



SANTA MARIA HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

August 2023

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Message from the Principal

Dear Students, Parents, and Community,

Welcome to the beginning of the 2023-24 school year! Santa Maria High School and its incredible staff are busy preparing for, and looking forward to, what will soon be the beginning of the school's 131st school year. As SMHS has for so many years, we are again excited to provide the academic excellence, activities, and opportunities that Santa Maria students have enjoyed for years.

One of the more exciting and obvious changes at SMHS will be the opening of our new, state-of-the-art, 50-classroom building. Though still needing some finishing touches, teachers and students will begin their fall classes in this new (and awesome) facility. SMHS will also see renovations in the auto and agriculture building as well as the softball fields. There will be a lot of construction still going on again this fall, but when it is all completed, SMHS will have one of the most efficient, effective, and beautiful campuses in the area.

Academically, all major school indicators continue to show SMHS on a very positive trajectory. Some of the highlights

include a graduation rate above the state average, the highest number of students accepted to a California University in all of Santa Barbara County (for the second straight year), and a significant increase anticipated in this year's state testing scores.

And lastly but still very important, Santa Maria High School continues to offer a multitude of extra-curricular activities including athletics, visual and performing arts, vocational education, and a robust list of clubs and community service opportunities. We encourage all students to take advantage of what SMHS has to offer.

I continue to hear from visitors and community members that they notice a positive momentum at SMHS enjoyed by students, staff, and parents. SMHS is going in the right direction and is set to take another significant step forward this year. For more information about SMHS please browse through our website: www.santamariahighschool.org. I look forward to working with all of you, get ready for a great year.



"Go Saints"

CONTACTS



Administration

Steve Campbell, Principal Monica Garcia, Administrative Assistant	Ext. 3701 Ext. 3702
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Counselors

9th (A-L)	Terzino Gaeta	x3738	11th (A-L)	Ben Lopez	x3742
9th (M-Z)	Victoria Lopez	X3737	11th (M-Z)	Maria Frugé	x3743
10th (A-L)	Rosa Mendoza	x3740	12th (A-L)	Cecilia Grimaldo	x3745
10th (M-Z)	Erica Martinez	x3741	12th (M-Z)	Fatima Gonzalez	x3744
			College C	Christy Reasner	x3763

Support Services

Activities Director	Adrian Salazar	Ext. 3628
Athletic Director	Dan Ellington	Ext. 3540
Athletic Trainer	Kenna Pearce	Ext. 3170
Attendance / Assistant	Lissette Acosta / Ivette Davis	Ext. 3731 / 3724
Business Office (ASB)/Assistant	Jeanette McColm / Mary Danielson	Ext. 3715 / 3714
Cafeteria	Donna Baker	Ext. 3460
Career Center	Rachel Acosta	Ext. 3760
Community Liaison	Teresa Luna-Rojas	Ext. 3719
Crisis Intervention Consultant	Mayte Olivera	Ext. 3584
Data Specialist	Sonia Melena	Ext. 3735
EAOP	Nancy Pacheco	Ext. 3729
Fighting Back Santa Maria	Lisa Coker / Steve Torres	Ext. 3590
Guidance Secretary	Abigael Tan	Ext. 3733
Guidance Technicians	Daniella Ruiz Vasquez / Jessica Garcia	Ext. 3728 / 3771
Intervention Lab Specialist	Lori Olsen	Ext. 3232
Nurse / Health Tech / LVN	Jade Fernandez / Sandy Fry / Jesse Soto	Ext. 3713 / 3711 / 3712
Outreach Consultant	Betty Gamiz	Ext. 3718
Maintenance	Jevi Buck / Tyson Ellis	Ext. 3251 / 3250
Psychologist	Chantel Miller / Katy Edwards / Antionette Gonzalez	Ext. 3721 / 3720
Receptionist	Nancy Navarro-Garcia	Ext. 3727
Registrar	Eileen Gomez	Ext. 3734
Security Coordinator	Doniel Galloway	Ext. 3746
Special Ed Coordinator	Jennifer Ryan / Jenifer Ramirez	Ext. 3723 / 3722
Special Ed Staff Secretary	Michael Torres	Ext. 3725
Text Book / Library Assistant	Rebecca Spendlove / Diane Juarez	Ext. 5758 / 3759
Translators	Liliana Espinoza/Erika Vazquez	Ext. 3726 / 3717
Wellness Center	Margarita Guillen Franco	Ext. TBD



