



PRINCIPAL'S 411

Santa Maria High School

{6-5-21}

Important Items and Reminders:

- **Free lunch** –No student should miss breakfast or lunch! If you know of a student who might benefit from our Meals for All Program, please encourage them to ask a food services employee for further details.
- **Graduation:** Graduation will be “in person” at Ralph Baldiviez Stadium, Friday, June 11th, starting at 1:00pm. The event will also be live streamed for home viewers. It will be 2 guest tickets per graduate.
- **Summer School** starts for students on June 17th and will end on July 8th.

Athletics:

It was another big week in athletics. The girls’ and boys’ basketball teams both ended their season this week in CIF competitions. The CIF Champion girls’ soccer team enjoyed an impressive state playoff win against Gardena High on Tuesday but lost in a nail biter to St. Bonaventure on Thursday evening. Our baseball, softball, and track teams are now gearing up for their post-seasons as well.

On another note, I would like to introduce our new head football, Albert Mendoza-Gutierrez. Albert has been an assistant coach at SMHS for the past five years, and four years in the PVHS program before that. Albert is well respected by the existing coaching staff and has already begun organizing summer 7-on-7 events and the weight-lifting program. We are excited to have Albert on our team and have no doubt that he will have continued success with our football program. If you didn’t see his press release, below are the attachments that were included in his district press release. Welcome aboard Albert!!



6-4-21 New Head
Football Coach at SM

Kudo's:

As this is our last 411 of the school year, I’d like to have this last kudos go to everyone; staff, students, and parents. This has been a historically tough year with challenges, grief, stress, and loss. Through it all, I am proud that we kept students’ well-being at the forefront of our decision making, and that we stuck together as a team. As we begin to see next fall on the horizon, we find ourselves in a position to come out of this trial stronger, better trained, more tech-savvy, and more adaptable than ever before. We are not going to miss this year, that is an understatement, but I do think there are many silver linings ahead of us that are a result of our sticking to our vision and sticking together throughout this ordeal. So, Kudo’s to all staff, and may there never be another year like this one!

Message from Administration:

This week's message is merely to finish this next week strong, rest up this summer, and be ready to come back this fall better than ever. Teachers, work with your students to the very end with their grades and missing assignments. Then let's celebrate our graduates on Friday as they, and we, deserve it. Then get away from this place and get your personal batteries recharged..... we are all running on empty right now. Next fall, we are planning to be fully "in person", fully staffed, highly trained, and ready to take this school forward according to the plans we had before COVID changed everything. Congratulations Saints for the completion of the most challenging year public education has ever seen. Finish strong, rest up this summer, get excited for 2021-22!!!

Sincerely,

SMHS Admin