



PRINCIPAL'S 411

Santa Maria High School

{2-19-21}

Important Items and Reminders:

- **Teachers of seniors**, please encourage seniors to complete their **FAFSA** application (priority deadline is March 2nd). For a little fun we have been holding a friendly competition between gov/econ teachers. Free cap and gown for students of the winning class, AND a traveling trophy, and a \$100 gift certificate for the winning gov/econ teacher. **As of Wednesday, Mr. Guiremand and his students were DOMINATING** the competition holding a narrow lead on the top four spots. There is still time gov/econ teachers to snatch victory from Mr. G!!
- Don't forget Language Line, please remember this as a resource when needing to overcome a language barrier between you and a parent.
- Wellness Week is next week. Please see the email from John Davis that went out to all district certificated for more details. In short, no new content next week, focus of next week's classes is to get students caught back up before they fall too far behind.
- Christmas isn't over for everyone!! I counted 33 unclaimed insulated tumblers in the mailroom that we gave out as gifts back in December. They are pretty nice, and who couldn't use a cool drink now and then. If you haven't picked yours up, they are still here waiting for you, AND, you may want to consider visiting your mailbox more often! 😊

Athletics:

- Athletics are making a comeback! boys/girls tennis; boys/girls cross country, track, softball, baseball, boys/girls golf, swimming/diving, and football are practicing and most are gearing up for interscholastic competitions. For more details see the email sent out by Brian Wallace to all staff on Tuesday (2/16/21)

Kudos:

Kudos this week go to members and sponsors of our much celebrated and appreciated Link Crew. An idea came up during last month's Shared-Decision-Making meeting to improve the way to welcome our newcomer students to our campus. The SDM team wondered if we could possibly expand our Link Crew program to include newcomers (regardless what grade they were in) by assigning newcomer students to a Link Crew coach. The Link Crew leaders accepted the challenge and have recruited student-coaches who are ready to work with these new students as they come to our school. I think this will go a long way to welcome some of our most vulnerable students to the SMHS family. Thanks and Kudos for the Link Crew leadership, and to the SDM committee for the great idea.

Message from Administration:

I just wanted to say that I apologize for missing the last two weeks' 411's. As I think most of you know that I was out of town with a family health issue. Though it was only a couple of missed Friday 411's, I have noticed the impact of not communicating with everyone regularly. Though I don't claim to be a polished author, it does seem like these 411's play an important role in keeping us all on the same page. So, thank you all for your patience, I do not intend to miss any more 411's.

I would like to thank quickly all the staff members that sent personal messages to me on behalf of my family, and I'd especially like to thank the admin team and the rest of the office staff who did a great job of holding the fort while I was away.

Teachers, let's have a great Wellness Week next week,,,,, but first, everyone have a great weekend!

