



San Dimas High School

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Parent Newsletter November/December 2016 Michael Kelly, Principal

Information in this newsletter: Graduation Date Change, Parent Teacher Conferences, Bike Safety, Eagle Scout Project, Student Item Drop Off, San Dimas Connection Project, Upcoming Vacations, Counseling Corner, Saints of the Month, Homework Help, eWaste, School Based Mental Health Program, Important Dates.

Urgent – Graduation Date Change

Please make sure to change graduation on your family calendar to Tuesday June 6th at 7:30 pm. The grad night committee asked us to make this change due to dates available at Disneyland. The date change will allow graduates to attend Grad Night on June 7th. The change in graduation date effects three other dates in June, so please check the REVISED CALENDAR on the last page of this newsletter. The changed dates are highlighted.

Parent Teacher Conferences

This year our Conferences will take place on Thursday, November 3rd. Please put this date on your family calendar. Conferences are designed to focus on students with grades of C- or below. You may schedule an appointment by [clicking here](#). November 3rd will be a minimum day with students released at noon. There will be no school on Friday November 4th.

Bike Safety

Please talk to your children about riding their bikes on the correct side of the road. We have had two scary situations in the past few weeks in which children riding to school on the left side of the street have struck cars. Bikes are supposed to ride on the right side of the road the same as cars. Both students are OK, but it could have been much worse. When drivers are turning right into traffic, they look over their left shoulder for oncoming vehicles. If bike riders are on the left side of the road, they cannot be seen. Please make sure that your child follows all of the same rules as cars when riding their bike.

Eagle Scout Project

A very big THANK YOU to Eagle Scout Candidate Allen Yang. Allen led his troop in the installation of concrete pads and concrete picnic tables in our main quad. Allen planned the work, provided the concrete and labor, and assembled the picnic tables. He also provided community service hours to dozens of scouts and adults that worked with him. Great job Allen!

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Student Item Drop Off

The most important thing at San Dimas High School is teaching and learning. For that reason, we ask that you only drop off items for your child at break or lunch. We do not hold items in the front office or interrupt instruction to give items to students because this disrupts teaching and learning. If your child forgets their phone, homework, equipment, uniform, lunch money or other item, please text them to meet you in the office at break or lunch. Thank you in advance for helping us assure that your child's classroom instruction is uninterrupted.

San Dimas Connection Project

All students are reminded to save Best Work Samples each year at San Dimas High School. The requirement for Community Service is 15 hours per year. The best plan is to complete these hours each year. Seniors are currently completing their Career Assessment which is due at their December Advisory Meeting. Details about the San Dimas Connection Project can be found in the [SDCP Handbook](#) located on [SanDimasHigh.com](#)

Upcoming Vacations

This year Veteran's Day falls on Friday, November 11th and there will be no school. Thanksgiving Vacation will be the entire week of November 21st; School resumes on November 28th. I hope that you and your family have a blessed time together giving thanks for the great country in which we live! Winter Break is fast approaching as well. School will be closed December 26th through January 6th and will resume on January 9th. Also keep in mind that December 22nd and 23rd are minimum days for finals. Have a great holiday season!

Counseling Corner

We are excited to announce the launch of our newly updated counseling website found under the "About" tab on SanDimasHigh.com or by [following this link](#). Links to college applications, the FAFSA, SAT/ACT, Homework Help and other important information can be found on the website. If a college or university requires a letter of recommendation students MUST complete a brag sheet and submit it to their counselor. Brag sheets can be accessed through the College and Career Center Google Classroom with the code bt79a2l (lower case L). Please give your counselor and teachers plenty of notice if you ask for a letter of recommendation. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is already open! Submit your financial information early to see what financial aid your student qualifies for. Deadline is March 2nd. SDHS has already completed the automatic upload for GPA verification for the Cal-Grant.

Counseling dates to remember:

APU on campus - November 7

Scripps College on campus - November 9

UC Application due – November 30th

CSU Application due – November 30th

Private School deadlines vary

Saints of the Month

Each month I am able to take a boy and a girl from each grade level out to lunch along with our teacher and staff Saints of the Month to celebrate excellence. The students are nominated by staff members as outstanding in academics, arts, athletics, activities, or just for being a great human being. If you or your business would like to sponsor one of our luncheons, please give the school a call. The cost is \$300 and is tax deductible, but any donation is appreciated! Last month the luncheon was sponsored by Better Home Financial in Downtown San Dimas. Last year a luncheon was sponsored by a wonderful grandmother who wished to remain anonymous. Thank you to each of our sponsors!

