

## ***Santa Clara High School Newsletter - August 25, 2021***

### **Principal's Message**

Greetings Santa Clara High School Families!

We hope you have had a restful and healthy summer. We are excited to begin the new (2021-2022) academic school year and we can't wait to welcome your son/daughter back this fall as we are anticipating a safe return to In-Person instruction.

Please welcome our newest faculty members to Santa Clara High School:

1. Elizabeth Oviedo - Campus Minister and Theology Teacher
2. Sean Van Hoven - Mathematics
3. Mary Sofer - Visual and Performing Arts

In addition, please note the following Administrative/Staff changes:

1. Teresa Palmisano (Vice Principal) will now oversee Dean of Student duties.
2. Michelle Mullen (Assistant Principal) will now oversee Director of Activity duties.
3. Abraham Pina is our new Director of Athletics.
4. Patrick Allison is our new Director of Marketing.

We have spent the summer planning around the needs of your son/daughter based on your feedback this past school year by way of email, surveys and personal conversations with the intent of making this year as normal as possible. Although, "normal" may look different, we have made sure to implement the unique traits that make Santa Clara High School special. In doing so, we plan to kick off the school year with the much anticipated traditions that our students and families are accustomed to.

This year's schoolwide theme revolves around "Unity and Mission". This year's theme will be infused in our day to day operations, curriculum, athletics, prayer and

### **School News**

#### **COVID Safety**

For the safety of our students, staff and families, please note the following health safety expectations. Students:

1. Students who are not feeling well, have a fever or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms will need to stay at home and notify the Main Office.
2. All students will be required to wear a mask.
3. All students will go through a daily health screening upon arrival.
4. Students will continue to maintain social distancing.
5. Students will refrain from congregating in large groups.
6. One way traffic will be similar to last year - covered during Orientation review.
7. Students will not be issued lockers; therefore, all students will carry their personal belongings.

Faculty, Staff and Administration:

1. Faculty, Staff and Administration will go through a daily health screening upon arrival.
2. Faculty, Staff and Administration will monitor and educate our students to practice safe health behavior i.e masks, social distancing and following safe school health behavior.
3. Supervise students before/after school, break and lunch.

Santa Clara High School:

1. Fog and disinfect classrooms, restrooms and high activity areas during break and lunch.
2. Issue PPE as needed during the school.
3. Maintain touchless hand sanitizing stations throughout campus.
4. Monitor student health screenings and maintain communication with parents at all times.
5. Continue to work closely with Ventura County Public Health and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

SCHS will continue to monitor weekly information released by Ventura County Public Health and plan accordingly. If COVID-19 cases continue to rise, there may be a possibility of returning to Virtual Instruction and/or Hybrid Instruction.

#### **Wow Dance (8/27/21)**

This Friday, August 27th will be the school's WOW dance from 7:30pm-10:30pm. Please be sure to read the dance guidelines attached. Doors will close at 7:45pm and will open again at 10:00pm.

### **Key Dates**

- 8/23/21-8/27/21: Week of Welcome
- 8/27/21: Wow Dance (7:30-10:30pm)
- 8/29/21: 1-6pm, Season Kick-off Tri-tip Dinner @ Thomas Café
- 9/6/21: Labor Day, NO SCHOOL/OFFICE CLOSED
- 9/8/21: Back to School Night
- 9/9/21: Bingo, 5:30-10:30pm
- 9/13/21: 6-7pm, PTO Meeting (Zoom)
- 9/16/21: Bingo, 5:30-10:30pm
- 9/22/21: School Mass
- 9/23/21: Saint Scholar Banquet
- 9/23/21: Bingo, 5:30-10:30pm
- 9/25/21: SCHS Pop Up Shop Event
- 9/30/21: Bingo, 5:30-10:30pm

### **Athletics**

#### **Girls Volleyball**

- 9/9/21: 4-8pm, @ Dunn
- 9/11/21: Tournament @ Santa Paula (Varsity)
- 9/14/21: 4-8pm, @ Villanova
- 9/18/21: Tournament @ Santa Paula (Junior Varsity) 9/21/21: @ Providence
- 9/23/21: @ Villanova
- 9/25/21: Tournament @ Santa Paula (F/S)
- 9/27/21: 4-8pm, vs. Bishop Diego (Home game)
- 9/28/21: 4-8pm, vs. Dunn (Home game)
- 9/30/21: 4-8pm, Vs. Villanova (Home game)

