Celebrating 30 years of International Students 1984-2014

End-of-Semester Gathering

Join Dr. Chong and the ISP Team for the end-of-semester event on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Library Reading Room, 4th floor. The recipient of the Alex Ling Memorial Scholarship for International Students will be announced. Light refreshments will be served.

International Education Week

November 17-21, 2014

International Education Week (IEW) is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of our efforts to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn, and exchange experiences in the United States. [http://eca.state.gov/programs-initiatives/international-education-week](http://eca.state.gov/programs-initiatives/international-education-week)

Flag Challenge!

Identify the flags! Look for the answers on the last page.

Spring Registration Begins Soon

Spring 2015 priority registration begins November 12, 2014. The Spring 2015 Schedule of Classes and Priority schedule will be available online early in November. Once these are available online, you can view your priority time by logging on to your student portal at: [www.santarosa.edu/portal](http://www.santarosa.edu/portal). In your “myRecords” portion of your cubby, click on “Registration Priority”.

It is extremely important that you take advantage of your registration priority so you will get the classes you need for your program. Missing your priority may delay the completion of your program and cause you to enroll in courses that are not appropriate. Many students miss their priority time because they have not paid for their current semester fees. **Do not let this happen to you!** Remind your family or sponsor that your current semester fees must be paid before you can register for more classes.

Dia De Los Muertos

SRJC President Chong and organizers of the successful Dia de los Muertos Event!

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**International Program Newsletter**

November 2014

SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE
Let’s hang out! 
Bear Cubs After Hours

Thursday nights in the Student Activity Center from 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Bear Cubs After Hours is an evening of activities. Refreshments will be served. The first Thursday of each month will be hosted by Bear Cubs After Hours and The PEERS Coalition, a group of students on campus working to promote mental wellness for college students.

Spring 2015 International Student Peer Mentor Program

Be a peer mentor for new international students at SRJC! College credit available!

We are currently recruiting students for the Spring 2015 program. This program aims to assist international students in adjusting to a new academic environment in an unfamiliar culture.

Mentors offer their advice and insights about academic, social, and cultural life at SRJC, while helping international students become at ease to life in the U.S.

Interested? Please follow this link to fill out an online application, and we will begin the process of matching you with an international student for the Spring 2015 Semester! (http://goo.gl/forms/90VYGaq4Bd)

Questions? Contact Jessica at: jcampbell@santarosa.edu.

Flu Season is here!

The beginning of the flu season is a great time to review what we can do within the college community to help keep ourselves healthy and free of communicable diseases.

This year, the germs definitely have our attention, with a diverse local pool of smart, assertive and concerning microbes looking for a place to thrive. (Influenza, Norovirus, Enterovirus D-68, Measles, and Pertussis) The Ebola outbreak has reminded us that the consistent practice of simple prevention principles is the most effective way to limit the spread of disease.

The Student Health Center recommends you vaccinate yourself when possible. (SRJC students can get Flu shots for $10 in Student Health Services. Call 527-4445 or 778-3919 for an appointment.)

TIPS: Wash your hands often. Stay home and isolate yourself when you are sick. Manage your stress with yoga and/or meditation to bolster your immune system.

International Recruitment Agents Visit SRJC

SRJC has a partnership with ELS which offers English language learning throughout the world and which has a network of in-country counselors/agents operating in over 1,900 locations in 102 countries worldwide. Some of the agents from Russia and Ukraine visited SRJC on October 15 to learn about the wonderful opportunities at the college. We hope to experience an increase in students from this part of the world soon.

Student Mentors and Mentees are ready for fun at the Petaluma Corn Maze

November 2014 Calendar

Nov. 10  PDA Day (no classes)  
Nov. 11  Veteran’s Day Holiday (no classes)  
Nov. 12  Spring Priority Registration begins  
Nov. 16  Last day to drop with a “W” symbol  
Nov. 27-30  Thanksgiving Holiday (no classes)
**“We have a Planetarium?”**

Yes, we do! With a dome 40 feet in diameter and 27 feet high and a capacity to seat 90, the Planetarium is one of the largest space science facilities in the California Community College System. As a Department in the Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math (STEM) group it is an important addition to the SRJC’s Santa Rosa campus, one in which the community can be proud.

The first Friday of each month, the planetarium hosts a free show that highlights the astronomical wonders occurring during the month. There are 2 opportunities to see the First Friday Show. The early show is at 7:00 p.m. and the second show starts at 8:30 p.m. For more information, click the link. [http://www.santarosa.edu/planetarium/publicshows.html](http://www.santarosa.edu/planetarium/publicshows.html) The show is free but parking is not. Be sure to stop by a kiosk and buy a parking pass.

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**Festivals and Events**

**Santa Rosa Annual Holiday Tree Lighting**

*Friday, Nov. 28, 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.*

*Courthouse Square, Santa Rosa*

Lighting the large decorated tree in Courthouse Square officially begins the holiday season. Join the celebration on the Courthouse Square at the corner of 4th Street and Mendocino Avenue in Santa Rosa, for this traditional event.

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**Recruiting in Asia**

Teresa Tope, an SRJC International Student Advisor, is in Asia recruiting international students. Here she is in Vietnam at one of the ELS Education Fairs. SRJC is looking forward to increasing our international student enrollments.

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**Thanksgiving: An American Tradition**

Discover the history behind this American tradition by clicking on the picture. ([http://www.tinyurl.com/november-holiday](http://www.tinyurl.com/november-holiday))

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**Answers to Flag Challenge!**

1- Indonesia 2-France 3-South Africa 4-Vietnam 5-Togo

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The “SRJC International Student Program” can also be found on Facebook. Please LIKE us!