Highlights for October 23-29:

**Oye Como Va & the Great Debate**

**Carlos Santana will return to Mission High, his alma mater,** to talk with students, play along with Mission High’s guitar club, perform a short concert of his own, and then present 30 new guitars to the guitar club members. Santana will be applauding the school for its rising test scores and the fact that 85 percent of all of Mission High seniors were accepted into college last year. *This is not a public event; only members of the school community and media are invited.*

**When:** Monday, Oct. 24  
8:15-9:00: Tour of the school and school museum (including Santana artifacts)  
9:00-10:00: Student forum/round table with students  
10:30-12:00: Concert and presentation of 30 new guitars  
12:00-1:00: Press round robin in library courtyard

**Where:** Mission HS / 3750 18th St.

As part of a series of Food Day activities, Assistant Director of SFUSD’s Student Nutrition Services Zetta Reicker will be presenting at San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR) about how SFUSD’s menus are designed, and discussing **the challenges and opportunities of improving the school meals program** with the economic and logistical challenges faced by school districts. Reicker will be joined by Paula Jones, Director of Food Systems for the Department of Public Health, and Teri Olle, Associate Director of Policy and Advocacy for the San Francisco Food Bank.

**When:** Monday, Oct. 24 / 12:30-1:30 p.m.  
**Where:** SPUR / 654 Mission St.

**Students from June Jordan, Balboa and Downtown High Schools will debate how the city’s money should be spent** in light of the ongoing budget crisis. They have been researching and assessing proposals, and preparing arguments as they learn how to speak publicly to persuade positive change in their communities. Topics to be debated include salary and pension caps for public employees and tax breaks for large corporations.

**When:** Wednesday, Oct. 26 / 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Irving G. Breyer Board Room / 555 Franklin St.

**It’s college application time** and students writing the personal **essay portion of their applications have the chance for expert help.** The Great San Francisco Personal Statement Weekend gathers over a hundred Bay Area writers each year to work with students one-on-one to guide writing standout essays for both college and scholarship applications. Students will leave the seminar with a complete essay. The workshop is organized by 826 Valencia, a nonprofit organization.

**When:** Saturday, Oct. 29 & Sunday, Oct. 30 / 1:00 - 6:00 PM  
**Where:** Mission HS / 3750 18th St.

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