

SPARTAN SCRIBE

*SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL*

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www.tusd.org/schools/shs

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"South High School"

"South High School
PTA"

SHS Parent Handbook

can be found on the
SHS Website under
"South High PTA" link



President's Message

South High Students & Families,

Welcome new and returning students! I hope everyone had a relaxing summer and was able to stay healthy during these unprecedented times. Your 2020-2021 PTA is already hard at work and has the following programs planned for our Spartans:

ACT Practice Tests (9/12) – Sophomores & Juniors...take a full-length practice ACT test online. Quick test results and individualized feedback from Princeton Review are included. Scroll down for registration information.

Study Skills Seminar (9/23) – This seminar is designed to help entering high school freshmen and new sophomores gain better study habits and learning skills to succeed in high school. This year's seminar will be held online and will cover the many facets of virtual learning. See flyer below.

Reflections Art Contest – The theme of this year's contest is "I Matter Because..." and we encourage students to take part in the category of their choice. We can't wait to see what you create! More information can be found below.

We were excited to treat our hard-working staff to a **Welcome Back Lunch** (grab 'n go style) last week. Nearly 100 members of our SHS community enjoyed a box lunch from **Torrance Bakery** - what a great way to start off the year.

You can show YOUR support for the SHS PTA by making a **Direct Donation** and becoming a **PTA Member**! Information for both can be found in this newsletter. Thank you to those families that have already done so!

If you have any questions regarding the PTA or would like to volunteer, please contact me at dcdiederich17@gmail.com.

Go Spartans!

Deanna Diederich
South High PTA President

2020 - 2021 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD...



President – Deanna Diederich
 Executive VP – Jennifer Fisher
 1st VP – Gina Magee
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 Parliamentarian – Olga DiFranco

SENIORS...

- Senior Blanket orders due November 6th – order form below
- Stay tuned for GRAD Night information
- Senior Yearbook Ads due December 11th

SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS

due 12/11/20 to Jostens

Full page - \$300

Half page - \$175

Quarter page - \$85

ROCK THE VOTE...



September 22nd is National Register to Vote Day!

November 3rd is the General Election!

Attention 18-year olds...are you registered to vote?

Attention 16-17 year olds...have you pre-registered to vote?

Make sure your voice will be heard this November!

To pre-register or register online: <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>.

What you will need:

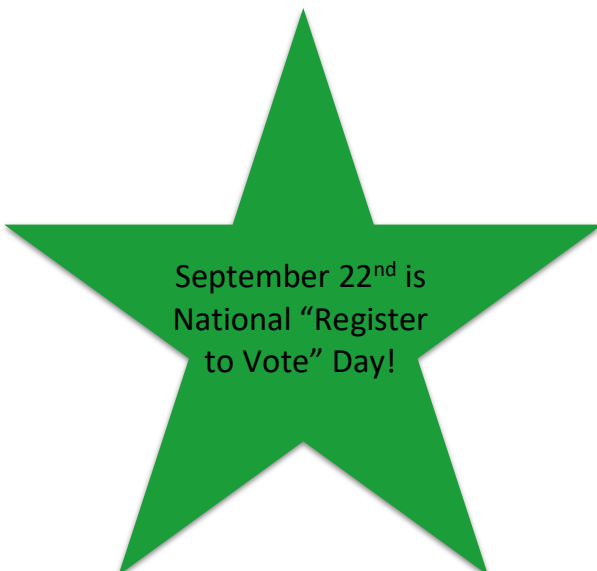
- Your California driver license or California identification card number*
- The last four digits of your social security number
- Your date of birth.
- Online registration closes October 20th

* If you do not have a California driver license or California identification card, you can still apply to register to vote. However, you will need to take additional steps to complete your voter registration. Take part in democracy and register today!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

September

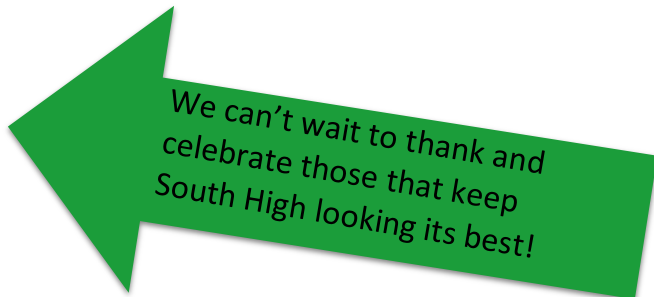
2 nd	PTA Board Meeting*, 7pm
7 th	Labor Day (no school)
8 th -11 th	Club Rush Week
12 th	ACT Practice Test*
16 th	Back-To-School Night & PTA Association Meeting*
22 nd	Rock the Vote*
23 rd	Study Skills Seminar*
26 th	Road Map to College
28 th	Non-Teaching Day – no school
29 th -2 nd	Homecoming Week



September 22nd is
National "Register
to Vote" Day!

