

Santa Maria High School

Principal's 411

10-31-22

Vision

SMHS develops clear, unified practices and policies for all stakeholders in order to continually improve student learning.

SLO's

S = Socially Adjusted
A = Academically Advanced
I = Independent Learner
N = Noteworthy Citizen
T = Technologically Savvy

Mission

SMHS assures that all students achieve the high levels of learning required for success in college, career, or post-secondary training.

Reminders:

***DC meeting** (7:15am - 8:15am; Rm 356)

***Phone/Hoodie/Earbud Campaign** is working because everyone is doing their part. Keep it up!

***First 10 and Last 10** - please remember to not send students out on a hall pass (unless an emergency of course) during the first 10 minutes of class, or during the last 10 minutes of class. This helps security clear the halls during passing period and will help minimize tardies.

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 last Friday our football boys pulled off an amazing win against cross town rival Pioneer Valley 15-9!!

If the point of our ASB and Athletic Departments is to provide a multitude of fun and memorable experiences for our students, I would say SMHS is 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. Encourage your students, especially those most difficult to reach, to get involved. As the saying goes, "The more you put into it, the more you get out of it."

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 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:

All Fall sports have completed their season except for Cross Country and Football. Football is on the road in Madera for their first round game of CIF playoffs and Cross Country has league finals on Nov 9th.

Messages from Administration:

From the principal

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 but may have stumbled at the beginning of the year. We started off this school year with approximately 290 seniors on pace to be a "completer" in June. At the first grade check we had about 60 of those students in jeopardy of falling off pace. We have been asking the students and their teachers for input on what is causing these students to struggle. We have also been making phone calls home to the students' parents. We are learning a lot about what is going on in these kids and what interventions might help them be successful. If we can retain most of these "on track" seniors we will see 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.

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)

The Friday before last 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 as well as Tutor.com.



TUTORING 2022

MR. BALTAZAR - ROOM 624
MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:20 AM - 8:20 AM

MR. COLIN GARCIA - LIBRARY
TUESDAY - THURSDAY 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

MAT

ENGLISH

MR. AGUILA - ROOM 644
MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:20 AM - 8:20 AM

MR. HOFFMAN - ROOM 639
MONDAY - THURSDAY 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

MS. HERNANDEZ - ROOM 243
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY 7:20 AM - 8:20 AM
WEDNESDAY 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

MS. ZEPEDA - ROOM 234
MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM

SCIENC

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MR. GONZALEZ - ROOM 521
MONDAY - THURSDAY 7:20 AM - 8:20 AM

MR. DOLAN - ROOM 531
MONDAY - THURSDAY 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM