



Panther News

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Scott Valley Junior High School



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AG in the Classroom Writing Contest State Winner

SVJH 6th Grader Juliana named as California State Winner

In last month's issue of the "Panther News" it was announced that two of Tracy Dickinson's students, 6th graders Juliana and Brice, were named as regional student winners in the 2011 "Imagine this..." Story Writing Contest! The contest is sponsored by the California Foundation for Ag. In the Classroom.

Since then it has been announced that Juliana has been chosen as a California State winner in the writing contest.



She and her family along with Ms. Dickinson will receive an all expense paid trip to Sacramento to take part in California Ag Day On March 21st..



List of State Winners:

Team Hamburger Support by Matthew

4th Grade, Stanislaus County
Gratton Elementary School

Honeybee Worker Day by Grace

5th Grade, Merced County
St. Anthony School

Patty Pear on an Adventure by Juliana

6th Grade, Siskiyou County
Scott Valley Jr. High

Proud Pluot by Nick

7th Grade, Stanislaus County
St. Stanislaus Parish School

Chilies for Nina by Sarah

8th Grade, Los Angeles County
San Gabriel Christian

Wrestling Season at SVJH to Start Soon

SVJH wrestling coach, Mr. Scott Forrester, has announced that wrestling practice will start afterschool on February 27th.

Wrestling at SVJH is a coed sport in which all boys and girls in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades can compete. This year Mr. Forrester has scheduled a home match that will be on Saturday, March 3rd.

Parents are reminded that in order for any student to compete and/or practice in wrestling they must first have insurance and a current physical on file in the school office.



2012 SVJH Wrestling Schedule

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| March 3 | @ SVJH |
| March 10 | @ Modoc |
| March 17 | @ Tulelake |
| March 24 | @ Chester |



Upcoming dates at SVJH

- Feb. 8 8th grade parent meeting @ SVJH @ 6:00 pm
- Feb. 9 7th grade parent meeting @ SVJH @ 6:00 pm
- Feb 10-11 Boys Basketball @ Yreka Elks Tournament in Yreka. Times to be announced.
- Feb 15 Boys basketball @ Tulelake 4:00 pm.
- Feb. 15 Regular School Board Meeting @ Scott River High School @ 7:00 pm.
- Feb 16 2nd Trimester grade deficiency reports.
- Feb 17 NO SCHOOL—Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 18 PAL Basketball @ SVJH 9:00 am—noon.
- Feb 20 NO SCHOOL—President's Day
- Feb 22 Boys Basketball vs. Weed @ SVJH 4:00 pm
- Feb 23 February Rotary Student of the Month Breakfast
- Feb 24 Winter Dance @ SVJH 7:00 –9:30 pm
- Feb 25 SCAL Boys Basketball League Tournament @ SVJH
- Feb 25 7th grade class fundraiser—Stuffed Potato dinner @ SVJH during the tournament
- March 2 8th grade class fundraiser — Indian Taco drive-away dinner, pickup @ SVJH
- March 3 SVJH Wrestling tournament @ SVJH
- March 6 7th Grade STAR Writing Test @ SVJH
- March 7 7th Grade STAR Writing Test Make-ups @ SVJH
- March 9 **End of 2nd Trimester @ SVJH**
- March 10 SVJH Wrestling @ Modoc



7th Grade Fundraisers

7th grade parents met on January 9th to brainstorm ideas for fundraisers for the 7th grade class. They are currently planning to sell “stuffed potatoes” at the boys basketball tournament on February 25th. If you would like to donate or help in any way contact Diane Olson at 467-3424 or diane.olson68@yahoo.com. 7th grade parents have also set up a Facebook page for parents to communicate with each other.

8th Grade Fundraisers

8th grade parents are currently involved in two fundraisers to raise money for the 8th grade class. They have planned an “Indian Taco” drive-away dinner for March 2nd. They are also planning a drive-away Stuffed Tortilla dinner for Friday, May 4th. For more information about those fundraisers you may contact Ronna Case at 468-4464 or Veronica Hanna at 467-5173.