October

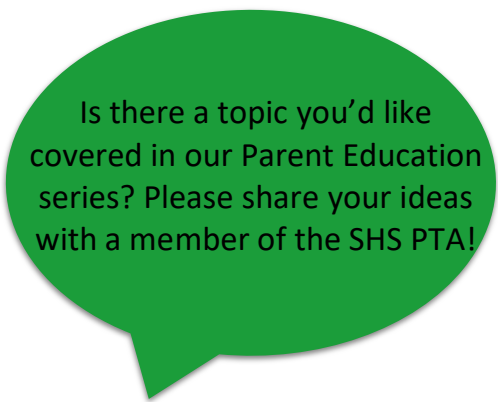
2 nd	Custodian Appreciation Day*
3 rd	Homecoming Dance
3 rd -4 th	Relay for Life
7 th	PTA Board Meeting*, 7pm
9 th	Reflections* entries due
12 th	Staff Development - no school
26 th -30 th	Red Ribbon Week
30 th	End of Quarter 1



We can't wait to thank and
celebrate those that keep
South High looking its best!

November

3 rd	Election Day
4 th	PTA Board Meeting*, 7pm
11 th	Veteran's Day – no school
18 th	Parent Education Night* & Association Meeting*
20 th	Class Competition #1
25 th – 27 th	Thanksgiving Holiday – no school
30 th -4 th	Geek Week



Is there a topic you'd like
covered in our Parent Education
series? Please share your ideas
with a member of the SHS PTA!

*denotes PTA-sponsored event

STUDENT ACTIVITIES HIGHLIGHTS...

~Vicki Hildreth, Activities Director

WELCOME BACK SPARTANS! I know that we are beginning an unusual year, however, rest assured the Activities Program will go on! ASB and Class Councils are working extremely hard to create meaningful activities for the South High student body and we can't wait to show you just how creative we can be! What will be vital for all students and parents, is that you follow the communication outlets we have to stay well-informed...our South High Website, South High Facebook, ASB Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube are all excellent sources of information for both students and parents alike.

Clubs will be playing a critical role for students, as it is here our students take solace in their passions. We will be hosting a virtual Club Rush where all South High students will be able to take part in information sessions from each of our clubs, learn how to join, and what projects they will be working on this first semester. We encourage ALL students to participate in Club Rush and find an outlet where they can make friends and share interests. Our target date is mid-September.

We are also encouraging students to become Members at Large for each of their Class Councils. This group of students help their class in all the activities that the Class plans, such as Class Comp, fundraising, spirit weeks, Homecoming, celebrating student athletes/performers/scholars, and much more. Students complete an application and return to the Activities Office by September 11. Members at Large function much like a club on campus and will meet regularly with their Class Councils to plan events/activities. It's a great way to get involved and help your class.

Senior Portraits and Yearbook pictures will be taken on campus during the months of September and October. Students will be given appointments, including a time and campus location to report to. Seniors will take three pictures (cap and gown, yearbook, & other); Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen will take yearbook pictures, which will double as ID pictures. We will practice social distancing, and students will be required to wear masks. LifeTouch Photography has been trained in all CDC guidelines to ensure that our students will be safe.

For those of you still struggling with the decision of whether to purchase the ASB/Yearbook package, please be advised that our package deal will be available through the month of January 2021. This package, sold for \$110, guarantees your student a yearbook at the end of the year, and free and/or discounted admission to activities such as school BBQs, sporting events, school dances, and more. The Activities Office promises you, it will be worth the money, plus you are getting a yearbook for half the price. To purchase, go to our South High website and find the SHS WebStore link. Be sure to follow the instructions for purchase carefully.

We wish all our Spartans a healthy and happy start to this school year...under these circumstances, it is important we all come together and make the absolute best of the situation. We encourage our students to participate in the activities that make South High such an amazing place to be!

