



# PRINCIPAL'S 411

Santa Maria High School

{11-6-20}

## **Important Items and Reminders:**

- Grade reports for Mark 2 grading period have been extended until next Friday Nov. 6th. Aeries will automatically close the grading window at midnight on November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Remember that we will have an altered schedule for Veteran's Day November 11<sup>th</sup>. In short, classes that would normally be held on Wednesday (11-11-20) will be held on Monday (11-9-20), and Monday flex Monday will be cancelled that week.

## **Athletics:**

Practices are still occurring and are running smoothly. ERHS and SJHS have postponed practices for a two-week window as a pre-cautionary measure. Some of their students were possibly exposed to the Corona virus at a social event over Halloween weekend. From interviewing all of our athletes, we do not have any reason to believe that any of our students were involved in the above event. We are cleared by both the county department of health, and our district leadership to continue with practices scheduled and we plan to do so safely following the protocols that have been successful over the past seven weeks.

## **Kudos:**

I'd like to take this week's Kudo's opportunity to again acknowledge the amazing job that our classified staff has done throughout this entire COVID19 event. We have food services still providing meals to families, the grounds and maintenance department taking on many different protocols and responsibilities, our instructional aids taking on assignments that they have not previously been asked to do, our security team and health office being placed on the front lines of our safety protocols, and our office staff having had their responsibilities stretched to the max, all in an effort safely make this school continue to do its important work. We have definitely had our frustrations, and are still changing and adjusting constantly, but SMHS has overall been a school where people are working together and keeping the students' best interests as our focus. It is pretty impressive to look back on all this group has accomplished over the past several months. Kudos to everyone for all the hard work done.

## **Message from Administration:**

This week's message is encouraging teachers to help get the word out regarding next week's Veteran's Day schedule. As explained above, the weekly schedule will be altered so that classes which would normally meet on Wednesday, will instead meet on Monday. And as a result, there will be no flex day next week. This schedule change is a good move for our students but will take some communication to avoid low attendance Monday. The district has released a district-wide communication (see attached message from Steve Molina's office), and I will be releasing an explanation in my "Weekly Update" to the students and parents. I also know that most of you have been reminding students throughout the week. Please do whatever possible/feasible to get the word out today or over the weekend. This is just another example of the constant adjustments we are all

asked to make as we navigate through the COVID19 world. Be safe out there and have a good weekend!