

SPARTAN SCRIBE

*SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL PTA
A CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL*

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www.tusd.org/schools/shs

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SHS Parent Handbook

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

SHS Activities

<https://shs-student-activities.squarespace.com/>



South High Students & Families,

Welcome new and returning students! We hope everyone had a relaxing, rejuvenating, & healthy summer. Things are looking up for the 2021-2022 school year and we couldn't be more excited. Your PTA is thrilled to be back at work, planning the following programs for our Spartans:

Study Skills Seminar (9/8) – 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. See flyer below.

SAT & ACT Practice Tests (9/11 & 10/23) – Sophomores & juniors can take a full-length practice SAT and/or ACT test in preparation for the real thing. Quick test results and individualized feedback from Princeton Review are included. Scroll down for registration information.

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

We were so happy to support our hard-working teachers and staff by treating them to a **Welcome Back Lunch** this past week. Delicious food from **TNT Aloha Cafe** - what a great way to start off the year. See pictures on page 12.

You can show YOUR support by making a **Direct Donation** to the PTA 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 us at the emails below. We're looking forward to a great year! Go Spartans!

Michelle Briggs, SHS PTA President
MichelleBriggs1@gmail.com

Deanna Diederich, SHS PTA Vice President
DcDiederich17@gmail.com

SENIORS...

- GRAD Night “early bird” ticket price thru October 22nd – flyer below
- Class of 2022 Blanket orders due November 15th – order form below
- Senior Yearbook Ad “early bird” prices thru December 31st – see the Senior Central page on SHS website

SENIOR YEARBOOK ADS

due 12/31/21 to Jostens

Full page - \$300

Half page - \$175

Quarter page - \$85

ROCK THE VOTE...



September 28th is National “Register to Vote” Day!

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

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

If not, join senior Avery McDowell & the SHS Civics Club during lunch on Tuesday, September 28th! They’ll walk you through the process and make sure your voice is heard!

For more info visit: www.highschoolvoterregistration.org

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.

* 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!**

SHS PTA 2021-2022 EXECUTIVE BOARD...

President – Michelle Briggs

Executive VP – Deanna Diederich

1st VP – Gina Magee

2nd VP – Colan Kwock

3rd VP – Suzanne French

4th VP – Theresa Mummery

Recording Secretary – Julie Sullivan

Treasurer – Cheryl Yamashita

Financial Secretary – Sarah McCanless

Auditor – Yvonne Beck

Historian – Kathy Patterson

Corresponding Secretary – Debby Ley

Parliamentarian – Olga DiFranco



UPCOMING EVENTS...

September

1 st	PTA Board Meeting*, 7pm
6 th	Labor Day - no school
8 th	<i>Study Skills Seminar*</i> , postponed to 10/13
11 th	<i>Practice SAT Test*</i> , 9am - postponed
16th-17th	No school
22nd	Back-To-School Night & PTA Association Meeting*
25 th	Road Map to College, 8:30am
28 th	Rock the Vote, 12:30pm

October

6 th	PTA Board Meeting*, 7pm
13 th	Study Skills Seminar
22 nd	GRAD Night early bird deposits due*
23 rd	Practice ACT Test*, 9am
TBA	Reflections entries due*

November

3rd	PTA Board Meeting*, 7pm
5th	End of Quarter 1
11 th -12 th	Veteran's Day – no school
15 th	Class of 2022 Blanket orders due*
17 th	Parent Education Night* & PTA Association Meeting*
22 nd – 26 th	Thanksgiving Holiday – no school

*denotes PTA-sponsored event

PTA DIRECT DONATION...



Welcome Back Spartans!

A new school year is here and we are excited to work together, as a South High family, to make this a truly memorable one. We're ready to move forward ...continuing to overcome challenges and *Building a Better Tomorrow* for our kids.

Please donate to the SHS PTA Direct Donation Drive.