Vaccination Requirement Reminder

On September 20, 2010 AB 354, a new law changing California Immunization requirements for students entering 7th—12th grades, was passed. The law requires that all students entering school will need proof of an adolescent whooping cough booster shot (called “Tdap”). The new immunization requirement is intended to help reduce the spread of whooping cough among California’s youth.

All 7th graders at SVJH in the fall of 2012 will be required to have the immunization. To schedule an immunization or to find available clinics parents may call the Siskiyou County Public Health Department at 841-2128 or 1-800-442-2333.

Magazine Sales Fundraiser

The annual magazine fundraising program was kicked off with an assembly at SVJH on January 31st. 6th, 7th and 8th grade students are able to win prizes according to the number of magazine orders they sell. All proceeds from the magazine sale will go directly into the respective 6th, 7th and 8th grade ASB class accounts. That money is then used to pay for class activities such as the 8th grade trip. Please support the 6th, 7th and 8th grade classes by either purchasing a new magazine subscription or renewing one that you currently have. You may choose from over 700 different magazines as well as receiving up to an 85% discount on many magazines.

8th Grade Parent Meeting

Wednesday
February 8th
6:00 pm

SVJH

7th Grade Parent Meeting

Thursday
February 9th
6:00 pm

SVJH

December Rotary Students of the Month



Congratulations to Emily and Morgan for being chosen as the Scott Valley Junior High Rotary Students of the Month of December. The award, sponsored by the Scott Valley Rotary Club, recognizes students for their excellence in areas of respect and responsibility. The students are nominated by SVJH teachers and they, along with their families, were treated to breakfast at a Rotary Club Meeting on January 11th. They are also awarded plaques and certificates by the Scott Valley Rotary Club.

Both Emily and Morgan are honor roll stu-



dents at SVJH. Emily participated on the SVJH cross country team and is a straight A student. Morgan has participated on the SVJH basketball and wrestling teams. Teachers at SVJH said Morgan always demonstrates respect to all his peers and teachers. They also said Emily cares about doing the right thing, not some of the time, but all of the time.





SVJH students will be taking part in the "Read the Most From Coast to Coast" on March 2. (Dr. Seuss's birthday). The event is sponsored by Accelerated Reader (AR).

AR is a reading management software program for K12 schools and helps educators measure and improve reading comprehension levels. Students read a book at the appropriate level and then take an AR quiz on a computer. The quiz assesses general comprehension of the book just read. AR scores the quiz, monitors results, generates reports and provides a platform to manage individual reading practice. The one day record for AR Quiz-taking is well above 2 million quizzes. On March 2nd students across the nation will be taking AR quizzes

In hopes of breaking that record. Educators will be able to monitor the progress toward the national goal on the on the AR website.

Reading is an important skill that benefits children in many ways, and can turn into an extremely rewarding hobby later in life. Data has shown that the better a student reads and comprehends the more successful they will be in school. Because of this, SVJH has dedicated 15 minutes a day for individual student reading time. Students are required to earn a certain amount of AR points in their English classes, which in turn, becomes part of their English grade.



Scott Valley Unified School District

Regular School Board Meeting

February 15th

7:00 PM

Scott River High School

No School

**February 17
Lincoln's Birthday**

**February 20
President's Day**



Principal's Message

Middle school is as much about growing up—and becoming responsible—as it is about academics, so it's important that your middle school children learn to rely more on themselves and less on their parents. It is important that parents still help but here are some tips to help them become more independent.

- Talk to your child. Say, "I appreciate that you want my help with school stuff, but you're leaning on me too much. We need to start shifting the responsibility off of me and onto you."
- Devise a plan. Find ways for your child to be accountable for her assignments. "Instead of me reminding you to do your homework, let's set aside the hour

before dinner for work time. When five o'clock rolls around, it's up to you to head to your desk."

- Give your child the tools they need. Make sure your child has a calendar or planner (Planners are provided by SVJH to all students and counted as part of the students' grade.) where they can keep track of assignments. Stock up on school supplies, too.
- Stand back. Give your arrangement time to work. Your child may stumble—or forget an assignment or two—as they get used to their new role, but resist the urge to swoop in and rescue them.

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