

Santa Maria High School

Principal's 411

2-18-23

SLO's

S = Socially Adjusted
I = Independent Learner
T = Technologically Savvy

A = Academically Advanced
N = Noteworthy Citizen

Mission

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

Vision

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



Reminders:

- Lincoln's birthday 2/17 (No School)
- President's Day 2/20 (No School)
- All Day Guiding Coalition meeting 2/22, 8:30am - 3:30pm rm 221
- SDM 2/27 4:00pm via zoom

- DC Meeting 3/1/23, 7:15-8:15am Rm. 356
- Student Senate 3/7

This week in Athletics:

Santa Maria High School Weekly Athletic					
WEEK #29 Feb 20 thru Feb 25 Schedules are TENTATIVE and are subj					
DATE	DAY	TEAM	Time	LOCATION	OPPONENT
2/21	Tues	Softball	3:30pm JV	SMHS	VCA
2/21	Tues	Boys Soccer	6pm	TBA	TBA
2/22	Wed	Boys Basketball	6pm	TBA	TBA
2/23	Wed	Boys Golf	1pm	Mission Club	Cabrillo
2/23	Thurs	B/G Wrestling	State Finals	Mechanics Bank Arena	CIF
2/24	Fri	B/G Wrestling	State Finals	Mechanics Bank Arena	CIF
2/25	Sat	B/G Wrestling	State Finals	Mechanics Bank Arena	CIF

From Student Services: (Mr. Diaz)

- SMHS RTI Team will have its 2nd Restorative Practices training at the District Office on Tuesday, February 21st, partnered with Fighting Back Santa Maria.
- SMHS Athletics have ongoing playoffs, SMHS Boys Soccer won against Arroyo Grande HS and will continue TBA, and CIF State Wrestling for both boys and girls if they qualify TBA
- ASB has officer elections at lunch all week.
- Club pictures will take place next week.
- FFA will be conducting it annual FFA Week next week.

From Special Programs: (Mr. Vincent)

Congratulations to our Saint of the Winter Season recipients. Each of the students recognized throughout the year represent approximately 1% of our student population, demonstrating the academic and character traits we so value in our students. Thank you also to the staff members who took the time to nominate such deserving students. This season we honored the following Saints of the Season:

Freshmen: Diego Grimaldo, Linda Manriquez, Julius Medina, Marisol Romero

Sophomores: Edith Camacho, Jennifer Jarquin-Antonio, Victoria Sanchez, Luz Zeferino-Lopez

Juniors: Lizbeth Baez-Aviles, Abraham Carrillo-Galindo, Marc Colores, Johnny Zelaya

Seniors: Brandon Aguirre, Armando Cruz Santiago, Heriberto Mendez Zayas, Lupita Tovar Marquez

From the Principal: (Steve Campbell)

Santa Maria High School Athletics did an outstanding job this week turning a negative incident into a positive outcome. As many of you know, last Thursday (2/9/23) after a soccer match with Arroyo Grande High School, there was somewhat of a melee after the game that did not put either school, SMHS or AGHS, in a very good light. The Referee Association President's report showed that the incident was instigated by the other team but still our reaction to this was not what SMHS condones or strives for.

Immediately after the event, our coaches, athletic director, and admin went to work on making sure nothing like this happened again. We increased the amount of security we'll have at future soccer games, changed the traffic patterns in the stadium to keep home and away fans better separated, and began a series of talks with athletes, coaches, officials, parents, and the media.

As fate would have it, both AGHS and SMHS went on to their post season tournament. When both teams won their first round games the bracket showed that a re-match between the two teams was set for Thursday (2/16/23) just one week after the first incident, this time at AGHS instead of here at SMHS.

A rematch so soon after the original incident was a big concern but I am proud to announce that the talks with parents, coaches, and athletes must have worked as our stands were loud, supportive, yet respectful; our coaches exuded sportsmanship and poise on the sidelines; and our athletes went out on the field and quietly, and with class, beat the heck out of the AG team 3 -1.

All of this is a good story, but the reason I am telling it in this week's 411 is because it is a great example of this importance of the work we do. The influence we have on students and their behavior is more than we sometimes give ourselves credit. The initial incident was a bad day for SMHS, but what the athletic department did about it in response taught our athletes, and our fans, that there is a better way. I believe everyone involved saw the contrast between the two events and agree that the latter was much better. I hope to use this as an example to promote sportsmanship, class, and poise for future athletic events, and for everything else which SMHS is involved. SMHS staff, never underestimate the power your influence has on young people, and never shy away from holding our school community to the highest standard.

As the saying goes, "life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react to it". I'd really like to commend our athletic department, under the leadership of Mr. Ellington, Mr. Diaz, and Coach Cuna for turning a negative event into something we can build upon for a positive future.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Campbell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "C".

(Steve Campbell, Principal SMHS)