YOUR PTA DONATIONS SUPPORT:

- Outdoor Lunch Benches
- Library Upgrades
 - College Fair
 - Reflections Art Program
 - Student Scholarships
- Campus Beautification & Projects
 - "Now That You Are 18" Voting Program
 - Teacher & Staff Appreciation
- Red Ribbon Week
- School & Campus Improvements
 - Safety & Emergency Prep
- Welcome Back Teachers/Staff Luncheon

Donating is fast, easy, and **tax-deductible**. 100% of your donation goes directly to the SHS PTA and our students!

A suggested donation is \$50 per student; however, all donations are appreciated and will help us fund the many activities listed above.

Donations may be made by check, payable to SHS PTA (drop off or mail to the school office) or can be added when purchasing your PTA membership online (use QR code or visit <https://jointotem.com/ca/torrance/south-high-pta/join/register>).



Please complete this form and return with your payment.

Student Name: _____ Amount: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

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

South High School ID [NCES] – 063942006573, South High EIN - 95-620743

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!

Partial 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

SHS PTA'S RECENT CONTRIBUTIONS

Over the last few years, with your support, the SHS PTA has not only funded the programs listed, but has also contributed to school improvements such as outdoor lunch benches, library renovations, and upgraded landscaping. We want our students to be proud of their school!



With your continued assistance, SHS PTA hopes to further provide enrichment programs that will aid our students and staff. Thank you for supporting South High School!

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, Colan Kwock, at colanhk@gmail.com.

SOUTH HIGH PTA MEMBERSHIP 2021-2022

PTA is the bridge that connects parents, school and community. By joining PTA you are supporting your child's school.



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.

Scan here to sign up!



WHY?

PTA advocates for students AND helps fund
OUTDOOR LUNCH BENCHES
PARENT ED NIGHT
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS
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 are eligible for several local scholarships if PTA members.

QUESTIONS? Contact VP of Membership Suzanne French at suzannefrench@verizon.net

MEMBER #1 MEMBER NAME: <hr/> PARENT STUDENT STAFF OTHER (CIRCLE ONE) SHS STUDENT NAME: <hr/> \$10 PER MEMBERSHIP CHECK TO SHS PTA <small>TURN IN FORM/PAYMENT AT REGISTRATION OR FRONT OFFICE.</small>	MEMBER #2 MEMBER NAME: <hr/> PARENT STUDENT STAFF OTHER (CIRCLE ONE) SHS STUDENT NAME: <hr/> \$10 PER MEMBERSHIP CHECK TO SHS PTA <small>TURN IN FORM/PAYMENT AT REGISTRATION OR FRONT OFFICE.</small>	MEMBER #3 MEMBER NAME: <hr/> PARENT STUDENT STAFF OTHER (CIRCLE ONE) SHS STUDENT NAME: <hr/> \$10 PER MEMBERSHIP CHECK TO SHS PTA <small>TURN IN FORM/PAYMENT AT REGISTRATION OR FRONT OFFICE.</small>	MEMBER #4 MEMBER NAME: <hr/> PARENT STUDENT STAFF OTHER (CIRCLE ONE) SHS STUDENT NAME: <hr/> \$10 PER MEMBERSHIP CHECK TO SHS PTA <small>TURN IN FORM/PAYMENT AT REGISTRATION OR FRONT OFFICE.</small>
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REFLECTIONS...



"I WILL CHANGE THE WORLD BY..."

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 WILL CHANGE THE WORLD BY...".

Official Rules and Entry Forms can be found online at

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

Due date for entries TBA.

Any questions?

Please contact Reflections Chair Julie Sullivan at jewelsull63@gmail.com

Study Skills & Test Taking Strategies Seminar



Wednesday, September 8, 2021

6:00 – 8:30pm ~ South High Library

Fee: \$30 (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 2 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
- Test Taking Strategies
- Taking Lecture Notes
- Relating to Your Teachers
- Managing Your Time
- Learning “Pro-Actively”
- Reading for Results

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. Enrollment is limited, due to space, to the first 75 students who register. Return form/payment to PTA table during registration, SHS office, or mail to South High School PTA, 4801 Pacific Coast Highway, Torrance, CA 90505.