GRADING PERIOD	GRADING
FALL SEMESTER	August 10 - December 15
Fall 1st Progress	September 15
Fall 2nd Progress	October 27
Final Grades	December 15
SPRING SEMESTER	January 11 – June 5
Spring 1st Progress	February 23
Spring 2nd Progress	April 12
Last Day / Final Grades	June 5

SENIOR PORTRAITS

- ◆ Submitting a senior portrait is optional. Student ID picture will be used, or you can have the professional photographer at school take your picture.
- ◆ Submitting your photo- Details will be shared at the beginning of school using Parent Square, Canvas, Daily Bulletin.
- ◆ Deadline to submit your photo - Pictures are due on or before November 17, 2023.
- ◆ Photo must be - One Image, Digital, JPG or TIFF, Vertical, High Resolution, and Minimum Size of 3" x 5" (Yearbook staff will help shrink large images)
- ◆ Expectation of the photo - Only one person in the image, Wear appropriate attire, Refer to district/school dress code and code of conduct, Image must be a portrait.
- ◆ Photographer - Professional photographers are encouraged, but not necessary . Students may take their own picture as long as they follow the guidelines above.
- ◆ Have questions? Stop by room 609 or email Adrian Salazar (Activities Director) at ASALAZAR@SMJUHSD.ORG



2024



BELL SCHEDULE

2023-2024



Period	Daily Schedule (Tuesday - Friday)	Collaboration Day (Every Monday)	Minimum Schedule
1	8:30 - 9:20	8:30 - 9:10	8:30 - 9:00
2	9:30 - 10:20	9:20 - 10:00	9:10 - 9:40
Break	10:20 - 10:35	10:00 - 10:15	9:40 - 9:55
3	10:35 - 11:25	10:15 - 10:55	9:55 - 10:25
4	11:35 - 12:25	11:05 - 11:45	10:35 - 11:05
Lunch	12:25 - 1:05	11:45 - 12:25	11:05 - 11:45
5	1:05 - 1:55	12:25 - 1:05	11:45 - 12:15
6	2:05 - 2:55	1:15 - 1:55	12:25 - 12:55
7	3:05 - 3:55	2:05 - 2:45	1:05 - 1:35



Welcome Aboard

New Saints

Alondra Navoa Martinez - Ag
Jason Limon - English ELO
Connor Lee - Math
Yonic Perez - Math
Walker Armstrong - PE ELO
Tarn Alfson - Science
Morgan Kavanaugh - Science
Eduardo Meza - Science
Jana Russell - Science
Maria Solis - Science

Antoinette Gonzalez - Psychologist
Justin Lyon - Special Ed
Jose Cardona - Social Science
Erin Moore - Special Ed
Ashley Reigstad - Special Ed
Johnny Rodriguez - Special Ed
Jennifer Ramirez - Special Ed Coord.
Juliana Cooper - VPA
Stephanie Fikri - VPA
Eunice Gonzalez - ELO
Katelyn Cook - Speech Therapist

