

Santa Maria High School

Principal's 411

12-5-22

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:

12/9/22 Winter Fair (during lunch)
 12/13 Board meeting (6:30pm at DO)
 12/12-16 Healthy Kids Survey (only teachers in PE 9/US History affected)
 12/14 Finals for periods 1,2,7
 12/15 Finals for periods 3,4
 12/16 Finals for periods 5,6
 12/16 Last day before Winter Break (Christmas festivities??)
 1/9 District PD day
 1/10 Site PD day
 1/11 Teacher Work Day
 1/12 Student first day back

This week in Athletic

Santa Maria High School Weekly Athletic Bulletin							
WEEK #18 Dec 5 thru Dec 10 Schedules are TENTATIVE and are subject to change.							
DATE	DAY	TEAM	Time	LOCATATION	OPPONENT	Release	
6-Dec-22	Tues	Boys Basketball	Frosh: 4:30p.m. JV: 5:45p.m. Varsity: 7:15p.m.	SMHS	Pioneer Valley	FS 3:15	
6-Dec-22	Tues	Boys Soccer	3:30 FS 4:45 JV and 6:15 Varsity	SMHS	Golden Valley	FS 2pm	
7-Dec-22	Wed	Girls Wrestling	5:30pm	SMHS	St. Joseph		
7-Dec-22	Wed	Boys Wrestling	JV 5pm Varsity 6pm	SMHS	St. Joseph		
7-Dec-22	Wed	Girls Basketball	JV: 5pm Varsity: 6:30p.m.	Morro Bay	Morro Bay	JV 3pm	
8-Dec-22	Thurs	Boys Basketball	3pm JV and Frosh only	St Joes	Tournament	1:30pm	
8-Dec-22	Thurs	Boys Soccer	3:30 FS 4:45 JV and 6:15 Varsity	SMHS	Santa Ynez	FS 2:00pm	
9-Dec-22	Fri	Girls Frosh	Frosh 3pm	VCA	VCA	FS 1:30pm	
9-Dec-22	Fri	Girls Varsity Basketball	JV: 5pm Varsity: 6:30pm	SMHS	Exeter High		
9-Dec-22	Fri	Boys Soccer	Frosh/JV Tournament 7:45pm	Lompoc	Lompoc		
9-Dec-22	Fri	Girls Soccer	12pm Barney Schwartz Park	Paso Robles	Fresno Christian	9:30am	
10-Dec-22	Sat	Girls Soccer	TBA Barney Schwartz Park	Paso Robles	TBA		
10-Dec-22	Sat	Boys Wrestling	Righetti JV Dual	RHS	RHS		
10-Dec-22	Sat	Boys Wrestling	Reedley Varsity Tour 7am	Reedley HS	Tournament		
10-Dec-22	Sat	Girls Wrestling	7am weigh ins	Hueneme	Tournament		
10-Dec-22	Sat	Boys Soccer	Frosh/JV Tournament 11:30am/3pm	Lompoc	Lompoc		
10-Dec-22	Sat	Boys Soccer	Varsity 9am	SMHS	El Diamante		
10-Dec-22	Sat	Boys Soccer	Varsity 2pm	SMHS	Redwood		

From the principal

This past week we had a very successful all-day Guiding Coalition meeting. The Guiding Coalition is composed of teacher leaders (department chairs), administrators, and counselors who meet with the sole purpose of moving the school forward. In other words, this group puts all else aside to focus solely on long-term achievement goals and long-term planning. This group has been instrumental in the recent progress this school has made and has led us through two very successful WASC visits as a result.

Due to COVID and sub shortages getting this group together for an all-day meeting has been pretty difficult. It was great to get back into this routine and provide the time to discuss school growth. The good news is that this school already has direction and a purpose so there is no need for a major overhaul. As the Mission and Vision above both imply, our belief, and our charge, is that all students can learn at high levels. No one said this was going to be easy, but this is our cause.

I'm proud of the discussions and the plans made within this group and consider us all fortunate to be at a school with a clear focus on promoting kids no matter what it takes. It was great to get the GC cranked back up and look forward to seeing this school's student achievement rise.

From Curriculum & Instruction (Asst Principal Monica Pallan)

As most of you know this time of year there is a lot of focus on assisting seniors with financial aid and completing college applications. As last Wednesday was the UC/CSU application deadline, the guidance/counseling team has been working overtime to help this year's seniors prepare for their life after SMHS. Last year, SMHS had the highest number (and the highest percentage) of seniors apply for a four-year in all of Santa Barbara County. With this year's numbers in, it looks like we will set new records this year as both UC and CSU apps are up significantly from last year. (see below)

Class	UC applications	CSU applications
2022	107	192
2023	141	213

From Student Services (Asst Principal Ivan Diaz)

This week we are busy organizing our next Cafecito meeting. These meetings are designed by parents, and for parents, to provide an informal chance to meet with the principal and other school employees. The meeting will be this Thursday at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Any staff members are welcome and attend and participate.

From the Desk of the Dean of Students – (Jules Manfreda)

Student IDs are finished and in teacher mailboxes. Please hand out the IDs to your students. The expectation now for our students is to show their new IDs whenever they enter campus.

From Special Programs (Asst Principal Tim Vincent)

Juniors and freshmen will be taking part in the California Healthy Kids Survey December 12-16 in their U.S. History and P.E. classes. The purpose of this survey is to obtain information from the students about their knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors that affect learning. It deals with such issues as truancy, safety, harassment, substance use, school connectedness, and learning supports. Students can access the survey using the following link:

<https://wested.ugam-apps.com/wed/ts/n6oe>

English, Science and Math teachers who have been identified as administering the CAASPP this school year should have received an email this past week providing a link to the TOMS security affidavit. This year's CAASPP will be administered to 11th grade students only in their respective subject matter classes during the following weeks:

Science: March 27-31

English: April 17-21

Math: April 24-28