



# THE GATOR GAZETTE

## STANDLEY LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

January 19th, 2024

### PRINCIPAL NEWS

Todd Rago



#### **Panorama Student and Family Surveys**

Panorama Family Survey: All Jeffco families will receive an email on **Tuesday, January 16**, when the survey opens. It will remain open until **Friday, February 23**. Families can complete the online survey at [this link](#). **Important**: Please continue to remind your families to take the survey during this time.

Panorama Student Survey: Open **Tuesday, January 16** through **Friday, February 23**. SLHS will take the survey on February 20 in Advisement. All students in grades 3-12 are expected to take the Panorama Student Survey.

#### **Student Behaviors Off Campus**

Recently we have heard from some of our neighboring businesses that students are not behaving appropriately while off campus. There have been some negative interactions, disrespect towards business employees, as well as some thefts. While we know that this is a small number of students we ask that everyone contribute to our school culture and community. We will continue to monitor these situations and our Campus Supervisors as well as our School Resource Officer will be present as much as possible. It takes all of us to make our school a safe learning space, on and off campus.

#### **School Fees**

This is a courtesy reminder that class, school, and athletic fees for the Second Semester have been added to your student's fee account and are available for payment, online and in person. Any fees marked "OPT" are optional. Any credits can be used toward current student fees. Please note that all fees/fines must be paid before a student receives their yearbook at the end of the year. Seniors need to pay all fines and fees prior to receiving their cap and gown in May.

To access the fees portal, please login to Jeffco Student Fee Payment through your Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Navigate to the "More" button on the left side and select "Jeffco Student

Fee Payment". Don't know your password? No problem! You may also choose to pay fees as a guest from the login page. Please note you will need the student's ID number to proceed.

Questions?

Please contact Morgan Kellum in the Financial Office. [morgan.kellum@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:morgan.kellum@jeffco.k12.co.us)

303-982-3123

## SCHEDULER NEWS

Trip Sargent



Registration for classes for the 24-25 school year will begin during the week for February 5th for current SLHS students.. Middle school students will begin the process next week. As always, students will be presented with information and have a week to complete the process. Students will be presented the information in their classes and will return their cards the following week. Counselors will check for completeness when the cards are collected. We encourage all students to pick several elective options since some class conflicts will inevitably occur.

1st 6 week grades are due on February 14th.

## INSTRUCTION & ASSESSMENT NEWS

Julia Morgan



### **State Assessments**

Spring semester brings on our state and federally required assessments. These assessments not only give students an idea of their proficiency levels for the required state standards but also gives teachers an idea of the strengths and weaknesses of an individual student and a specific grade level. As a school, we use the results from these tests to monitor and adjust our lessons to

meet the needs of students. These tests also have a minimum standard required for all students to be considered proficient in math and English skills to move on to any profession or trade school and are tied to graduation.

State assessment results are also used to rate each school in the state in growth, proficiency, graduation rates and participation

**Mark your calendars:** To learn more about state assessments, what they look like and how these impact our whole school, please join us either **Monday, March 25 at 6:30 pm OR Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 am.**

## Family Calendar

Please use the [2nd semester family calendar](#) to view our schedule for the day. This calendar will continue to be updated throughout the semester to reflect any changes.

## ACTIVITY NEWS

Nikki Kneuer



### Gator Spotlight:

Gator Spotlight is back for the 2nd Semester!

This award could recognize students for various achievements, including academic excellence, attendance, most improved student, classroom participation, positive behavior, positive interactions with peers and staff, leadership, citizenship, community service, creativity and innovation, problem-solving skills, positive attitude, resilience, good sportsmanship, improvement in attendance, and improvement in grades.

1/19/24 Earners:

- Liam Polzine
- Jatzhiri Tapia Castelar
- Scarlet Inacio
- Zach York

Do not miss out on the memories of the year! This is the LAST CHANCE TO GUARANTEE a book for your child and to include personalization. Visit [Jostensyearbooks.com](http://Jostensyearbooks.com) to reserve your copy by JANUARY 26TH! All students who purchase a book between January 15th and January 26th will be entered into a drawing for a gift card. If you have already purchased a book, thank you! This year's book is one you won't want to miss! (Previous purchases will be entered into a future gift card drawing as well.)



Want to find out if you are interested in a career in Technology? Attend Jeffcon on Friday, February 2nd at Arvada West High School

There is a full day of activities beginning with a keynote speaker, breakout sessions across multiple topics, vendor booths, trivia games and prizes, colleges and universities along with multiple companies and corporations eager to peak your interest in a career in IT. Come and

explore! Lunch is provided and the event is free to attend for all Jeffco High School Students. Registration is now open – [www.jeffcon.net](http://www.jeffcon.net) - Please reach out to Ron Rosa [ron.rosa@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:ron.rosa@jeffco.k12.co.us) with any questions.

