



SPARTAN PARENT UPDATE

January 2021

Hello Spartan parents,

IMPORTANT DATES:

- January 15 - last day for cap and gown orders
- January 19 - due date for Visions of Unity contest
- January 22 - last day to pre-order a yearbook
- January 29 - last day to submit yearbook portraits

Happy New Year! As I sit down to write this, I realize the calendar may say a new year, but in education we all live by the academic calendar. For us, this year will not truly be over until June. The upside is that our new year, September, still holds the possibility of coming back to school in that old fashioned live way we all miss so much! So, here's to a great remainder of this school year along with very high hopes for a much better 2021-2022 school year!

But for now, we are still in the midst of a surge, so no one knows when kids are coming back. What I can tell you, is that we are ready as a campus to welcome students back as soon as we can do it safely. That target remains a moving one, but we are still holding out hope that a couple of months could make a big difference. So for now, let's finish this semester strong and start the new one fresh and ready to tackle whatever comes our way!

It's January, and that means finals are coming January 20th-22nd. Monday January 18th is MLK day, so on Tuesday 1/19 students will have a Wednesday schedule so they can see each teacher before finals begin on Wednesday. The schedule has 2 finals a day and a 3rd period for Intervention/Support. Please encourage your student to make good use of this time for any extra support they may need.

SHS Final Exam Schedule

Tuesday	January 19th (Wed. Schedule for Review)	1st Per:	10:15-10:50
		2nd Per:	10:55-11:30
		Break:	11:30-11:45
		3rd Per:	11:45-12:20
		4th Per:	12:25-1:00
		Lunch:	1:00-1:40
		5th Per:	1:45-2:20
		6th Per:	2:25-3:00
Wednesday	January 20th	2nd Per:	9-10:15
Finals	(Per 2 and 4)	4th Per:	10:30-11:45
		Lunch:	11:45-12:30
		<i>Spartan Seminar:</i>	12:30-1:45
		Student Support	2:00-3:00
Thursday	January 21st	1st Per:	9-10:15
Finals	(Per 1 and 3)	3rd Per:	10:30-11:45
		Lunch:	11:45-12:30
		<i>Spartan Seminar:</i>	12:30-1:45
		Student Support	2:00-3:00
Friday	January 22nd	<i>Spartan Seminar:</i>	9-10:15
Finals	(Per 5 and 6)	5th Per:	10:30-11:45
		Lunch:	11:45-12:30
		6th Per:	12:30-1:45
		Student Support	2:00-3:00

Last Week of Tutoring for this Semester
We do take walk-ins!

January 11 -14, from 3:30-4:30
Click the following links to log in:

- [Monday Link](#)
- [Tuesday Link](#)
- [Wednesday Link](#)
- [Thursday Link](#)

Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- January 18 -- NO SCHOOL!



SENIORS
CAP & GOWN INFO
(What you need to know...)

****Very Important:** What is **REQUIRED** for Graduation is that all students have a cap, gown and standard tassel. Because the gown type has changed, all seniors will have to purchase **OR** borrow a cap and gown unit. Students will **not** be permitted to wear caps and gowns from prior years.

- If you want to **PURCHASE** the Cap and Gown Unit, which includes a cap, gown and standard grad tassel, you will select that option at a price of \$22.83.
In order to make this purchase, you can order via the website at Jostens.com, phone in an order at 1-800-JOSTENS or complete the mail-in order form and send it in.
- If you want to **BORROW** the Cap and Gown Unit, which includes a cap, gown and standard grad tassel, you will select that option by completing the "Borrow Cap Gown Tassel Program" form and mailing it to Jostens, 17252 Hawthorne Blvd 263, Torrance, CA 90504 **BY JANUARY 15, 2021**. You **do not** include payment of any kind, just send in the form by the deadline. You will be expected to return all 3 pieces of the borrowed cap and gown unit when picking up your diplomas.
- There are a variety of other packages and a la carte items to choose from if you'd like to purchase Graduation Announcements, buy a Class Ring, order Senior Merchandise or souvenir tassels. To purchase one of these packages, you can go to Jostens.com, phone in an order at 1-800-JOSTENS, or complete the mail in order form and send it in.



ATHLETIC TRYOUT DATES

Please visit the following spreadsheet for tryout dates, times, and locations. Any athlete wishing to tryout will need to have completed the Athletic Clearance process and submitted all necessary paperwork prior to attending. More information will also be posted in the weekly "In the Loop" announcements.

[Tryout Information Link](#)

Visions of Unity

Contest Categories:

Essay, Poetry, Short Story, Painting, Drawing, Computer Art, Sculpture

Enter online by January 19, 2021

Students: Find your voice. Engage in the issues. Review recent history. Relate your experience. Convey convictions. Express the path to unity.



www.visionsofunity.com

MENTAL HEALTH CORNER

BRITTANY STANLEY, OUR SCHOOL THERAPIST, IS OFFERING A TORRANCE PARENTING GROUP PRESENTED BY SAGE.

**EMAIL HER FOR INFO AND MEETING LINKS:
 STANLEY.BRITTANY@TUSD.ORG**

ALSO CHECK OUT HER WELLNESS PAGE ON THE SHS WEBSITE!



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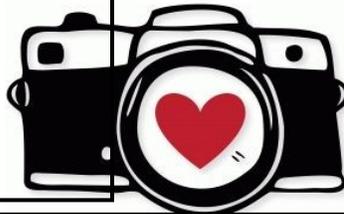
PSAT - JANUARY 26

**For Juniors only! If you previously signed up for the in person PSAT/NMSQT exam scheduled for Tuesday, January 26th, you should have received a confirmation email on January 4th. If you did not receive a confirmation email and you know you signed up, check in with Ms. Ramirez as soon as possible in order to ensure you are on the list.

9-11 GRADE YEARBOOK PORTRAITS

Due to COVID, we will be asking all 9th-11th graders to submit self-portraits through a Jostens app.

- Information will be published with an instructional video and Google Slide presentation that will explain how students are to submit their pictures. This information will go out on Friday, January 15th. **ALL YEARBOOK PORTRAITS WILL BE DUE BY FRIDAY, JANUARY 29TH.**
- **Very Important:** Please help your students adhere to the guidelines for taking their portraits. There are expectations and do's and don'ts. South High reserves the right to not include any portrait that does not adhere to the parameters.



COURSE SCHEDULING FOR 2021-2022

We are already planning how to schedule student classes for next year! Freshmen will start meeting with their counselors at the end of February, and Sophomores and Juniors will meet in March. We will collect scheduling selections online and counselors will have individual student meetings virtually during English classes. Details to follow. Look for more scheduling information, including student transcripts, to be mailed out in February.



LAST DAY TO PRE-ORDER YEARBOOKS:

FRIDAY JANUARY 22

- Purchase can be made at the South High Web Store at: <https://southhighschool.myschoolcentral.com> for \$110.
- VERY few extras will be purchased at the end of the year to sell, so secure your book NOW!
- Students also have multiple ways to get in the yearbook. Please take a look at "In the Loop" under the Yearbook section where all the current Yearbook submissions assignments are listed along with due dates to submit the pictures. Your students have unlimited options to be featured in the yearbook. Please encourage your students to take advantage of this unique opportunity. "In the Loop" can be found under the "Bulletins" on the web site, and they are emailed to parents directly each week.



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