IMPORTANT DATES 2023-24

August 7, 2023	No School - Teacher Work Day
August 7, 2023	Class schedules released to all students via Aeries
August 7, 2023	Welcome (9th Grade) 8:00 - 11:30 pm (Schedules, Laptop Distribution)
August 7, 2023	School Pictures (9th) 8:00 - 11:30 am (10th) 12:00 - 3:30 pm / Wilson Gym
August 8, 2023	School Pictures (11th) 8:00 - 11:30 am (12th) 12:00 - 3:30 pm / Wilson Gym
August 8, 2023	No School - Certificated Professional Development Day
August 9, 2023	No School - District PD Day - Classified and Certificated Symposium
August 10, 2023	1st DAY OF SCHOOL - Start Time 8:30 am
August 11, 2023	March of the Saints
August 15, 2023	Welcome Back - Grade Level Assembly - Gym
August 17, 2023	9th Grade Parent Meeting
August 18, 2023	Welcome Back Rally
August 24, 2023	Back-to-School Night 5:00 - 7:00 PM
August 25, 2023	Lunch-Time Resource Fair / Minimum Day Schedule
September 4, 2023	No School - Labor Day Holiday
September 7, 2023	10th Grade Parent Meeting
September 8, 2023	School Picture Re-takes - Ethel Pope
September 13, 2023	12th Grade Parent Meeting / A - G Night
September 13, 2023	ELAC - 6:00 pm MMLC
September 15, 2023	Minimum Day - Progress Report / Fall Fair
September 20, 2023	11th Grade Parent Meeting
September 22, 2023	Homecoming School Rally
September 23, 2023	Homecoming Dance
September 27, 2023	Cafecito Parent Meeting
October 18, 2023	Saint of the Season
October 24 - 26, 2023	Cash for College 4:00 - 7:00 pm Library
October 25, 2023	11th Grade Parent Meeting / A - G Meeting
October 26, 2023	Academic Awards
October 27, 2023	Minimum Day - Progress Grades
October 31, 2023	College Night
November 10, 2023	No School - Veteran's Day Holiday
November 15, 2023	ELAC - 6:00 PM Cafeteria
November 30, 2023	UC/CSU Application Deadline
November 20 - 24, 2023	Thanksgiving Break - No School
November 29, 2023	Cafecito Parent Meeting
December 6, 2023	Financial Aid Parent Meeting
December 7, 2023	Open House
December 8, 2023	Winter Fair
December 13 - 15, 2023	Final Exams - Fall Semester Ends
December 18 - January 10	Winter Break
January 8, 9, 2024	Staff Development Day / Teacher Workday
January 10, 2024	All Staff Workday
January 11, 2024	Students Return - 1st day of 2nd Semester
January 15, 2024	No School - Holiday M.L. King Jr. Day
February 7, 2024	ELAC - 6:00 pm MMLC
February 16, 2024	No School - Lincoln's Day
February 19, 2024	No School - President's Day
February 21, 2024	Saint of the Season
February 23, 2024	Minimum Day - Progress Reports
February 28, 2024	12th Grade Parent Meeting
March 6, 2024	Cafecito Parent Meeting
March 13, 2024	11th Grade Parent Meeting
March 20, 2024	Academic Awards 6:00 pm - Wilson Gym
March 22, 2024	Spring Fair
March 28, 2024	Minimum Day
March 29, 2024	No School - Good Friday
April 1-5, 2024	No School - Spring Break
April 12, 2024	Minimum Day - End of Progress
April 17, 2024	Saint of the Season
April 19, 2024	UC Success Night
April 25 - 26, 2024	Reality Fair
April 29 - May 3, 2024	Multicultural Week
TBD	Future Saint Night
May 6 - 10, 2024	Mental Health Week
May 15, 2024	ELAC - 6:00 PM MMLC
May 22, 2024	Senior Honors Night - 6:00 pm Wilson Gym
May 26, 2024	Prom
May 27, 2024	No School - Memorial Day
May 28, 2024	Grad Night
June 3-5, 2024	Finals Schedule
June 5, 2024	Last Day of School
June 6, 2024	Graduation Day / Staff Work Day
June 10 - July 5, 2024	Summer School

SCHOOL PICTURE, ID CARDS, CLASS SCHEDULES

SCHOOL PICTURES

Monday, August 7, 2023

8:00 am - 11:30 am **9th Grade**
12:00 pm - 3:30 pm **10th Grade**
(Wilson Gym)

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

8:00 am - 11:30 am **11th Grade**
12:00 pm - 3:30 pm **12th Grade**
(Wilson Gym)

Friday, September 8, 2023

Picture re-takes - Ethel Pope

SCHEDULES / ID CARDS

9th grade students will receive their class schedules, and tablets during school picture day August 7th.

