



Sierra Lutheran High School

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February Dates

2/12 Faculty Meeting
(Early Dismissal)

2/15 NO SCHOOL

2/18 BOOSTERS Meeting
6 PM

2/23 Winter Sports
Awards 6:30 PM

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Wade Meddles named Gatorade Cross Country Runner of the Year for Nevada

Now in its 25th year, the Gatorade Player of the Year award honors top high school student-athletes in 12 varsity sports for their athletic excellence, academic achievement and exemplary character. The

selection process is administered by ESPN RISE, the nation's leading sports and lifestyle magazine for teens and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team. This is the second consecutive year that Wade has won this prestigious award.



A senior, Wade plans to attend Azusa Pacific College in the fall where he earned a cross country scholarship. Wade is currently

playing basketball and gearing up for his final season of prep track. Wade is not only a great athlete, he's a Godly young man who boldly professes his faith to others and participates in the Applied Christianity chapel class.

We congratulate Wade on his accomplishments as a student athlete, but more importantly on keeping his walk with the Lord the primary focus of his life. "...let us run with with perseverance the race marked out for us." Heb. 12:1

SLHS Student Honored by Soroptimist Group

Karina Young was announced a recipient of the Student Achiever of the Month award by Soroptimist International of Carson Valley. Karina, who is a member of the freshman class, was recognized as a Carson Valley student, who embodied the characteristics of perserverance, determination, and a positive attitude. She was one of several nominations made by the faculty and staff of SHLS last semester. Schools from the entire Carson Valley submit students for this award.

Soroptimist International

is a world-wide volunteer service organization for business and professional women who work to improve the lives of women and girls, in local communities and throughout the world. Soroptimist International will honor Karina at an awards luncheon held on February 9th at Two Guys from Italy in Gardnerville.

Karina is the daughter of Kelly and Ann Young of Dayton and attends New Life Foursquare Church. She is involved in cross country, basketball, and track, and is a blessing in

and around the SLHS community. We congratulate Karina and praise God for her presence in our school!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE TRACK & FIELD TEAMS

Nearly 40 students have signed up indicating an interest in participating on the 2010 boys' and girls' track & field teams. Isn't that terrific?!! With Falcons practicing for over twenty events each (both boys and girls), however, it will be impossible for coaches

Dave Marson and Steve Kubel to be everywhere helping our students with their practices. Parents are needed! You don't need coaching experience to assist. The coaches will put together the workout schedules. They just need help supervising student/athletes in carrying out

those workouts every day.

If you think you might be interested, but have questions, call Dave Marson (291-1055). If he's unavailable when you call, leave a message and Dave will be happy to get back with you.

SUPPORT YOUR FALCONS!

The basketball season is rapidly moving toward its conclusion. Have you had a chance to come out and support one of our four teams?! The school website

(www.slhs.com) has updated information on all remaining home games. Pick an evening and come out to cheer on the Falcons!

Then, on Tuesday, February 23, join the fun as student/athletes and parents gather for the Winter Sports Awards Night. You'll have a great evening! Check for details on the website.

NEW CAMPUS REPORT

If you haven't been following construction progress via the school's website, take a moment to check it out at www.slhs.com. The exteriors of all new campus building are almost finished. The masonry walls up, the ceiling, steel frame and walls for the gymnasium are in place (except for the skylights in the southwest corner), the roofs on both classroom wings have been installed, and the administration building is presently taking shape. Soon, the construction

workers will turn attention to completion of the interior of the facilities.

You may be wondering about the timelines that are projected between now and the beginning of the 2010 school year at the new site. While no absolute dates have been set, in general terms, here is how future months appear to be developing.

Late April/early May
construction is completed

May- certificate of occupancy anticipated

June- move from current site to new facilities

Late August- begin 2010-'11 school year

The school board will determine the date for the formal dedication of the new campus. That will probably take place in August or September.

THANK YOU!!

The school's administration and Board of Directors shout THANK YOU to all of our parents and guardians who took advantage of the early re-enrollment option and have already indicated an intent for

their teens to return to SLHS for the 2010-'11 school year. While that early re-enrollment commitment is always helpful to the school board as it prepares the operating budget for the following year, it is even more vital now as we prepare to move to the new, permanent campus.

If you missed the deadline, but do intend for your son/daughter to be at Sierra Lutheran next year, give Norm Brauer a call (782-0060) to discuss those plans.

ENTRANCE TESTING DATES

Please alert anyone you know who has interest in attending SLHS that the next two entrance testing dates will be Saturday, February 13, and Saturday, March 13. Ask them to call the school office (782-0060) to reserve a spot for their teen.

WILL YOU HELP FINISH THE PROJECT?

