

Principal's Weekly Update 11-14-22

Steven Campbell • 1 day ago • Monday, Nov 14 at 12:55 PM • Santa Maria High School

Good afternoon parents and students, as we head into our last week before a long awaited and much deserved Thanksgiving Break, it is not unusual for staff and students to be fatigued from the longest work stretch of the year. Though it is not unusual to see an increase in student misconduct this time of year, there have been some recent events that are out of character for our normally peaceful campus.

Though I cannot divulge specific information about these students, I will tell you that most of the recent altercations we've seen are resulting from a very small number of students. I hope it is somewhat reassuring to know that much of what our campus has seen is relatively small in nature, addressable, and able to be improved in a short time period. In fact, as many of those most directly involved in the altercations have been off our campus pending their expulsion hearings, our campus has already calmed down considerably.

I feel it is important to address this transparently because at times social media can paint a picture that causes a lot of concern, and make things seem worse than perhaps they really are. Though statistically high school campuses nationwide are still seeing elevated discipline issues, believed to be the result of the COVID-caused isolation our students endured. I also believe that much of what we have seen over the past few weeks is isolated, treatable, and temporary. I hope this makes you feel better about recent events. As always, feel free to call if there are further questions about this or anything else involving our campus.

Let's have a great week this week!

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Sincerely,



(Steve Campbell, Principal SMHS)

Important Items and Reminders:

*SSC Monday 11/14/22 6:00pm via Zoom

*Department Chairs Meeting 11/16 7:15am – 8:15am in rm 356

Kudos:

Cindy Quaid recently sent out the results of the annual Future Business Leaders of America "March of Dimes" contest. I am proud to announce that the event raised a total of \$1145!! This is a great event and a great cause, kudos to all teachers and students who participated!!

I'd like to double down on Kudos this week to acknowledge Cindy's dedication to the "March of Dimes" event, and countless other events she has made possible during her 31 years as the SMHS FBLA sponsor! Cindy your dedication and tireless energy has made a difference to so many kids over the years (and decades). It does not go unnoticed by your students or your colleagues. Totally amazing! Thank you for all that you have done, and continue to do!!

This week in Athletics:

Santa Maria High School Weekly Athletic Bulletin

WEEK #15 Nov 14 thru Nov 19 **Schedules are TENTATIVE and are subject to change.**

DATE	DAY	TEAM	Time	LOCATATION	OPPONENT	Release
15-Nov-22	Tues	Boys Basketball	Frosh 3:30 JV: 5:15 Varsity 6:30 (scrimmage)	SMHS	Lompoc	Frosh 2pm
16-Nov-22	Wed	Girls Wrestling	4pm	San Dimas	Tournament	11am
17-Nov-22	Thurs	Cross Country	D3 Girls 2pm D3 Boys 3:30pm	Woodward Park Fresno	Div 3 Central Section	
17-Nov-22	Thurs	Girls Basketball	Santa Maria Girl BB tournament 7:30pm	SMHS	Tournament	
17-Nov-22	Thurs	Boys Basketball	Varsity 7:30pm	Reedley HS	Tournament	12:30pm
18-Nov-22	Fri	Girls Basketball	Santa Maria Girl BB tournament TBA	SMHS	Tournament	
18-Nov-22	Fri	Boys Basketball	Varsity TBA	Reedley HS	Tournament	12:30pm
19-Nov-22	Sat	Girls Basketball	Santa Maria Girl BB tournament TBA	SMHS	Tournament	
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19-Nov-22	Saturday	Girls Wrestling	8am weigh 9:30 Wrestle	Lompoc	Tournament	

Messages from Administration:

From Curriculum & Instruction (Asst Principal Monica Pallan)

College Night:

Tuesday, November 1 2022, Santa Maria High School collaborated with Allan Hancock College to host a district-wide College Night open to all local high school students and their families.

Over 30 universities, colleges, and programs were represented in our Wilson Gym. We had over 350 participants attend the event. Students completed Bingo cards by visiting the various tables and engaging with the representatives. Once they completed Bingo they turned their card in for a free meal of either Efren's Mexican food or Cubanismo Cuban food.

Many universities and college representatives were excited to see such a wonderful turn out and they will return to our campus next year.



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From Student Services (Asst Principal Ivan Diaz)

On December 8th SMHS will have the second of three Cafecito meetings (Coffee with the Principal); the meeting will be held in the cafeteria from 6 pm to 8 pm. The topics will be generated by parents of current students who attend SMHS. Cafecitos have been a long-time staple at SMHS, and we look forward to interacting with our parents. More information to follow.



From Special Programs Office (Asst Principal Tim Vincent)

The Special Education team and the SMHS staff acknowledge our school psychologists on National School Psychologists Week. Much deserved Chantel and Katy!!



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Dear DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS/SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER/S:

We Central Coast Association of School Psychologist are writing to request that your respective district recognize November 7–11, 2022, as National School Psychology Week. In doing so, your district will join with others across the country in making a commitment to help our students and staff celebrate the theme "Together We Shine." The theme's concepts provide a framework for our schools to highlight both the importance of students' and staff members' individual strengths and attributes and the power of bringing together our ideas and actions as a school community.

We have all faced difficulties created by the pandemic, social injustice and inequity, economic stress, and challenges to mental and physical health. Feelings of isolation and disconnection have been particularly challenging. For some, it has been a time of real darkness, and finding light is critical to building resilience and hope. Connecting with others and establishing a sense of being valued parts of a greater whole empowers students and adults to find purpose and possibility.

As you know, the 100+ school psychologists in our Central Coast region provide a range of services to support students' academic achievement and social-emotional well-being. We are fully committed to working with you and the rest of the district's staff to continue to empower our students on a daily basis.

Throughout the week, schools across the country will be taking part in events and activities designed to highlight how school psychologists, teachers, and other school personnel work with students to help students shine.

Attached are samples of the materials school psychologists will distribute. We also suggest that the district include resources related to children's mental and behavioral health on our website, which we are happy to provide.

As with all school-based professionals, we are most effective in our work through collaboration with other school staff, families, and members of the community. National School Psychology Week is part of an ongoing effort to improve collaboration and foster the common elements of a thriving school community in the Central Coast region to help all students grow and succeed.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if we can provide any further information. Thank you for your support of your staff and of quality school psychological services.

Sincerely,



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