Class schedules for 10th, 11th and 12th grade will be available to view on their student Aeries portal on Monday, August 7.

ONLINE Free Meal Program

All students enrolled in the school district are eligible to receive a healthy breakfast and lunch at school at no charge to your household each day for the 2023-24 school year.

To ensure maximum student support services for your high school student (s), we kindly request that your household submit a Household Income Data Survey online at <https://family.titank12.com/income-form/new?identifier=T8X7HA> no later than October 31, 2023. This survey will ensure that your high school student (s) has access to

all eligible resources, including waivers for college admissions tests and applications, discounts on home internet, and it also generates additional state and Federal funding to support supplemental education programs and services at our high schools. The website is accessible by clicking on this Titan link which is also located on the District and high school websites. Paper forms are also available at each school site's community liaisons' office and at the District Support Services Center. The online and paper survey forms will be available

after August 1, 2023.

Your student will be able to participate in this meal program without having to pay a fee or submit a meal application. The district looks forward to serving nutritious well-balanced meals to your child (ren) all year long.

◆ The SMHS cafeteria is open at 7:30 am Monday - Friday. Students are encouraged to partake in the free lunch program while at school.

GO! FIGHT! WIN!

ATHLETICS

Santa Maria High School offers a variety of sports for our student athletes. In order to participate in sports, students must have a physical exam on file prior to any tryouts. Please see our athletic website for all the details.

ALERT: Effective immediately - All Athletic event ticket can be purchased through [GOFAN](#), also, only credit and debit cards will be accepted at all school athletic events (**NO CASH**)

Fall Sports: Cross Country, Football, Girls Golf, Girls Tennis, Girls Volleyball, Boys/Girls Water Polo

Winter: Sports: Boys/Girls Basketball, Boys/Girls Soccer, Boys/Girls Wrestling

Spring: Sports: Baseball, Softball, Boys Golf, Swimming, Boys Tennis, Track & Field, Boys Volleyball



Boosters/Football Boosters: The SMHS Saints Athletic Booster Club is non-profit 501(c)(3) charitable organization created to support all CIF sanctioned teams and cheer at Santa Maria High School.

Members include parents, guardians, grandparents, alumni, coaches, faculty, staff, school administrators, and community members. To become a Booster Member please contact - Monica Diaz at mamademarinerom@msn.com

Hall of Fame: to be selected to the hall of fame you must be nominated. To submit a nominee **CLICK ON THIS LINK**, (also located on our website.) Hall of Fame electees will be announced annually in May by the SMHS HOF committee.

For more information, contact the Athletic Director, Dan Ellington at (805) 925-2567, ext. 3540. For coaches' information, please visit the sports section on our website at santamariahighschool.org



PARENT INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Parent involvement is key to the success of students and the school community. As equal partners, we highly encourage our parents and guardians to participate in the committees our school offers. Our Parent Involvement Policy can be found in the Student Parent Handbook, pages 33-35. Please visit our website at: www.santamariahighschool.org click on information or, stop by the school's office to receive a copy, below are programs and committees parents are encouraged to participate in:

English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC)

The English Language Advisory Committee (ELAC) is comprised of parents of Limited-English Proficient (LEP) students. Any parent is welcome to become a member of the ELAC committee. The committee examines issues surrounding bilingual education, including needs assessment for LEP students. For more information, please call 925-2567, ext. 3709.

School Site Council

The School Site Council develops and evaluates our yearly learning goals as outlined in our School Plan. The School Site Council is formed by parents, students, community members and school personnel. Members of this council are elected by their peers and serve for a two-year term. Elections for new members are held each year as one half of our members rotate. Meetings are held monthly and are open to the public. For more information, call 925-2567, ext. 3702.

Shared Decision Making

The purpose of Shared Decision Making is to provide an opportunity for the school community (teachers, parents, students, and other, site employees), in collaboration with the principal, to jointly shape decisions regarding policy making and organizational issues related to student, teachers, and/or classrooms at the school site level. For more information, call 925-2567, ext. 3702.