### **Prom Information:**

We are thrilled to announce that the Prom will be held on Friday, April 26th, 2024! This glamorous event promises to be a night to remember. To ensure your attendance, please note the following important requirements:

### **95% Attendance Policy:**

To purchase a ticket to this fabulous event, each student must meet our 95% attendance policy. This means that you cannot have more than 18 UNX (Unexcused Absences) and every 5 tardies equals 1 UNX.

### **SLHS Guests:**

Students who wish to bring a guest from SLHS are also required to meet the attendance policy mentioned above.

Remember, attending all classes and being on time is the key to meeting the requirements and securing your spot at Prom! As the date approaches, we will provide more details about ticket sales and other exciting announcements.

Stay tuned and mark your calendars for this extraordinary night!

### **PTSA**

We would like to show our appreciation for our SLHS staff by providing a catered meal during conferences. We are looking for donations, help setting up and cleaning up, or providing desserts, and drinks. We appreciate all your help and support.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080D4FACA928A5F94-44339198-teacher>

After Prom planning is in full swing. This is a parent-coordinated event, and we need help to plan and put on a safe event for kids to attend. Juniors and Seniors and their guests can attend regardless of their prom attendance. This has been a long-standing tradition at SLHS and we would like to keep it going. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Z1yo6s2znQQv1DVy6>.

You can also email us at [SLHSAfterProm24@gmail.com](mailto:SLHSAfterProm24@gmail.com)

Do you own, or know a business that would be interested in donating to After Prom? We not only need money to plan the event, we will also need prizes to give away throughout the event. If you know, or are interested in donating in some capacity, please be on the lookout for signups shortly, or email us at [SLHSAfterProm24@gmail.com](mailto:SLHSAfterProm24@gmail.com)

Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 6th at 6 pm in the SLHS Library. We hope to see you all there. We will send out a link the week before to join virtually if you would like.

Remaining PTSA Meeting Dates:

- March 5th
- April 2nd
- May 7th

### **A Seal of Biliteracy**

Since 2019, Standley Lake seniors have had the opportunity to earn the Colorado and Jeffco "Seal of Biliteracy" on their high school diploma and a special cord at graduation. [Please click here for more information.](#)

[Join the PTSA here](#)

[Check out all SLHS Activities and Clubs here!](#)

## ATHLETIC NEWS

Joe Generose



### **2nd National Letter of Intent Day**

The next national signing day is on February 7th. If your son or daughter is signing to play a sport in college, please notify Courtney ([courtney.baughman@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:courtney.baughman@jeffco.k12.co.us)) no later than January 29th. The 3rd and final signing day of this school year is on April 17th.

### **Boys' Volleyball at Awest**

Arvada West will have a brand new boys volleyball team. Please join us for upcoming open gym: [AWest Boys Volleyball Open Gym Schedule](#). If you have played at another school and interested in joining the Arvada West team, please reach out to Arvada West Athletic Director, Gordon Volk [gordon.volk@jeffco.k12.co.us](mailto:gordon.volk@jeffco.k12.co.us)

### **Spring Sports Information**

Registration now open

Girls' Golf begins: February 19th

Baseball, Girls' Soccer, Girls' Tennis, and Girls'/Boys' Track and Field begin: on February 26th

**CHSAA Regain date:** March 4th

**Our Spring Sports Family Info Night** will now be virtual as it's more convenient for families. We will send out a link with the presentation in mid-February for you to view at your convenience.

**It's Pickleball Party Time to Support SL Boosters**

Boosters is excited to announce a brand-new fundraiser for the Spring semester – a Pickleball Party! Grab your friends, family, neighbors...anyone ready for a fun evening playing the hottest growing sport in the U.S.!

No prior pickleball experience is necessary, all skill-levels are welcome! Paddles & a brief lesson will be provided.

**Saturday, March 2nd from 4-10pm** at Pickleball Food Pub (7647 W 88th Ave Westminster, 80005)

\$42/player with all proceeds going toward SL Boosters' annual grant program, which awards SL teams, clubs, & activities with up to \$1,000 in supplemental funding. Last year, Boosters was able to award \$15,000 in total funding!

Registration includes two-hours of play, snack food, & prize drawing entry. A cash bar will also be available.

Register online at: [www.standleylakeboosters.com/pickleball](http://www.standleylakeboosters.com/pickleball)

### Sponsors & Donations Needed for Pickleball Party

For the Pickleball Party fundraiser to be successful, we need the support of local businesses. Event Sponsors and in-kind donations (such as prizes, coupons, food, giveaways) are needed. Interested in supporting a good cause, while also advertising your business or employer to the broader SL community? Contact Jody Templeton, event coordinator, at [jodytempleton@gmail.com](mailto:jodytempleton@gmail.com) or (303) 521-2446 for a sponsorship packet or more information. Sponsorship commitment deadline is February 16, 2023. SL Boosters is a 501c3 nonprofit organization, therefore donation can be tax deductible.