No food or drinks allowed.

Appropriate classroom behavior is mandatory.

A reminder email will be sent, but NO REFUNDS will be given.

All Covid guidelines will be enforced.

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

STUDY SKILLS - REGISTRATION FORM

Student's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email (*PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY*): _____

☐ STUDY SKILLS SEMINAR (9/08/21)

\$30.00 \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Please make checks payable to South High School PTA



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For more than 30 years, The Princeton Review has been helping students get better scores on their college entrance exams. We are hosting a Full-Length SAT and ACT Practice Tests. Join us to see how you score!

SAT Practice Test

Where: South High School Library
Date: Saturday, September 11th
Time: 9:00 AM–12:45 PM

ACT Practice Test

Where: South High School Library
Date: Saturday, October 23rd
Time: 9:00 AM–12:45 PM

REGISTRATION LINKS

SAT

<https://bit.ly/SouthSAT21>

ACT

<https://bit.ly/SouthACT21>



Price: \$20 per test
For questions please contact, Keith Musick at
Musick.Keith@tusd.org



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1-800-2REVIEW to learn more!



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GRAD Night 2022

(Graduates Resisting Alcohol & Drugs)



WHAT: A supervised, all-night final celebration for our 2022 South High graduates. It is sponsored by the SHS PTA & 2022 GRAD Night Committee, with support from the school and community. This event is completely funded by ticket sales and fundraising events.

WHEN: Thursday, June 16th; 9pm—Friday, June 17th; 5am

WHERE: Historically, the location of GRAD Night has been kept secret from both students & parents. It will be held in the Los Angeles area...students must arrive & depart by bus.

COST: Price includes transportation, unlimited food & drink, entertainment, t-shirt & prizes.

\$150—submit \$50 deposit by October 22, 2021, to lock in this discounted rate

\$165—ticket price without the initial deposit

*Full payment must be received by May 31, 2022

*Cash or check, made payable to SHS PTA

*Fill out form and return with payment & permission slip (copies in K-1 or on the SHS website under "Seniors") to K-1, at Senior Parent Night, or mail at any time to:

Deanna Diederich 439 Calle de Castellana Redondo Beach 90277

*Full refund if requested by 12/17/21; 50% refund if requested by 4/15/22

QUESTIONS: Contact 2022 GRAD Night Chair, Deanna Diederich at dcdiederich17@gmail.com.

GRAD Night 2022

SENIOR NAME: _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____

T-SHIRT SIZE (**circle**): S M L XL XXL

Sizes needed by 5/31/22. All students **MUST** wear this t-shirt to GRAD Night—it serves as your ticket for admittance. No paper tickets will be distributed. Returned checks will be subject to a \$20 processing fee.

SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL—CLASS OF 2022

SENIOR BLANKET FUNDRAISER

This beautiful throw is a South High tradition!

Made of a recycled cotton blend, woven in the USA, pre-shrunk, color-fast, and machine washable...these blankets are beautiful and practical!

What a great holiday gift!

Each 50"x70" blanket is \$50. Order by November 15th!



Cash or check (made payable to "SHS PTA") to K1 or mailed to:
Deanna Diederich, 439 Calle de Castellana, Redondo Beach 90277

Blanket distribution will take place prior to winter break!

Number of blankets _____ x \$50 = _____

Name: _____

Email: _____

Please print clearly!

Questions? Contact Deanna at dcdiederich17@gmail.com

Welcome Back Lunch –

Teachers and staff were treated to a **Welcome Back Lunch** featuring delicious food from TNT Aloha Café. A big thank you to the following families for their donations and time: Mummery, Kerekes, McDowell, Sullivan, North, Arnheim, Steinmetz, DeLeon, Verdadero, Diederich, Meyer, Briggs, Ishihara, Schnittger, Sluyter, & Yamashita.

