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Good afternoon parents and students, I wanted to thank all the teachers who have recently been giving us input on our seniors who are currently on track to be an A-G completer. As you may recall, A-G requirements are a series of courses that students take throughout their four years of high school in order to be eligible to apply for a four year college. At the beginning of this school year we had approximately 290 seniors on pace to be an "A- G completer" in June. At the first grade check we had about 60 of those students in jeopardy of falling off pace. Since then we have been doing a lot of student interviews and making a lot of parent phone calls to learn exactly what is causing these successful student to struggle. We have learned a lot from these interviews about designing better interventions for these seniors. If we can retain most of these "on track" seniors we will set an all-time high in A-G completion rates, but more importantly, we will have succeeded in assisting more students in becoming UC/CSU eligible.

Have a great week!

Sincerely,

(Steve Campbell, Principal SMHS)

Reminders:

***College Fair** – Tuesday evening in the large gym (5:00pm - 7:00pm). Meet reps from colleges and free food for the first 500 participants.

***ELAC (English Learner Advisory Committee)**

Meeting Wednesday, 11/2/22, 6:00pm in the SMHS Library - all parents are welcome to join and learn about, and provide input toward, our English Learner Program.

Kudos:

Kudos to all those involved in the SMHS athletics and activities departments. In the past few weeks, we have held senior night for girls volleyball, band, cheer, girls golf, boys/girls water polo, football, and girls tennis. Additionally, we've had a homecoming assembly, a spirit week, and our homecoming dance. To cap it all off, Friday before last, our football boys pulled off an amazing win against cross town rival Pioneer Valley 14-9!!

If the point of our ASB and Athletic Departments is to provide a multitude of fun and memorable experiences, I would say they are getting the job done. Over these next couple of weeks fall sports will be ending to make room for an exciting menu of winter season sports and activities.

A special thanks go to Athletic Director, Dan Ellington, and ASB Coordinator, Adrian Salazar for the organization of so many of these activities. I also need to congratulate all coaches and club sponsors for all their hard work. If it weren't for all of you, none of this would be possible.

This week in Athletics: (Athletic Director, Dan Ellington)

This week is going to be a quiet one. All Fall sports have completed their season except for Cross Country and Football. I will be sending out a notification on the time and place for our 1st round Football playoff game next week. Cross Country has league finals on Nov 9th.

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Messages from Administration:

From Curriculum & Instruction (Asst Principal Monica Pallan)

This past Wednesday to Friday, October 26-28, we had our first annual College Trip in Southern California. 53 Seniors spent 3 days touring 9 universities. Students experienced a variety of campuses from private to public, ranging in size from 3,000 to 45,000. They discovered major options, learned about student life and tried to envision themselves on each campus. Campus

tours concluded with a quick reflection to evaluate each school and determine if it was a good fit for them



From Student Services (Asst Principal Ivan Diaz)

Last Friday Santa Maria Varsity Football brought back the Main Street Classic trophy to Santa Maria High, with an exciting come from behind victory over rival Pioneer Valley High. The final score was 15-9. Player of the game was Malachi Jordan. SMHS will have to wait and see where we fit into its upcoming CIF playoff seedings this Sunday October 30th.



From Special Programs Office (Asst Principal Tim Vincent)

The SMHS Special Education Department hosted its monthly Students of Excellence luncheon on October 27, celebrating the achievements of 16 students from across the department's various programs. Students were nominated by the program staff and were given a certificate of achievement along with a goodie bag to acknowledge their hard work and dedication. The students and nominating staff member were also treated to a pizza lunch along with a gourmet cupcake dessert as part of the celebration. Hats off to SMHS' October Students of Excellence.



From the Dean of Students' Office (Jules Manfreda)

At Santa Maria High School we have a robust tutoring program for our students where they can receive additional help in their core subject areas of Math, English, Social Studies, and Science. Tutoring is available Monday through Thursday at 7:20am and in the afternoons at 4pm (Please reference the attached schedule). We are now also providing specific support for our students that have been identified as needing additional support in Algebra 1. The algebra I assigned tutoring program is a pilot this fall that will hopefully help freshmen have

success in algebra. Please make sure your students know about the offerings in the below flyer..... and don't forget about Tutor.com which is free and available on our school website (santamariahighschool.com)



SM TUTORING 2022

<p>MR. BALTAZAR - ROOM 624 MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:20 AM - 8:20 AM</p> <p>MR. COLIN GARCIA - LIBRARY TUESDAY - THURSDAY 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM</p>	<p>MATH</p>
<p>ENGLISH</p>	<p>MR. AGUILA - ROOM 644 MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:20 AM - 8:20 AM</p> <p>MR. HOFFMAN - ROOM 639 MONDAY - THURSDAY 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM</p>
<p>MS. HERNANDEZ - ROOM 243 TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY 7:20 AM - 8:20 AM WEDNESDAY 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM</p> <p>MS. ZEPEDA - ROOM 234 MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM</p>	<p>SCIENCE</p>
<p>SOCIAL SCIENCE</p>	<p>MR. GONZALEZ - ROOM 521 MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:20 AM - 8:20 AM</p> <p>MR. DOLAN - ROOM 531 MONDAY - THURSDAY 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM</p>