For those of you who have followed the financial progress to fund the new campus, you will recall that a loan of \$4.3 million was received from the Church Extension Fund of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod for California-Nevada-Hawaii. Our own capital campaign, to raise the rest of the financing, has now reached approximately \$1.3 million in gifts and pledges. SLHS is extraordinarily grateful to the many individuals and families who have sacrificially made these gifts and commitments to ensure that Christian secondary education will thrive in this area for decades to come.

Originally, it was anticipated that SLHS would need \$6.5 million for this building endeavor. Reduced materials and labor costs in the construction industry have decreased that projection. The school's capital campaign team, which has been working tirelessly on this effort for years, now projects that approximately \$500,000 is still needed to completely finish, and furnish, the new site.

To achieve that goal, several efforts are underway. First, we are seeking grants from foundations to finish equipping the computer laboratory (boosters purchased 18 of the 32 units needed), and science laboratory, to provide SMART-boards for classrooms and bleachers for the gymnasium, and for similar necessities. However, our lender is dictating that if anything is left incomplete prior to occupancy, it must be the gymnasium and locker rooms.

Ouch! SLHS hasn't had adequate facilities for physical education classes and the interscholastic athletic program for eight years now. It would be very disappointing to occupy a brand new school next year, and not be able to use the gym – for PE, sports, chapel, assemblies, and a host of other activities. Somehow, we need to raise the remaining funds!

The school staff members have already stepped forward to announce that they would be making additional gifts and pledges to help. So have members of the Board of Directors. We need to expand that circle of commitment. Will you help?? ALL GIFTS, be they \$5, \$50, \$500 or whatever, will move us closer to that goal. To this point, the majority of contributions have come from people outside the "immediate school family". This is now our opportunity to thank God for the incredible ways in which He has blessed efforts to construct a permanent campus for our teens. If every student, every parent/guardian, every grandparent, and some of your friends, fellow members from church, and acquaintances would step forward with a gift, regardless of size, we can raise this final \$500,000. There is no doubt that times are difficult financially. However, we have an awesome God who promises to lead if we trust Him with our hearts, souls, and minds. All things are possible – in, with, and through Him.

To this end, a campaign gift/pledge form is being added to the school website (www.slhs.com). As the Holy Spirit moves you, please download the form...complete it...and send it to SLHS with your contribution. Then, consider downloading additional copies to share with others – encouraging them to consider joining us in this endeavor to bring the dream of a permanent campus to complete fruition. May God bless all of you for spending time in prayer with Him about this opportunity as we strive to finish the task the Lord has set before us...for His children...and to His glory!

Commit to the Lord, whatever you do, and your plans will succeed. (Proverbs 16:3) That verse was chosen as the Scriptural foundation for the capital campaign. God has been faithful to His promise!!

SLHS WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS

The student body has been blessed with three new students at the start of the second semester. They are junior Jessica Sherwood (High Sierra

Fellowship), freshman Kim Wang (just moved here from southern CA), and freshman Nick Scott (Full Gospel Fellowship). When you have

the opportunity, welcome these teenagers, and their parents, to the SLHS "family".

Basketball Update

With February fast approaching there is still a little time for you to come and support the Falcons as they make a run toward the playoffs! Each team is still in the hunt and they need YOUR support. They have been working hard, so why not come out and support the teams. The remaining home games are listed below.

February 2nd Hawthorne (St. Gall's)

February 5th Virginia City (PaWaLu)

February 8th Gerlach (St. Gall's)

Directions and times can be found at www.slhs.com. Look forward to seeing you there!

Student of the Month

Sophomore Tiffany Patrick has got it goin' on! Tiffany stands out at SLHS as an all-around great gal. So, what are teachers and students saying about Miss Patrick?

Tiffany's finest quality, of course, is that she's a boldly proclaiming woman of God. Her faith walk is evident as she not only participates in Applied Christianity, but walks the walk and talks the talk each day, on and off campus. Her desire to live for Christ shines through in a variety of ways, one of which being her respect and appreciation for authority, trusting guidance and accepting responsibility. Though she acknowledges her workload and extremely demanding schedule, she never complains about what is put before her. Rather, she sets goals, organizes her time, and meets responsibility head-on. She is an exemplary student, maintaining a 4.0

G.P.A., even earning an unheard of grade on Mr. Garwood's Spanish final! Tiffany is a devoted and hardworking young woman, an admired leader in our school, and a wonderful ambassador for SLHS.

Thank you, Tiffany, for your example and your leadership. Congratulations!



Annual Dinner / Auction
Saturday, March 6th
RSVP by- 2-22-2010

College Corner

Dr. Seddon

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Registration (extra fee)
April 10	March 5	March 19
June 12	May 7	May 21

SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Date	Late Registration (extra fee)
March 13	February 4	February 18
May 1	March 25	April 8
June 5	April 29	May 13

There has been a lot of activity at SLHS regarding our fledging Falcons college choices and careers. All the activity is exciting and I ask that we all keep the futures of our SLHS students in our prayers as the seniors begin to transition into the next stage of their lives.