Un Cafecito Meeting (Coffee with the Principal)

Cafecito is a quarterly meeting to meet with SMHS parents to discuss and address school policies, activities, campaigns, address parent concerns/issues, and request school community feedback. Please join us for the first Cafecito parent meeting of the school year. These meetings will be communicated to all parents through Parent Square. For more information, call 925-2567, extension 3202.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

CLOSED CAMPUS / VISITORS POLICY

SMHS is a closed campus between 8am and 4:30pm. As per Board Policy (AR6116 and BP1250), only pre-arranged visitors are allowed on campus during the school day. Lunchtime activities/ assemblies are for current student. Parents and other visitors are not allowed at these closed events. Students are not permitted to bring visitors to school. Administration reserves the right to refuse admission to anyone on campus.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones may be carried by students, but will be confiscated if they disrupt the educational process. If a phone is confiscated from the student, a parent/guardian will be required to pick it up from the Assistant Principal afterschool. The school is not financially responsible for any lost or stolen items.

PE UNIFORM PRICES

Shirts \$8.00 / Shorts \$12 / Sweats \$14

ELIGIBILITY FOR EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Students must maintain a 2.0 "C" grade point average to be eligible to participate in extra-curricular activities. Eligibility is determined at the end of each six-week grading period.

CLASSROOM INTERRUPTIONS

Messages from parents or guardians during class time will be limited to emergencies only with administrator approval.

DRESS CODE

Requirements apply to all students, as provided in the Education Code and/or District Policy. They are:

1. No attire including clothing, jewelry, hats or personal items:
 - ◆ may promote or advertise drugs, alcohol or tobacco use.
 - ◆ depict obscenity or lewdness.
 - ◆ be inflammatory with regard to race, religion or heritage may not promote gang affiliation (nor pro sports teams)
2. Feet must be covered, minimally, providing protection to the bottom of the foot. (PE requires tennis shoes for safe participation in activities.)
3. The upper torso must be covered. Clothes shall be sufficient to conceal undergarments at all times. See-through or fishnet fabrics, halter tops, spaghetti straps (must be two inches wide), off-the-shoulder or low-cut tops, bare midriffs and skirts or shorts shorter than mid-thigh are prohibited.
4. Pajamas and slippers are not appropriate school apparel.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If your address, phone number, emergency or personal information has changed since last school year, please update your information in the school Records Office. It is very important that we have current contact information in order for us to successfully send out school messages and alert you in case of an emergency.

WITHDRAWAL FROM CLASS

Students who drop a course during the first 20 school days of the semester may do so without any entry on his/her permanent record. A student who drops a course after 20 school days of enrollment in a class shall receive an "F" on their permanent record unless otherwise decided by the principal or designee because of extenuating circumstances.

TOBACCO-FREE CAMPUS

The use of tobacco products including e-cigarettes and vaping devices is prohibited on campus and at school events.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

To be considered in **good standing** and determine your privilege in participating in extra-curricular activities including sporting events, club performances, dances, Grad Night and graduation ceremonies, students should have:

- ◆ No major discipline issues
- ◆ No outstanding ASB, library, textbooks or tablet charges "IF YOU OWE, YOU DON'T GO"
- ◆ No more than 6 period cuts for every three weeks that School is in session - "NO SHOW NO GO."
- ◆ Must be on track to graduate

ID CARD

Students need to carry their ID cards at all times while on campus. ID cards are used to verify that a student belongs on campus, to check out textbook, library materials, tablets or PE loaners. The first ID card is free; each card after is \$3.00 paid at the Business Office.

LEAVING CAMPUS DURING THE DAY

Parents / Guardians who need to take their student out of school during the day must be prepared to show identification at the Attendance Office. Only those persons listed on the student's medical emergency information will be allowed to take the student from school. The school appreciates every effort made by parents to schedule appointments outside of the school day.

