

Principal's Weekly Update 1-23-23

Steven Campbell • about 1 hour ago • Monday, Jan 23 at 8:51 AM • **Santa Maria High School**

Good afternoon parents and students, well, I am happy to announce that we made it through the entire week without any natural disasters or school closures, which is better than last week. As we finished the first (almost) full week of classes teachers and students are beginning to get back into the rhythm of the school day. It is good to be back, and I think we are in for a good semester.

Aside from the regular SMHS activities this week we've spent a lot of time working with the outside consultant group called Orenda. You may remember, earlier this fall every school in our district went through a four-day site visit with this outside group of consultants. Our district hired the group to take an objective look at our school's practices and procedures and lead each of our schools toward further school improvement. The four-day site visit included teacher/student/parent interviews, data reviews, and classroom visits. Orenda has now taken the information gathered and plans to share it with us next Monday. From there, we will continue to work with Orenda in implementing a plan of improvement based on the information learned from the process.

The Orenda group has been good to work with and has over all been impressed with our schools. I think they are going to have some findings that we can definitely use to continue our "ongoing process of improvement". I think it is strength of our district that we would voluntarily hire a group to come look for ways to improve, it's why I feel our school and our district are on the right track. As I have told our staff, I welcome outside consultants/reviewers coming to our school as I firmly believe we are on a good path and have been steady on this path for some time. I look forward to hearing what Orenda has to say, and how we can use their ideas to move our school forward. Look for future Weekly Updates where we will continue to discuss our work with Orenda.

Sincerely,



(Steve Campbell, Principal SMHS)

Reminders:

- Shared Decision Making Committee Meeting Jan 23rd 4:00pm (via zoom)
- Fire/Earthquake Drill is set for Wednesday, 1/25/2023, during 2nd period.
- Senior Events Information Day will be on 1/26/2023, 7th period in EPA.
- Sadie Hawkins Dance Feb 11th, Wilson Gym, 7:00-10:00 (Thanks go out to teachers and Class of 2024 sponsors Sierra Taylor and Hannah Clabough for getting Sadie Hawkins going again for our students!!!)

This week in Athletics:

Santa Maria High School Weekly Athletic Bulletin

WEEK #25 Jan 23 thru Jan 28 **Schedules are TENTATIVE and are subject to change.**

DATE	DAY	TEAM	Time	LOCATATION	OPPONENT	Release
1/23	Mon	Boys Wrestling	JV 5pm Varsity 6pm	SMHS	SLO	2:55pm
1/23	Mon	Girls Wrestling	5:30pm	SMHS	SLO	
1/23	Mon	Boys Soccer	Frosh 4:15 JV: 4:15pm Varsity: 6:00p.m.	SLO	SLO	1:55pm
1/23	Mon	Girls Soccer	JV: 4:15 Varsity: 6pm	SMHS	SLO	2:55pm
1/24	Tues	Girls Basketball	Frosh: 4:30p.m. JV: 5:45p.m. Var: 7:15p.m.	PV	PV	Frosh 3:30pm
1/24	Tues	Boys Basketball	JV: 5:00p.m. Var: 6:30p.m. (Senior Night)	SMHS	OAHS	
1/24	Tues	Boys Soccer	JV: 3:15pm Var: 3:15p.m.	Cab JV park	Cabrillo	1:30pm
1/24	Tues	Girls Soccer	JV: 4:15 Var: 6pm	SMHS	ATAS	JV 2:55pm
1/25	Wed	Boys Wrestling	JV 5pm Var 6pm	SY	SY	2:30pm
1/25	Wed	Girls Wrestling	Var: 5:30pm	SY	SY	2:30pm
1/26	Thurs	Girls Basketball	JV: 5pm Var: 6:30p.m.	SMHS	ATAS	
1/27	Fri	Boys Basketball	JV: 5:00p.m. Var: 6:30p.m.	MB	MB	2:55pm
1/27	Fri	Boys Soccer	JV: 4:15pm Var: 6:00p.m.	SMHS	PV	JV 2:55pm
1/27	Fri	Girls Soccer	JV: 4:15 Var: 6pm	St. Jose	ST. JOSE	2:30pm
1/28	Sat	Boys Wrestling	JV Tourn	SMHS	JV T	

From Student Services: (Asst. Principal, Ivan Diaz)

The SMHS RTI team is a group of teachers and administrators who gather to review our school's ability to meet the academic, and the social/emotional needs of our students. The group started meeting regularly this fall and will soon be attending a workshop called Promoting Resilience Professional Development in Santa Barbara on 1/24/2023. The purpose is to engage in activities designed to support the understanding and application of Transformative Social-Emotional instruction and Mental Health supports through a student-centered approach to teaching rooted in relationships. Other events will be scheduled throughout the school year. We will keep everyone updated as this group continues to do good things for our students.

From Curriculum and Instruction: (Asst. Principal, Ms. Pallan)

This is a very exciting time of the year for our senior students who have applied to universities. Acceptances will slowly start to come in with the majority happening between February and March. Early indications lead us to believe we will have a strong acceptance season with 65 students already being accepted to Fresno State.

From Special Programs: (Asst. Principal, Mr. Vincent)

Thank you to all of our 9th and 11th grade students who participated in the California Healthy Kids Survey prior to the winter break. The results will be used to help focus site-wide efforts to improve communication, student engagement and student support programs. We appreciate everyone's time and input towards improving the school climate.

The next big event on the calendar for student assessment is the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) commonly referred to as state testing for our 11th grade students. All juniors will be tested in Science, Math and English beginning the week of March 27 and continuing through April 28. More information will be provided to 11th grade families closer to the test date.