**Our Mini Poms** Basketball game performance will be on 1/26/24 at 7:30pm. Clinics will be Monday 1/22 4:30-6:30, and Wednesday 1/24 4:30-6:30. \$45. Cash or check to SLAB. Please Contact Coach Holli McFall with any questions [hmcfall80@gmail.com](mailto:hmcfall80@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Athletic Events

<b>1/23</b>	4:30pm Swim & Dive: Girls Varsity Meet @ Littleton High School
<b>1/24</b>	1:45pm Ice Hockey: Varsity Game vs. Ralston Valley @ Apex West 4:30pm Basketball: Girls JV League Game vs. Wheat Ridge @ Standley Lake High School 4:30pm Basketball: Boys JV League Game vs. Wheat Ridge @ Standley Lake High School 6:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity League Game vs. Wheat Ridge @ Standley Lake High School <a href="#">Pre Purchase Tickets here</a> 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C Team League Game vs. Wheat Ridge @ Standley Lake High School 7:30pm Basketball: Girls C Team League Game vs. Wheat Ridge @ Standley Lake High School

	7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity League Game vs. Wheat Ridge @ <a href="#">Standley Lake High School</a> <a href="#">Pre Purchase Tickets here</a>
<b>1/25</b>	6:00pm Wrestling: Girls Varsity Triangular @ <a href="#">Standley Lake High School</a> 7:00pm Wrestling: Boys Varsity Duals vs. Skyview @ <a href="#">Standley Lake High School</a> <a href="#">Pre Purchase Tickets here</a>
<b>1/26</b>	4:30pm Basketball: Girls JV League Game vs. Conifer @ <a href="#">Standley Lake High School</a> 4:30pm Basketball: Boys JV League Game vs. Conifer @ <a href="#">Standley Lake High School</a> 6:00pm Basketball: Girls Varsity League Game vs. Conifer @ <a href="#">Standley Lake High School</a> <a href="#">Pre Purchase Tickets here</a> 6:00pm Basketball: Boys C Team League Game vs. Conifer @ <a href="#">Standley Lake High School</a> 6:00pm Ice Hockey: JV League Game vs. Lewis-Palmer @ <a href="#">The Ice Center at Promenade-Green</a> 7:30pm Basketball: Girls C Team Game vs. Riverdale Ridge @ <a href="#">Standley Lake High School</a> 7:30pm Basketball: Boys Varsity League Game vs. Conifer @ <a href="#">Standley Lake High School</a> <a href="#">Pre Purchase Tickets here</a> 7:45pm Ice Hockey: Varsity League Game vs. Dakota Ridge @ <a href="#">The Ice Center at Promenade-Green</a> <a href="#">Pre Purchase Tickets here</a>
<b>1/27</b>	8:00am Wrestling: Girls Varsity Tournament @ Chatfield High School 9:00am Wrestling: Boys Varsity Tournament @ Westminster High School 10:30am Basketball: Girls C Team Game vs. D'Evelyn @ D'Evelyn High School 11:00am Swim & Dive: Girls Varsity JV Invite @ Meyers Pool 12:00pm Basketball: Girls JV Game vs. D'Evelyn @ D'Evelyn High School 6:45pm Ice Hockey: Varsity League Game vs. Denver East @ <a href="#">The Ice Center at Promenade-Green</a> <a href="#">Pre Purchase Tickets here</a>

## COUNSELOR'S CORNER



### **January is Mental health wellness month**

While the winter months can make connection more challenging, the good news is that we can still stay connected with others through indoor activities. Baking, family game night, or an afternoon at a local rec center are just a few suggestions. You can always stay connected with a friendly phone call or a written note just to "say HI".





**Warren Tech** first round application is open NOW through February 9th and can be accessed through Enroll Jeffco.

**Seniors and Parents!** Finally, the 2024-25 FAFSA has opened and is ready for you to apply! See this short video from studentaid.gov for an overview of the new, improved and SIMPLIFIED process. 😊

Start your 2024-25 FAFSA Form

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zkw463ke8ho>

[Winter 2023 Standley Lake Family Resources](#)

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



- [SLHS Homepage](#)
- [SLHS Activities & Athletics](#)
- [Full Schedule of SLHS Events](#)
- [2023-2024 SLHS Athletic Dates](#)
- [2023-2024 CHSAA Calendar](#)
- [SL PTSA](#)
- [SL Activities/Athletics Boosters](#)
- [SL Music Boosters](#)
- [SL GET](#)

## DATES AT-A-GLANCE

Jan 22nd	ACCESS Testing 3:40 pm Newspaper Club - Classroom B135
Jan 23rd	ACCESS Testing 5:00 pm Incoming Freshmen Information and Registration Night - Auditorium



Jan 24th	<b>ACCESS Testing</b> <b>7:30 am Club Photos</b> <b>8:15 am National Honor Society Meeting - Auditorium</b>
Jan 25th	<b>ACCESS Testing</b> <b>3:40 pm Newspaper Club - Classroom B135</b> <b>3:45 pm Game Club - Library</b>

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