Happy 2020-21 School Year, Spartans...we've missed you!

SOUTH HIGH MEDIA:



South High School

@south_spartans



South High



@southhighspartans



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PTA DIRECT DONATION...



DIRECT DONATION DRIVE 2020-2021

Welcome Back, Spartans!

A new school year is upon us - in fact, a very different school year than any of us imagined. First and foremost, we hope this letter finds you and your families all healthy and well. As we move forward with our distance learning school year, we take this opportunity to invite you to join our team and donate to the SHS Direct Donation Drive. Through this, our main fundraiser of the year, every donation counts and every student benefits! With so many unknowns at this time, the SHS PTA strives to maintain its traditional programs that students and staff all enjoy. It's fast, easy and 100% of your donation goes directly to the SHS PTA - and is tax deductible!

What Does Your Money Support?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Back Staff Lunch • Reflections Art Program • Teacher and Staff Appreciation • Student Scholarships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campus Beautifications & Projects • "Now That You are 18" Voting Program • Parent Education & Guest Speakers • School Improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library Upgrades • College Fair • Red Ribbon Week • Student Support – Study Skills
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A suggested donation is \$50 per student, but all donations are appreciated and will help us fund the many activities we have planned. Donations are accepted all year round, however, donations received during registration will receive a "SPARTAN STRONG" wristband.

By check, make payable to SHS PTA. Drop off or mail to the school office. Or, you can add your donation when you purchase your PTA membership through the SHS online portal:

<https://jointotem.com/ca/torrance/south-high-pta/join/register>

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Please complete this form and return to school with your payment, attention SHS PTA.

Thank you for helping us make South High School the best it can be!

Student Name: _____ Amount: _____

Grade/Homeroom Teacher: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

I will file a matching donation! _____ Company Name: _____

Thank you for your generosity!

CORPORATE MATCHING PROGRAM

Employer donations represent over 10% of our Direct Donation income!

Please ask your employer if they have a matching-donation program. You initiate the request and we'll do the rest!

PARITAL LIST OF PARTICIPATING COMPANIES:

*Bank of America	*Edison	*Northrop Grumman
*Boeing	*Exxon	*Raytheon
*BP Foundation	*Honda	*RE/MAX Palos Verdes Realty
*Charles Schwab	*Honeywell	*Scitor Corporation
*Time Warner	*JP Morgan	*Sempra Energy
*Disney	*Mattel	*Wells Fargo

PTA RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Over the last few years, with your support, the SHS PTA has been able to contribute to some amazing school improvements, such as the recent library renovation and the upgraded landscaping. South High has never looked better!



With your continued support this next year, SHS PTA hopes to further provide and support programs that will aid our students and staff with the blended and distance learning methods. As stated, there are many unknowns, but KNOWING we can count on our SHS family to assist our school and students in this uncertain time is the best gift of all! Thank you for supporting South High School once again!

Attn: South High PTA
 4801 Pacific Coast Highway
 Torrance, CA 90505
www.shs-torrance-ca.schoolloop.com
 SHS PTSA Tax ID #95-6207437

Any questions, please contact VP Ways & Means, Andi Libuser, at andilibuser@hotmail.com.

PTA MEMBERSHIP...

SOUTH HIGH PTA MEMBERSHIP 2020-2021



ONLINE MEMBERSHIP!

Visit <https://jointotem.com/ca/torrance/south-high-pta/join/register> to register and make your credit card payment online.

***Direct Donations may also be made through this portal and are tax deductible.**

QUESTIONS? Contact VP of Membership Debby Ley at shortdebby4@gmail.com.

WHY?

PTA advocates for students AND helps fund PARENT ED NIGHT, LIBRARY UPGRADES, COLLEGE FAIR, and more!

WHO?

Anyone can join! STUDENTS, PARENTS, TEACHERS, FAMILY & FRIENDS

Just **\$10**
per member!

HOW?

Complete bottom of flyer & return with payment OR through online program!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

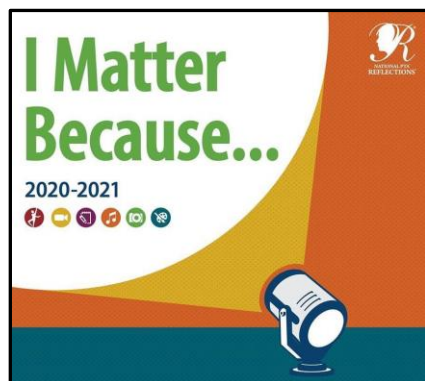
Sign up to be eligible to apply for several local scholarships.

