, homework, or utilize the technology we have made available to them.

I hope each of you had a great holiday season. Our faculty and staff look forward to serving the SVMS community this spring! Thank you for all you do with your children and our school! Go Mustangs!

Congratulations to all of our
SVMS PTA REFLECTIONS Participants!



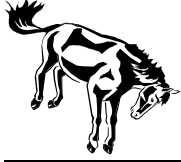
Students going on from SVMS to Council are:

Dillon Burns, Jackson Wolfe, Katherine Phoijai, Chase Smith, Donald Snodgrass, Julia LaFond, Jacob Winnert, Trevon Giraud, Trevor Byers, Erica Kopanski, Sean Sulyma, Olivia Siskey, Alexandra Schroeder, Lauren Mangold, Connor Donovan, Riley Bridgewater, Ashley Tran, Amir Razban, Macy Berg, Lindsay Jurica, Ariana Mendoza, Megan Harris, Aubrey Medrano, Cade Bormet, Nicholas Frei, Ashlyn Jensen, Deranique Jones, Garrett Laubach, Megan Lundin, Megan Mann, Blake Martin, Kayla Nickles, Jon Perales, Luke Shaw, Kerrilee Berger, Ashlianne Boker, Taylor Greyard, Savannah Johnson, Genevie Saurez, and Paige Taylor.

Students going from Council to State are:

Trevon Giraud, Olivia Siskey, Lindsay Jurica, Blake Martin, Ashlianne Boker, and Genevie Saurez.





PTA President's Column

Gina Baysinger

SVMS PTA President

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Dear Parents, Staff, and Students of SVMS,

The 2011-2012 school has reached the halfway point, and I have enjoyed serving all of you as President of the SVMS PTA. On behalf of the PTA, we are proud to have brought Katie Greer, an expert in Facebook safety and cyberbullying, to SVMS. Students had the opportunity to hear Ms. Greer address the importance of internet safety, privacy, and awareness. This is a timely topic that affects all of our "tech-savvy" kids in the 21st century. Please take a moment to ask your children what they learned that day. You can start an important conversation about the impact Facebook and other forms of social media can have on young lives.

We are also in the process of acquiring bids to improve the marquee near the driveway of the school. The current, low-profile sign would be replaced with a larger sign with LED display, giving the faculty and staff more capacity to share information regarding sporting events, testing schedules, and other pertinent information.

Finally, I would to thank those of you who have offered your time and talent by volunteering at SVMS. If you are interested in volunteering at SVMS, please feel free to contact me at baysingergina068@hotmail.com. Remember, volunteers **MUST have their background checks on file with Comal ISO. Thank you again for allowing to me to serve you as President. Go Mustangs!**



"SOUPER BOWL"

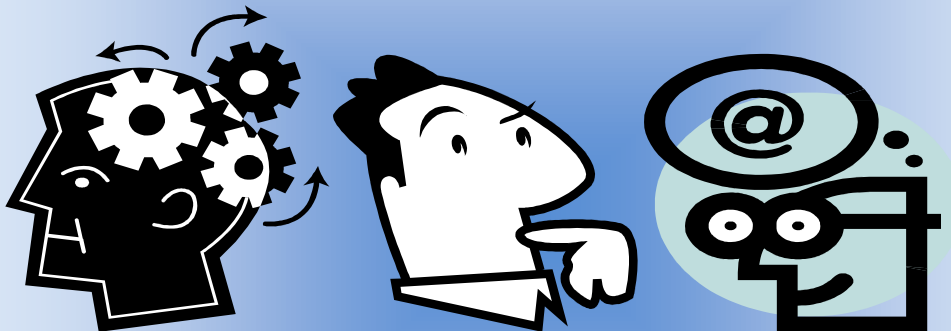
Staff Appreciation is this Friday, February 3rd at 11:15.

If you would like to help us show our staff how "SOUPER" they are, please bring a Crockpot full of soup to the front office by 10 am on February 3rd.

THANK YOU!!!

SVMS UIL

A great way to represent SVMS with your thinking skills



The meet dates are January 28 at Corbett Jr. High and February 11 at Dobie Jr. High. Students who place at one of these two meets will be invited to compete in the District Meet - the Tournament of Champions on February 25th at Mountain Valley Middle School.

Practice for all the events is ongoing. A permission slip will come home the week before each meet to let the parents know that bus transportation is provided from SVMS to the host school.



Golf tryouts are March 6th, 7th and 8th at Canyon Lake Golf Course. Contact Kelly Evers for more information Robert.evers@comalisd.org

Yearbooks are on sale at www.jostensyearbooks.com. Only a limited number are ordered so get yours soon. We have already sold 50% of our books. The price is \$40 and orders will only be taken online at this time.



**Please send information for the Mustang Runner
Newsletter to Caroline Turney at gcturney@gvtc.com
by the 25th day of the month prior to publication.**

-Thank you

SVMS PTA Board 2011-2012

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