

# Santa Rita Bobcat Tracker

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## Upcoming Events

9/1-9/31	Character Counts – TRUSTWORTHY
9/24	Support Team SR for Leukemia and Lymphoma fundraiser, Maltby's 5-8pm
9/25	Student Directory Artwork due
10/1	Teddy Bear Parade, 1:45 – 2:15pm at Santa Rita Park
10/1	Parent Info Night: New Math Program & grades 4-6 Fine Arts Block – 7pm
10/2	Bike Rodeo for 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
10/7	<b>NEW:</b> Wednesday SR Community Yoga in the Multi, 8:30am
10/7	<b>Meet School Board Candidates, Los Altos Library – 7-9pm</b>
10/9	Spirit Wear Orders Due

**Learn about New Math Program** You will hear from Santa Rita teachers, Egan math teacher, Jeff Baier, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, and Bob Celeste, principal in charge of District Math Committee. Questions that will be answered during the presentation:

- What is the Fine Arts Block for grades 4-6?
- Why do we have a new math adoption?
- What are the elements of a "balanced" math program?
- What does math instruction look like from fourth grade through high school?

The night is hosted by Los Altos Educational Foundation (LAEF) and the Santa Rita PTA. Come learn about the new programs and get a **SNEAK PREVIEW** of the Witches Delight Spooky Silent Auction items. **Santa Rita Multi –79pm**

**Meet LASD School Board Candidates** The League of Women Voters is sponsoring a candidate's forum at the Los Altos Library on Wed. October 7 from 7 to 9 pm and has candidate information on their [website](#).

**Support "Team Santa Rita"** For the third year "Team Santa Rita" is racing for the cure in the Nike Half Marathon on October 18th. As part of our fundraising we will be serving beverages at Maltby's on September 24 and donating ALL TIPS to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. You are welcome to order dinner in the regular restaurant. Hope to see you there for what promises to be an evening of friends and fun. Carole, Trish, Gigi, Caren and Alyssa

**4th and 5th Grade Bike Rodeo - Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** Santa Rita, in conjunction with the Santa Clara County Safe Routes to School Program, will be holding a bike rodeo for 4th and 5th graders during school. There will be helmet and bike check-ups, safety lessons, and lots of fun! Parent volunteers needed, [click here](#).

**Sign up for Bobcat Tracksters** Come out a run or walk on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:45am at the Santa Rita track for 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Learn more on the [Santa Rita website](#) and fill out the form in the office

**2009-2010 Santa Rita Student Directory** We include information from the Student Data Sheet (student and parent names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses, grade, teacher) If you **DO NOT** wish to have some or all this information to be included, please leave a note in the Santa Rita Directory Artwork box in the school office before Friday, **September 25**. Be sure to include the student's name and grade.

**Spiritwear Orders due Oct 9th** An [order form](#) for Santa Rita spiritwear is now available on the Santa Rita website. **New Items:** aluminum water bottles and fitted t-shirts (girls' and ladies' sizes) in white or pink with a one-color red Bobcat logo. Return order forms and payment (cash or check payable to Santa Rita PTA) to the office.

**Sweet Shop Opening Celebration** The **Sweet Shop** will be having their opening celebration on Saturday, October 3rd from 12:00pm to 5:00pm at 994 Los Altos Ave, Los Altos. There will be free yogurt samples, raffle prizes, music, fun entertainment for kids and more! Come check out the celebration and support the Sweet Shop. Don't forget the best part is that all proceeds go to our local Los Altos Schools. For more information, please contact [sweet-info \[at\] sweetshoplosaltos.com](mailto:sweet-info[at]sweetshoplosaltos.com).

**Santa Rita Parents Community Yoga** Have you always wanted to try yoga but just haven't gotten around to it? Want to try yoga with friends AND support Santa Rita? Join us for Santa Rita Community Yoga Classes from 8:30 - 9:30am on Wednesdays in the Multi. This practice is invigorating, fun and strengthening. All levels welcome. Donation basis - all proceeds go to programs for our kids at Santa Rita. We look forward to practicing together! Candice Stark [cstark \[at\] thestarks.org](mailto:cstark@thestarks.org) and Lynn Marrin [lynn \[at\] marrin.com](mailto:lynn@marrin.com)

**Calling all Artists!** Turn in student artwork for the Santa Rita Student Directory. Drawings should be in black pen, marker, or dark pencil on a half sheet of paper. Due by **September 25**. (Drawings will not be returned)

**Spooky Silent Auction** needed and you can donate [auction items online](#) by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**All new LAEF donations matched!** A group of private individuals has pledged to match all donations by new families as well as increases in the amount donated by families who have previously contributed to LAEF. Increase your donation to LAEF and our students benefit twice as much. Click [Donate Online!](#) to make your donation now! Thank you.

**BOXTOPS for education** Just clip them from participating products and turn them in the Office. Click here for details: <http://www.santaritaschool.org/pta/fundraising.html> Each one is 10 Cents to Santa Rita!!

**LABELS for education** Collect UPC Codes off Campbell's Soup labels, Pepperidge Farm Goldfish packages and much more. We purchase playground equipment (balls, jumpropes, tetherballs) with the points earned! Drop them off in the Santa Rita Office. <http://www.santaritaschool.org/pta/fundraising.html>

**Parent Ed Events.** For details on the following events, please click [here](#) to go to the Santa Rita website.

- **TONIGHT: "The Curse of the Good Girl, raising Authentic Girls with Courage and Confidence."** Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-9:00pm, Gunn High School, Spangenburg Theatre. Expert Rachel Simmons provides practical strategies to empower girls and their parents to be confident, courageous, authentic and self-aware.
- **"Challenge Success Plenary Session."** Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm-9:30pm, Stanford's Memorial Auditorium. Michael Thompson, Ph.D will discuss strategies to reduce the pressures of our fast-paced society and help all children thrive.

**New Attendance Line** Don't forget to call if your child will be absent from school. **650-559-1640**

### **Bobcat Tracker**

- **Post an Announcement in the Bobcat Tracker?** If you have an announcement you think should be included in the Bobcat Tracker, please email it to [cflores \[at\] santaritaschool.org](mailto:cflores@santaritaschool.org)
- **Avoid the Bobcat Tracker going to your spam folder;** please add this address to your address book: [santarita\\_school@lists.losaltos.k12.ca.us](mailto:santarita_school@lists.losaltos.k12.ca.us)
- **Email Address Change?** If you would like to receive school notices at a different email address, please contact me at [cflores \[at\] santaritaschool.org](mailto:cflores@santaritaschool.org). To unsubscribe, see instructions below.