Homework Help

Did you know that we offer free tutoring after school Monday through Thursday? Students that would like extra help simply need to go to room H6 between 2:30 and 4:00 to work with a teacher or honors student. There is also help in the community. The Thaddeus Foundation is a non-profit organization that runs a free "Homework Hotspot" from 3:00-7:00 along with computer classes, resume classes, and more. You can visit their [website](#) for more information.

eWaste

SDHS PTSA is collecting working and non-working eWaste to raise money to benefit teacher and department grants, the Positive Behavior Intervention Supports Program, school beautification projects, and student scholarships. Small items can be dropped off at the school office throughout the school year, and larger items can be dropped off at the school parking lot on the day of the event, January 10th. eWaste has changed a little: We currently accept computer related material, wire (cables), UPS, laptops, cell phones, telephones, modems, routers, monitors, undamaged LCDs, rechargeable batteries and TVs. See the PTSA [flyer](#) on SanDimasHigh.com for more details.

School Based Mental Health Program

San Dimas High School and McKinley Children's Center are partnering to offer Mental Health treatment in the school setting. A school based counselor is available to meet once a week with your child to provide individual counseling support if your child qualifies for Medi-cal. The counselor can help determine eligibility. The school based counselor also helps with difficulties including: Depression, anxiety, anger management, coping with change, managing stress or worry, developing healthy social skills, and making positive decisions. Psychiatric and case management services are also available, as needed. These services are private and confidential. In addition, there is no charge to parents or students for this service, as the services will be paid by Medi-cal. For additional information please contact Amber Simpson, LMFT at (909) 971-8230 ext: 3057 <simpson@bonita.k12.ca.us> or speak with your child's school counselor.

2016-2017 IMPORTANT DATES

REVISED

Aug	15	Senior & Junior Check in	Feb	7	Compact Day
	16	Sophomore & Freshman Check in		13	No School (Lincoln's B-Day)
	19	Freshman Orientation		20	No School (Presidents' Day)
	22	First Day of School		28	8 th Grade Parent Night
	26	Smudge Pot Football Game			
	29	Back to School Night	Mar	7	Compact Day
Sept	2	Minimum Day		7	Career Day
	5	No School (Labor Day)		10	No School (Staff Development)
	6	Compact Day		10	Sadie Hawkins Dance
	12	Make up Picture Day		17	3 rd Quarter Grades Close
Oct	4	Compact Day		20	4 th Quarter Begins
	5	UC/CSU Application/Financial Aid Night		22	College Night
	7	No School (Staff Development)		28	Open House
	14	1 st Quarter Grades Close		31	Minimum Day
	17	2 nd Quarter Begins	Apr	3-7	Spring Break
	19	PSAT		10	Back from Break
	20	Great Shakeout (Earthquake Drill)		11	Compact Day
	21	Minimum Day		29	Prom
	21	Homecoming Parade & Game	May	1	AP Exams Begin
	22	Homecoming Dance		2	Compact Day
Nov	1	Compact Day		22	Senior Awards Night
	3	Minimum Day (Conferences)		23	Minimum Day
	4	No School		24, 25	Minimum Day, SDCP Presentations
	5	SAT at SDHS		29	No School – Memorial Day
	11	No School (Veterans' Day)	June	1	2 nd Semester Ends for Seniors
	21-25	No School (Thanksgiving Break)		2	Senior Checkout
Dec	6	Compact Day		3	SAT at SDHS
	22	Minimum Day (Finals Pd 1, 2, 3, 0)		5	Graduation Practice and Picture
	23	Minimum Day (Finals Pd 4, 6, 7)		6	Compact Day
	23	1 st Semester Ends		6	Graduation 7:30 pm
	26	Winter Break Begins		7	Minimum Day (Finals Pd 1, 2, 3, 0)
Jan	9	Back from Break/2 nd Semester Begins		8	Minimum Day (Finals Pd 4, 6, 7)
	10	Compact Day		8	Last Day - 2 nd Semester Ends
	16	No School (Martin Luther King)		12	Summer School Begins
	18	PSAT Score Back Night			