



Hello Spartan Families,

Quarter 1 has ended and we are settling back into the groove of being on campus. The next 4 weeks until Winter Break will fly by, so I wanted to take a moment to highlight some of the amazing things happening. Our students have really stepped up to the challenge of building our Spartan School Culture, and campus is returning to the wonderful environment we all know and love. There's lots more to come in the second quarter as our CTE, Forensic and Winter Sports teams all gear up for action! South really is a special place to be!

What is not so special is the traffic situation at the front of the school on PCH in both the morning and afternoon! There have been far too many near misses lately, and I don't want to wait until a student gets hit or there is an accident. **PLEASE DO NOT DROP YOUR STUDENT OFF ON PCH, SWERVE THROUGH THE DRIVEWAY TO EXIT THE WAY YOU CAME IN, PULL PAST THE DRIVEWAY TO DROP THEM OFF ON PCH, DOUBLE PARK IN THE EMERGENCY LANE IN FRONT OF SCHOOL or BLOCK NEIGHBORHOOD DRIVEWAYS.** Our campus security personnel helping with traffic have had several close calls, and students accessing campus on foot or by bike are in danger. We have contacted Torrance Police to ask them to begin ticketing cars that are dropping students off on PCH. I understand the congestion associated with getting 2,000 students on campus in the morning is frustrating, but we want them here safely. Please consider arriving before 7:40 when traffic is much lighter, or arrange a safe off campus spot within a short walking distance for drop off and pick up. Thank you for your help in keeping us safe!



## MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER

PTA hosted a Parent Education Night on November 17th. Alex Gray, a professional surfer born and raised here in the South Bay, spoke on teen stress, depression and self-medication. Alex's message is very personal; he lost his own brother to an overdose. I encourage you to have your students join you to watch the recording as this education night is for every parent and student.

[Here is the link to watch the recording of his message](#)

## QUARTER 1 GRADES

Quarter 1 Grades are in and posted on PowerSchool! Remember, quarter grades are really a formal progress report half way through the semester. There is still time to move that grade with some extra support and effort. If your student is struggling, make sure they sign up for weekly Spartan Seminars. This additional 50 minutes of help can make the difference in understanding a concept taught that week while it is still fresh. Additionally, CSF tutoring is available in the library every Monday through Thursday and pairs your student with a peer who has successfully completed the course they tutor. Students are encouraged to choose a tutor and commit to working at least once a week with that person to build a relationship and really see their efforts pay off! And lastly, encourage your student to talk to their teacher; asking questions and getting clarification as needed helps them from getting too far behind!



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Please be sure to still submit the **Income Form** in Titan to help the District receive ongoing state and federal funding.

## FREE MEALS EXTENDED 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT PARENT HELP NEEDED! Click on the QR Code and help our school! Completion of this income form helps the District maintain funding for our very important support programs, which include intervention, additional academic counseling, socio-emotional counseling, and reading recovery at our school sites.

## FALL SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Fall was filled with outstanding activities from many of our programs! Every single Fall Sport made it to CIF playoffs this year! Take a look at some of our accomplishments.

### Canned Food Drive

SHS ASB enlisted the help of our 6 feeder schools and absolutely smashed our old record of 24,279 cans collected in a single year with a whopping 28,000 collected this year! Thank you to every student, parent and community member who worked so hard on this great project!



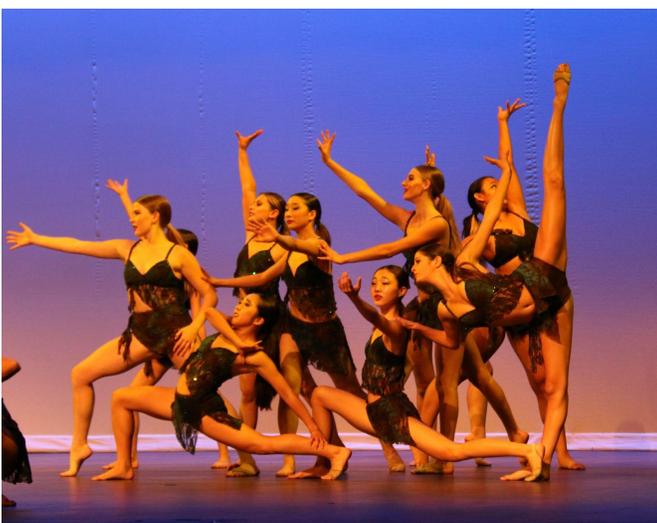
## Drama production -- "Clue"

It's not too late to catch our Fall production of Clue in the SHS Performing Arts Center with performances scheduled for both Friday Nov. 19, 7pm and Saturday Nov. 20, 2 pm. Tickets available at the door \$12.



## Band Competitions

Our amazing Band completes another award winning field show season this weekend. They will be competing in the State Championship in Huntington Beach competing against 100 bands from all over California. Under the direction of Tom King, South High has placed first or second in every competition this year, including High Music and High Percussion awards in each of those competitions.



## Fall Dance Show

The dance program held their Fall show this year with over xxx students participating in over xxx numbers. This program includes our Beginning and Intermediate dance students in addition to the outstanding Advanced Dance and SHAM teams led by Sacha Mendivil.

## Girls Golf Team League Champs and Individual League Champion

SHS Girls won the Bay League Title for the first time since 2000. Junior Emma Kang was the Bay League champion and Player of the year. Sofia Porzio also made All Bay League 1st team, and Emma Park was All Bay League 2nd team.



## Girls Tennis Team League Champs

Continuing the legacy, the SHS girls Tennis team once again claimed the Pioneer League Title. Smilia Matovic took the Individual League Title in Singles and the team of Alyssa Lee and Mia Jovic won League Champs in Doubles.

## Cross Country CIF Prelims

Boys and girls both qualified for CIF Finals and will be competing at Mt. San Antonio this weekend. South Girls took first in League while the Boys came in 3rd.



## Boys Water Polo 2nd Round CIF

The Boys took 2nd in League and made it to Round 2 of CIF.



## Girls Volleyball 2nd Round CIF

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## Football First Round CIF

Football took 4th in league, but won an at-large bid to compete in the First Round of CIF.