#### **Football**

- 9/3/21: 7-9pm, vs. Orcutt Academy (Home game) 9/10/21: 3-5pm, @ Milken Community
- 9/17/21: 7-9pm, vs. Coast Union (Home game)
- 9/24/21: 7-9pm, vs. Hillcrest Christian (Home game)

#### **Golf**

- 9/17/21: Tournament

#### **Girls Tennis**

- 9/21/21: vs. Providence (Oxnard Tennis Center)
- 9/23/21: @ Villanova
- 9/28/21: @ La Reina

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**Transportation Services**

SCHS is currently offering transportation to the school. Two stops are scheduled:

- 1.) Salzer's in Ventura - Departing at 7:20 a.m.
- 2.) B.J.'s in North Oxnard - Departing at 7:35

If you are interested in transportation, please contact the school's main office. The 2021-2022 transportation fee will be \$50 per month, billed to your SMART account. Available seating is limited.

**Logging Service Hours**

Parent service hours will be documented using the CLOCKIFY APP.

All new SCHS parents should have received an email invitation from CLOCKIFY to set up your account. If you are a returning parent and are not set up in Clockify, please contact Ms. Valenzuela. Once you have set up your account, click on the link below for video instructions on how to use CLOCKIFY for Desktop (Computer/Laptop) or Phone APP.

We appreciate your partnership in maintaining records of your parent hours.

[CLICK HERE FOR VIDEO INSTRUCTIONS](#)

If you need help with the app, please feel free to arrange a quick, in-person meeting Ms. Valenzuela. Feel free to email with any questions: [mvalenzuela@santaclarahighschool.com](mailto:mvalenzuela@santaclarahighschool.com)

**Friday Spirit Wear**

Friday's are SPIRIT wear days for students, faculty and staff. Friday Spirit dress is a privilege, not a right. The following apply on Fridays of each month or special events as scheduled. If there is no school on a Friday, spirit dress will be allowed on the last day of school for the week. If a mass day falls on a Friday, students will not be allowed to wear spirit dress and must wear the appropriate mass attire.

Acceptable:

- Blue jean pants may be worn in good condition without holes or patches, tatters, fringe, or frayed
- S.C. attire only (i.e. S.C. Athletic shirts, S.C. spirit t-shirt, letterman jackets, Class t-shirt, S.C.)
- Outerwear must be Santa Clara clothing such as athletic gear, clubs, or spirit.
- SC hooded sweatshirts may be worn but hoods must be off during school
- Regular school day dress may also be worn

Not acceptable:

- Jean shorts
- Cargo shorts
- Jean skirts
- Gym shorts
- Joggers

\*\*\*\*Spirit Dress violations will result in loss of future dress privileges  
\*\*\*\*Note: Every Friday is Spirit Dress day as stated above, NOT FREE DRESS.

**Student Business**

- **2021-2022 Uniform Pants Policy**

Class of 2022,  
You have previously been notified that there has been a change in policy in regards to the dress code the upcoming 2021-2022 school year - specifically regarding the pants. Usually senior privileges are not given until after the school year has begun, however, due to time and price sensitivity it has been approved as a senior privilege to allow the Class of 2022 to wear pants and shorts that are not provided by Dennis Uniforms as long as they abide by the following dress code policy in the handbook:

**Pants/Walking Shorts**

**Acceptable:**

- Navy blue or desert sand/khaki twill pants and walking shorts provided by Dennis Uniforms.
- Walking shorts - no shorter than 4 inches above the knee or longer than 2 inches below the knee.

**Not Acceptable:**

- No denim, lycra, jogger or cargo pants.
- No baggy or pants worn low
- No frayed or cut pants/shorts.
- No skin-tight pants or hip-huggers
- No Jeggings, overalls, coveralls, sweat/warm-up pants, dance/stretch pants
- No capri style pants

**PTO Business**

- The first PTO meeting will be held on 9/13/21. The meeting will be held on Zoom. Please look for the announcement soon and join us!

**Parent Volunteer Opportunities**

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