EXCUSING ABSENCES

Parents will be allowed to report and clear absences within two (2) school days of the absences one of several ways:

- ◆ By Phone
- ◆ By Email
- ◆ By written note
- ◆ Via the website link
- ◆ Via School Messengers
- ◆ Walk-ins

When notifying the school of your student's absence, please include the following information:

- ◆ Student's first and last name
- ◆ Grade
- ◆ ID number
- ◆ Date and reason for absence
- ◆ Parent/Guardian name
- ◆ Relationship to the student
- ◆ Phone number where you can be reached

PLEASE NOTE: Per District policy, upon 14 or more days of excused absences, we request that any future absences be verified by a physician in the form of a note.

There will always be a reason why you

meet people

Either you need to change your life,

or you're the one

Clubs and Organizations

ASB Student Council - Adrian Salazar
Alpine Club - Amy Hennings
AP Promoters Club - Laurence Orlick
Ballet Folklorico - Daniela Ruiz Vazquez
Band - Samantha Quart
BStrong Life Club - Dan Ellington
Black Student Union - TBD
The Breeze Magazine - Tin van den Heever
Cheerleaders - TBD
Choir - John Van Wie
Close UP Washington - Amy Hennings/Rich Guiremand
CSF Club (California Scholastic Federation) - Shelly Springer
Drama Society Club - TBD
Environmental Club -
FBLA - Cindy Quaid
FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) - Doug Silva
FFA (Future Farmers of America) - Mark Powell
French Club - Meena Akhavan
Gay Straight Alliance Club - Nicole DeMatteo
Guitar Club - John VanWie
Happy Club - Marissa Gutierrez/Crystal Domingues
Key Club - Natasha Lombardi-Hyder/Rebecca Masuda
La Comadres - Mayte Olivera/Alejandra Fulton, Veronica Morales
Project Teen Club - Brandon King/Kimberly Umana
Saint's Café - Erin Pearson
Sammy's Corner (Student Store) - Cindy Quaid
Society of Hispanic Prof. Eng. - Ben Wieman/Sharmin Eppley)
Society of Women Engineers - Shelly Springer
Somos (We Are) Club - Yazmin Aguilera/Sonia Sanchez-Morales
Spanish Honors Society - Mireya Luna
Teen Success Club - TBD
Yearbook - Adrian Salazar
Yes Club - Courtney Cameron/Chris Paulus

For more information, contact the Activities Director, Adrian Salazar at (805) 925-2567, ext. 3609.

CHANGES TO STUDENT DATA

Please remember to notify the school with any changes to the following:

- ◆ **Phone numbers**
- ◆ **Email**
- ◆ **Address**
- ◆ **Emergency contact**
- ◆ **Custody arrangement.**



Buy your yearbooks early - "price will go up" more information to follow on the daily bulletin.

Three ways to pre-order:

- ◆ All payments can be made to the business office on campus in the form of money order, cash, check.
- ◆ Order online at www.yearbookforever.com

Check instructions:

- ◆ Make check payable to SMHS yearbook.
- ◆ Write "yearbook" and the student's name and school ID# in the memo



Alma Mater

*On the Fertile Valley
Floor Glorious to View
SM High is proudly
standing Hail oh,
Hail to You.
Fearless Saints
ever onward*

*Wave Your Colors Bright
Hail to you our Alma Mater,
Hail our Red and White.
Red and White,
Red and White,
Come on Saints
Fight Team Fight!*



SCHOOL BUS
ROUTES

SMHS 2023-24 BUS TRANSPORTATION

Stop #	Stop Description	Route #	1st Period In	Route #	2nd Period In	Route #	6th Period Out	Route #	7th Period Out
	Depart School						3:05		4:05
S1	Sandlewood & Driftwood	9	7:53	9	8:43	9	3:34	9	4:34
S5	Rayville & Mahoney	9	7:58	9	8:48	9	3:42	9	4:42

SMHS TO CTE 2023-2024 TRANSFER BUS

		Rte #	
1st Period	Bus Departs SMHS to CTE at	9	8:15
3rd Period	Bus Departs SMHS to CTE at	9	10:28
5th Period	Bus Departs SMHS to CTE at	9	12:48



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