



PRINCIPAL'S 411

Santa Maria High School

{12-11-20}

Important Items and Reminders:

- **Saints Pre-Christmas Extravaganza!!** 7:00am- 7:45am SMHS (see below)
- School Site Council meeting Monday 12/14/20 4:00pm-5:15pm
- School Board meeting Tuesday 12/15/20; via webinar/zoom; 6:30pm
- Secret Santa toy give away for families – we still have a few families needing a Secret Santa, if interested in helping out with a need family's Christmas, contact Patty Lopez by Tuesday next week.

Athletics:

Despite the Governor's pending restrictions schools in our area are still able to continue to practice as long as they adhere to the established protocols. All the same precautionary measures are being followed to assure the safety of our student athletes, coaches, and trainers. Practices are still occurring and are running smoothly. (same as last week/s)

Kudos:

This week's kudos go out to a team that has been hard at work since before the first day of school. This team was assembled in an effort to assure that students were reached, connected, and attending school this fall. This team has been nicknamed the Attendance Brigade. Their assignment is to make personal phone calls for every student absence, and then follow up with home visits if that doesn't work. The end goal is to assure students are connected to SMHS by any means necessary. These people have worked diligently and largely behind the scenes and have made a huge positive impact on our students and our school. Check out some of these stats!

- Attendance Home Visit Team: (Betty Gamiz, Marcus Lyghts, Gabe Athie)
 - Over **800 Home Visits** made
 - Over **200 Hotspots** delivered
- Attendance phone call Brigade: (Ceci Loera, Leticia Juarez, Lissette Noriega Acosta, Lupe Ojeda, Mayte Olivera, Betty Gamiz, Marina Rodriguez-Vargas, Jeanette McColm, Britini Osmonsom, Kimberley Washington, Cathy Cabrera, Steve Torres, Natasha De La Cruz, Mary Danielson, Patty Lopez Barriga, Denise Robles)
 - Over **11,000** personal Home calls

If you see any of these people, please give them a big pat on the back. They have done a great job of adapting to the new conditions and done whatever's necessary to allow our students access to school this fall. Awesome job team!!

Message from Administration:

As we head into the last week of the semester, I think everyone is ready for a break (understatement of the month ☺). Due to the COVID19 protocols we are pretty restricted in what we can do for staff gatherings. So, it's not exactly a Thanksgiving potato bar, or Christmas pozole, but we would like to do something to appreciate the hard work that went into this fall. Please join us Monday for what

some are calling the **Saint's Pre-Christmas Extravaganza!** It's actually well short of an extravaganza, but it is a little coffee and some treats as you enter campus. We'll be serving up cheer from 7:00am-7:45am. Have a great weekend and a great last week. You've almost made it! See you Monday!!