



# Panther News

Newsletter of  
Scott Valley Junior High School



**Bruce Bishop, Principal**

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## New Vaccine Requirements

A new school immunization law requires all students entering 7th through 12th grades in the 2011-2012 school year in California to be immunized with a pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine booster called Tdap.

The new requirement affects all students —current, new and transfers—in public and private schools. The law has two phases:

- For the 2011 school year, all students entering into 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grades will need proof of a Tdap shot before starting school.
- For 2012-2013 and future school years, all students entering into 7th grade will need proof of a Tdap shot before starting school..

The Siskiyou County Department of Health is providing immunization clinics in which parents may get their student immunization shots. Those clinics are being held in Fort Jones on the first Thursday of every month from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. There is a charge of \$9.00 per immunization for all State supplied child and adult vaccine. Exact change or checks, with valid ID, would be appreciated. They are unable to accept credit/debit cards. The clinic is on a first come, first serve walk-in basis. Children will not be denied immunizations for inability to pay. Those with Medi-Cal must bring their Beneficiary Identification Card.

## Career Day at SVJH

March 24<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Career Awareness day at SVJH. Six different presenters have agreed to discuss their careers with SVJH students. The presenters are Cliff Munson, CEO and fair director, Dr. Rachel Dunn-Black, medical field, Jim Rinne, retired teacher and coach and current PAC 10 football official, Bob Fleener, chef and food services, Veanne Smith, manager and small business owner, and Captain Ron Quigley, Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department, law enforcement.



Chef Bob Fleener doing a cooking demonstration at last year's SVJH Career Day.

The students will be divided into groups of six and will rotate through each of the six presenters.



### Upcoming dates at SVJH

March 1 7th Grade STAR Writing Test

March 4 End of 2nd Trimester

March 9 Regular School Board Meeting @ SRHS

March 11 SVJH Ski Day

March 12 Wrestling @ Modoc

March 15 ACSA Outstanding 8th Grader Student Luncheon

March 18 8th Grade field trip- Civil War Re-enactment

March 19 Wrestling @ Tulelake

March 24 Career Day at SVJH

March 25 End of Third Quarter

March 26 Wrestling @ Chester

March 28 Laser Show school assembly @ SVJH ( Fort Jones Elementary invited)

April 2 Wrestling @ Big Valley

April 6 First day of STAR testing window.

April 8 Spring Dance at SVJH (Etna and Fort Jones 6th graders invited.)

April 13 Regular School Board Meeting @ SRHS



### Board Approves All 6th Graders to Attend SVJH



On February 2nd the Scott Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees voted to have the 6th graders of Etna Elementary and Fort Jones Elementary to attend school at Scott Valley Junior High.

Mrs. Rose McIntyre and Mrs. Joy Isbell, both of Etna Elementary, have volunteered to be the new 6th grade teachers at SVJH.

Mrs. Isbell will be the English/Language Arts and Social Studies teacher. Mrs. McIntyre will be the Math

and Science teacher for the new 6th grade program.

Sixth grade students, in addition to their core classes of Social Studies, Math, Science and English, will be allowed to take a PE class with Mr. Forrester. They will also take some exploratory classes through the year such as keyboarding, iPass (math support), and band. Extra intervention programs will also be offered to assist students with their academic classes. Any questions about the new 6th grade program may be directed to Mr. Bishop.

 **No School**  
**April 19—April 25**  
**Spring Break**  


### Wrestling Season Begins

Wrestling practice begins on Monday, February 28th. Wrestling is a coed sport at SVJH and practices run from 3:00 to 4:30. After practice student athletes are able to ride the activity bus to Greenview and Etna. The SVJH wrestling coaches are Mr. Scott Forrester and Mr. Kyle Kaae. The only equipment required by the wrestlers is a pair of wrestling shoes.

**SVJH Wrestling Meets**

March 12 Modoc Youth Wrestling Tourn.

March 19 Tulelake Youth Wrestling Tourn.

March 26 Chester Youth Wrestling Tourn.

April 2 Big Valley Youth Wrestling Tourn.



### 9th Grade Program

SVJH offers a complete ninth grade program. SVJH 9th graders take the same curriculum as EHS 9th graders in a smaller learning environment. SVJH 9th graders are allowed to attend and participate in all EHS activities such as athletics, FFA, and dances just as if they were an EHS 9th grader.

If you are interested in the 9th grade program or if you have questions, please don't hesitate to call the SVJH office.

### February Rotary Students of the Month

Congratulations to Irene West and Mac Wessell for being chosen as the Scott Valley Junior High Rotary Students of the Month for February. 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, are treated to breakfast at a Rotary Club Meeting. They are also awarded plaques and certificates by the Scott Valley Rotary Club. Irene is the daughter of Larry and Vicky West and Mac is the son of Dan and Kerry Wessell.





## SVJH 8th Graders to Attend Civil War Reenactment at Shasta College

Through a service learning grant by Mr. Ken Dysert, SVJH 8th graders will be able to attend a Civil War Reenactment at Shasta College on March 18th. The event takes place from 12:00 pm—2:30 pm. Students will be transported to the event by bus and will arrive back in Fort Jones about 4:30 pm. Students will need to bring a sack lunch to the event.

The Re-enactors of the Civil War (RACW) have been educating northern California students for over the last ten years. Their goal is to help students understand the hidden or untold stories of the Civil War. By attending the event, students will have a unique chance to experience the 1860's in as close a setting as historically possible.

Prior to visiting the event, there are certain activities the students will be encouraged to try. Reenactors, or docents, will meet the students as they exit the bus and lead them from station to station. The moment the class leaves the bus, they will have traveled back to 1863. For example, if asked "Who is the president?", the response should be, "The president is Abraham Lincoln", not President Obama. Students will be treated as new Army recruits, given orders and are expected to obey them.

The reenactment should prove to be an educational and rewarding experience for all students.

**Scott Valley Unified School District**

**Regular School Board Meeting  
March 9, 2011**

**7:00 PM  
Scott River High School**



Scenes from a previous Civil War Reenactment

Upon the subject of education, not presuming to dictate any plan or system respecting it, I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in.

**-Abraham Lincoln**

### Principal's Message — Thanks to SVJH Parents

On Saturday, February 12th SVJH hosted the Siskiyou County Athletic League boys basketball league tournament. Both SVJH 7th and 8th grade teams finished in third place in the tournament.

In typical fashion, SVJH parents stepped forward and volunteered to work and donate food and supplies for the tournament. Parents brought tons of food and

goodies for the Hospitality room, worked in the concession stand, and the 8th grade fund raiser booth, as well as taking money at the gate and otherwise supporting the students of SVJH.

Thank you very much for your support, donations, and hard work! It would not have been so successful without your help!

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