



PRINCIPAL'S 411

Santa Maria High School

{1-18-21}

Important Items and Reminders:

There have been some questions about the first days of school. Below are some dates/times that should help clarify.

January 11th Professional Development Day (Activities on this day for certificated staff only)

7:25 – 7:45 Light continental breakfast outside of mailroom.

7:45 – 8:30 All certificated zoom with admin

You can join us at the below link Monday morning. You should have also received a calendar invite if you wanted to get this on your calendar sooner.

<https://smjuhsd-org.zoom.us/j/88385495018?pwd=UnVEVGJxOGIIS1Bma0FTUm9JUIJNUT09>

Time	Activity
7:45-10	Site Administrative Time 7:45 - 8:30am Admin all teacher zoom https://smjuhsd-org.zoom.us/j/81042896899?pwd=b2NKY2dVUmZYU0FzZkZ1b1JBNm45UT09 8:30 - 8:40am Break 8:40 - 9:50am Department PLC time
10-11	CoursePrep/Setup Getting off to a good start with your Canvas courses. We will review Grade Sync with Aeries, Importing Content, Adding Other Staff Members, Navigation, Modules, Assignments, Cloud Assignments, and the Student/Parent Experience. There will be demonstrations of how to manipulate your course, including examples and best practices. In addition, we can take a look at common errors and how to both avoid them AND solve them.
11-12	Cameras/Classroom Tech Let's see how these new cameras work! You want to see how to teach in your classroom with the new equipment. We will demonstrate the doc cam and the wide angle cam, including how to use the zones. We want to answer your questions about how to make it work in a real lesson with real people and dealing with the issues that you will face as a teacher.
11-12	Language Line Training The Language Line is a live interpreter service that will be available starting in January. During this training we will demonstrate how to access phones, in person, or Zoom meeting Interpreters with your limited English proficient parents and students. We will download the Insight video remote application to a device that you may utilize when communicating with a limited English proficient parent or student. Please be prepared with a device that can download the app. Please join the below link to learn more: https://www.gotomeet.me/MichelleGarlow
12-1	"Grab and Go" box lunch provided
1-2	Home Pages In the spring, SMJUHS D courses are expected to have some common features in order to have more consistent navigation for students, parents, and staff. Students and parents need to have a consistent way to find student work, zoom sessions, contact info, etc. TeamTosa has created a few templates that are available for you to use and customize in order to simplify this process. Each template allows for teacher customization but has similar navigation features and is intended to be a simple landing page for the course. This session will show you the templates AND show you how to copy them into your course to customize them.
2-3	Zoom Integration

In the spring, all Canvas courses need to have zoom integrated into the Canvas course. Zoom integration ensures the safety of your zoom sessions by allowing only attendees from your Canvas roster to join your meeting. This only takes a couple of minutes to set up and will save you lots of time in the long run. As an added bonus, it also helps support any students that use assistive technology AND it aligns with our overall goal to provide a more consistent Canvas experience for students and parents.

January 12th Staff Workday (Optional Attendance at Teacher's Discretion)

Time	Activity
	Each session will be approximately 30-45 minutes including time for questions with direct examples and brief demonstration of how to use the specific tools listed.
8-9	Turnitin/Revision Assistant/Cloud Assignments
9-10	EdPuzzle/FlipGrid/Formative
10-11	Nearpod
11-12	Storyboard That!
12-1	Lunch On Your Own
1-2	Cameras/Classroom Tech
2-3	Open Office Hours- what questions do you have?

*TeamTosa is planning on being available to SMJUHSd teachers for the first couple of weeks dedicated to helping you set up your classroom technology. If you need assistance with using your cameras, or other tools, please make an appointment with your site Tech TOSA.

*In addition, please continue to email TeamTosa@smjuhsd.org your questions to receive a speedy reply.

*All sessions are via Zoom. Session Zoom links will be sent out via email and accessible through the 20-21 Teacher Tech course in Canvas that all teachers are currently enrolled.

Summary of Next Week

- January 11th: Professional Development Day
- January 12th: Teacher Work Day
- January 13th: Wednesday, would become our Flex Day, so Periods 1-7 Zoom
- January 14th: Thursday, Periods 1-4
- January 15th: Friday, Periods 5-7
- Normal Weekly schedule resumes week of January 18th-22nd.

Athletics:

Wednesday, January 13th: Athletic Pods that had been operating OUTDOORS in the Fall will be allowed to resume on this date. Note: Aquatics program resumption is pending return to duty of City Lifeguards. We will notify asap upon approval from City.

Monday January 25th: Small Group Cohorts (SPED/EL, etc.) performing indoor support activities will be able to resume beginning on this date.

Message from Administration:

As much as I hate to see the end of break, we are excited and motivated to resume working with you and with our students. More so than perhaps any other time in our careers our work with young people is critically important. As we all try to digest what is happening with the COVID pandemic and the political unrest, schools have become critically

important in helping our kids process it all, and at the same time keep the options for their future open and vibrant. So, as we head into the spring of 2021, take pride in the huge role you play in offering stability, compassion, and guidance to the students whom which we serve. To be perfectly honest, there are still a lot of challenges ahead, but as long as everyone knows the importance of our work, and that your efforts are appreciated, I have no doubt that we will thrive. Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone next week.