Seniors:

You should be filling out the FAFSA form at this point and looking into scholarships. If you need help doing this or want more information on financial aid WNC will be having a Financial Aid Night on March 17th at Douglas High School for seniors and their parents. There will be a brief presentation and the representatives from WNC will help you fill out the FAFSA form. To get the most from this session you will need your FAFSA pin numbers (parents have one and students have one) and your 2009 tax information. Note that your 2009 taxes do not have to be filed, but you need to put in reasonable estimates so that your amount of aid can be calculated. Once you file your taxes, you can go back and change the information on the FAFSA forms. It takes a few days to get your PIN number, so apply

now at www.pin.ed.gov. For more information on the FAFSA program you can go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

All sophomores and juniors received their PSAT scores and a very brief introduction to My College QuickStart. They should be spending time on their own with this on-line program to analyze the questions they missed and practice for the SAT. This internet program gives students on-line score reports as well as projected SAT score ranges. It also includes a customized study plan for the SAT, a personalized and detailed list of colleges based on the student's preferred major and location, and a list of majors and careers based on preferences indicated on the PSAT. Please don't be disheartened if scores are lower than you expected. This just means that the student will need to put time into studying for the SAT if they desire higher scores. Feel free to set up an appointment with me if you want to look at the scores in more detail and get input on strategies to raise your score.

Juniors remember to sign up for the SAT and/or ACT exams.

The recommended practice is to take both the ACT and SAT your junior year

at least once. The ACT is an achievement test which measures a student's ability to recall facts. The SAT is a reasoning test. Usually a student will score better on one or the other. They should take the test that they scored higher on the fall of their senior year to ensure that the best possible scores are sent to the colleges of their choice.

If you are planning to apply to very competitive schools, you should take an early SAT this year (March) and then, if you need to raise your scores, retake the test in May or June.



Student Government

Mr. Garwood

Student Government has been working hard to plan a great prom for this school year. Please set aside Friday April 30th as the date for your teen to enjoy a classy night of “Fire and Ice” at Genoa Lakes Golf Club and Resort from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. The night will begin with pictures and dinner music, with the buffet opening at 7:15. The menu for the evening will include Caesar salad, fruit salad, tortellini pasta salad, herb roasted potatoes, prime rib and a dessert that still needs to be decided on (probably a cake). Beverages will include water, ice tea, lemonade, and coffee for those of us who must chaperone! On that note, if you’re at all interested in a date with your spouse and earning PIP hours, please let Mr. Garwood know that you’d like to be on duty that evening. The cost is less than last year, for which we are thankful, and will be \$40 per individual and \$75 per couple. To qualify as a couple the rule is “same school, different sex, or a guest of any sex.” We encourage guests to come and enjoy the evening with us, but expect them to abide by the same standards that embody the Christian life at SLHS. Guest forms will be made available from Mr. Garwood soon and will be due back to Mr. Garwood by Friday April 16th, when our final head count will be due. We look forward to a wonderful evening.

Tuesday Assembly

Feb. 2nd Discipleship Groups **Feb. 9th** Lip Sync Drawing and rules (Lip Sync is tentatively scheduled for March 11th)
Feb. 16th Lip Sync Practice **Feb. 23rd** Lip Sync Practice
Mar. 2nd Lip Sync Practice **Mar. 9th** Lutheran Schools Week assembly

PARENT INVOLVEMENT PROGRAM (PIP) OPPORTUNITIES

Are you still looking for ways to complete the required twenty hours of PIP volunteer work for the year? Here are just a few of the many opportunities available in the next few months:

Dinner/auction

– this annual fundraiser (March 6 this year) requires lots of help both prior to, and on the day of, the event. Stephanie Sanguinetti (782-8653 or 781-8541) and Wendy Miller

(267-4338 or 790-5145) are co-chairs. Call them to inquire how you might be of assistance, or attend the planning meetings on February 8, 15, 22, and March 1.

Golf Tournament

- if you’d prefer to wait until spring, the golf tournament committee will welcome your involvement. Saturday, June 19 is the date for this year’s event at Carson Valley Golf Course. Mike Overton (461-0422) and Thomas Craig (782-0060) will co-chair this year’s event. Why not call one of them to indicate your willingness to help and find out more about when the planning meetings will begin?

New Campus move

- as already mentioned, tentative plans call for the month of June to be used to move all of the physical properties (desks, chairs, tables, file cabinets, etc., etc.) from the current location to the new site. We hope to begin that process on Saturday, June 4. Trucks, pickups and lots of volunteer labor will be needed. Perhaps this is where you might be willing to offer time and assistance. Future newsletters will share more details.

Booster/Falconer meetings – attend one/many monthly meetings of the SLHS Boosters and Falconers. You’ll receive one hour of PIP credit for attending (provided you complete the required form), and additional hours for volunteer time you provide to help with one of their many activities.