MEMBER BENEFITS INCLUDE SAVINGS AT THE FOLLOWING:

AQUARIUM of the PACIFIC,
CALIFORNIA ACADEMY of SCIENCES,
"GOOD HOUSEKEEPING" magazine,
LEGOLAND, HERTZ, OFFICE MAX,
OFFICE DEPOT, & more!

MEMBER #1 MEMBER NAME:	MEMBER #2 MEMBER NAME:	MEMBER #3 MEMBER NAME:	MEMBER #4 MEMBER NAME:
PARENT	PARENT	PARENT	PARENT
STUDENT	STUDENT	STUDENT	STUDENT
STAFF	STAFF	STAFF	STAFF
OTHER	OTHER	OTHER	OTHER
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REFLECTIONS...



“I MATTER BECAUSE...”

is the theme for this year’s Reflections Art Program.

Find your inner artist!

What is the Reflections program?

Reflections is a PTA Art Recognition and Achievement Program that encourages expression through a pre-selected theme in the following categories:

Dance Choreography

Film Production

Literature

Music Composition

Photography

Visual Arts

Select a category and tell us how your work relates to the theme,

“I MATTER BECAUSE...”.

Official Rules and Entry Forms can be found online at

<https://capta.org/resource/participant-forms/>

Due date for entries is October 9th.

Any questions? Please contact Reflections Chair Christina Antaky at

christinaantaky@gmail.com.



SAT® | ACT®

Full-Length Online Practice Test:

ACT®

When?

Saturday, September 12th, 9am-12:45pm PST

How to Register?

ACT PRACTICE TEST:

<http://bit.ly/SouthHSACT>

Or Use QR code to register!



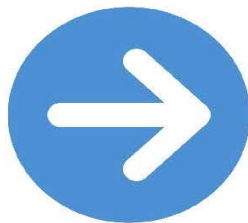
A customized score report consultation to be followed!

Price: \$20

Mail check to: 4801 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance CA, 90505

Payable: South High PTA

**For more information contact Keith Musick
note2musick@yahoo.com or
310-326-5047**



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Study Skills & Test Taking Strategies Online Seminar



Wednesday, September 23, 2020

6:00 – 7:30pm ~ via Zoom

Fee: \$20 (check payable to South High PTA)

This is an opportunity for your student to set goals and identify personal strengths and weaknesses in order to get the most out of his/her four years at South High School. This 1 ½ hour intensive course in study skills and techniques will aid your SHS student in focusing on and attaining positive academic results.

Seminar will cover:

- Analyzing Your Learning Style
- Taking Lecture Notes
- Managing Your Time
- Reading for Results
- Test Taking Strategies
- Relating to Your Teachers
- Learning “Pro-Actively”

This seminar is designed to help entering high school *freshmen and new sophomores* gain better study habits and learning skills. It will be taught by an inspirational and motivational speaker who is a certificated teacher and experienced study skills educator.

Mail form/payment to South High School PTA, 4801 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, CA 90505.

**A Zoom link & password will be sent by email prior to seminar.
One student per screen. Appropriate classroom behavior is mandatory.
NO REFUNDS.**

For further information, please contact Keith Musick at note2musick@yahoo.com.

STUDY SKILLS - REGISTRATION FORM

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email address for Zoom link: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

Make checks payable to South High School PTA

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021 BLANKET ON SALE NOW!!



**A Treasured Keepsake
Great Holiday Gift
Order by November 6th!!**

\$50.00!!



❖ **Size: 50 X 70**

❖ **100% Cotton Blend**

❖ **Machine Washable**

❖ **Pre-shrunk, Color fast**

❖ **Woven in the USA**

Senior's Name:	
Parent Email:	
Parent Text/Phone Number:	

*** Make Checks Payable to SHS Grad Night ***

Mail to: Jennifer Fisher, 4011 232nd Street, Torrance 90505

Quantity	
Total Price	X \$50 = _____
Paid	Cash or Check # _____

Date Picked Up:
Signature:

Questions? Contact Jennifer Fisher at jfisher0525@yahoo.com