

Principal's Weekly Update 9-26-22

Steven Campbell • about 1 hour ago • Monday, Sep 26 at 2:47 PM • Santa Maria High School

Good afternoon parents and students, this year SMHS is placing a major emphasis on our students completing their A-G requirements. A-G requirements are the courses students must pass during their four years of high school to be eligible to attend a 4-year college. We realize that a 4-year college may not be for every senior but we do believe it is good for students to have the option if that is their dream.

Every year we lose a large number of potential completers throughout their senior year. For example, this year we currently have 290 students on track to complete this spring. Traditionally, only about 200 of these students will still be completers by June. It is difficult to watch students meet these college requirements for 3 out of their 4 years, only to see them not complete their senior year.

Part of this is because there are some challenging courses in the senior year. A much bigger part of the decline is students losing focus as their senior year goes on. To stop this trend, we are doing several things different this year including a robust tutoring program before school (7:30 – 8:30am), emphasizing [tutor.com](https://www.tutor.com) for students (available on our school website), and tracking grades like never before to support these students before they fall off the A-G path.

One form of support happened last Thursday when our senior counseling team put on our first annual **A-G Kick Off Celebration**. The event invited all seniors currently on track to be A-G completers and their parents to a night of dinner and lots of information about A-G requirements and college entry. The purpose of the evening was to get students, teachers, and parents all working together to have these seniors realize every grade matters your senior year! It is our hope that the night was successful and that we see all of these 290 students retain their A-G status. Thank you senior team for going the extra mile to put on this event and emphasize the importance of seniors finishing strong!!

Sincerely,



(Steve Campbell, Principal SMHS)

Tutoring: Students and parents please check out our tutoring options in the below flyer. We are working hard to build tutoring options to support our teachers and their students. Also please remind students they have **tutor.com** available to them on our website under **student resources**.

Reminders:

***Grade reports** should have arrived via Parent Square last week.

***Picture retake date has been changed** from September 20th to **October 11th**. (This was due to Life Touch not being able to hold their originally scheduled date, though not our fault, we apologize for any inconvenience this change may cause)

***Homecoming Activities**

Homecoming Assembly will be Friday morning. Please see below schedule or the 9/22 email from Mr. Salazar for the times and more details.

Homecoming Dance will be Saturday night from 7:00pm to 10:00pm in the SMHS cafeteria.

Homecoming Rally 09/30/2021 (No 3rd Period)						
Period	Time					
1	8:30 - 9:20					
2	9:30 - 10:20					
Break	10:20 - 10:35					
4	10:35 - 11:25	1st Rally: See Map			Time: 10:35 - 11:25	
	11:35 - 12:25	2nd Rally: See Map			Time: 11:35 - 12:25	
Lunch	12:25 - 1:05					
5	1:05 - 1:55					
6	2:05 - 2:55					
7	3:05 - 3:55					

This Week in Athletics

Date	Day	Sport	Time	Opponent	Location	Release
26-Sep-22	Mon	Girls Golf	2p.m. League Tournament	League	Mission Prep	12:15
27-Sep-22	Tues	Girls Volleyball	4:00pm Frosh 5:00 p.m.-JR Varsity: 6:00 p.m.-Varsity	SMHS	Lompoc	2:30pm
27-Sep-22	Tues	Girls Polo	4p.m.-Varsity Girls	Santa Ynez	SMHS	2:30pm
27-Sep-22	Tues	Boys Polo	6:00 - JV Boys only	SMHS	PVHS	
27-Sep-22	Tues	Girls Tennis	3p.m. JV	Orcutt Academy	Orcutt Academy	2:15pm
27-Sep-22	Tues	Girls Tennis	4p.m.-Varsity	Orcutt Academy	SMHS	2:55pm
28-Sep-22	Wed	Girls Golf	3pm	Lompoc	SMCC	1:30pm
28-Sep-22	Wed	Girls Tennis	Clinic at Templeton Tennis Ranch JV and Varsity	N/A	Templeton	1:05pm
29-Sep-22	Thurs	Girls Tennis	4p.m. JV	PVHS	SMHS	
29-Sep	Thurs	Girls Tennis	3p.m. Varsity	PVHS	PVHS	1:45pm
29-Sep-22	Thurs	Girls Volleyball	4:00pm Frosh 5:00 p.m.-JR Varsity: 6:00 p.m.-Varsity	SMHS	Morro Bay	2:55pm
29-Sep-22	Thurs	Girls Polo	3p.m.-JR Varsity Girls: 4p.m.-Varsity Girls	SMHS	Nipomo	1:45pm
29-Sep-22	Thurs	Boys Polo	5p.m.-Varsity Boys	SMHS	Nipomo	
30-Sep-22	Fri	Football	4:30p.m.-JR Varsity 7p.m.-Varsity *Homecoming	Morro Bay	SMHS	2:55 JV
1-Oct-22	Sat	Cross Country	CCAA Mountain Host: Templeton CCAA Ocean Fairbanks	League	Fairbanks	