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## Message from Maria Rodriguez, PTSA President

I would like to express my appreciation and congratulations to everyone involved in defeating Proposition 76. A special thank you goes to our legislation chair Nancy Schmidt for keeping us informed on the consequences of Proposition 76 and encouraging everyone to vote - 78% of voters in Santa Monica voted no!

As we approach the winter break it is important for parents to know that the City of Santa Monica and other surrounding cities have Curfews for youths under 18 years of age. In Santa Monica, the curfew hours are from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. of the following day on Sunday through Thursday, and from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. of the following day on Friday and Saturday. For more information please visit the Santa Monica City website. Please share this information with your student.

Thank you for becoming a member of the PTSA, and if you have not yet become a member, this is a great time to join.

**Maria E. Rodriguez**, *Samohi PTSA President*

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## Voters Defeat Proposition 76

In a definitive vote against Proposition 76, voters have reaffirmed their promise to California's children: adequate funding for our schools must remain a top priority in the state budget. Prop. 76 was one of the most complicated and contentious issues on the ballot. We are truly gratified that California voters were able to see that it was a bad idea.

This vote proves that public education is the No. 1 budget priority for the state of California. The message is clear; voters want to invest in public education. Our schools must remain a top priority in the state budget in order to make California's schools great again.

**Brenda Davis**, *President, California State PTA*

## January 10th PTSA Meeting

**"What your kids won't tell you but you need to know..."**

All parents are invited to the first PTSA meeting of 2006 on Tuesday, January 10th, at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria for a presentation covering academic stress, social stress, and what parents can do to support students. Dr. Straus will also give an update on plans for the remainder of the school year.

Light refreshments and Spanish translation is provided at all PTSA meetings. Everyone is welcome!

**Please Note:** There will be **no** PTSA meeting in December.

## Message from Dr. Straus, CEO/Principal

Dear Parents,

Your students are doing great things at Santa Monica High School this year! Many students report to me a more positive school climate and a sense of spirit and pride in Samohi! I hope they're telling you the same thing. While we have much work to do, we are progressing toward our goals of academic achievement for all students and knowing our students well.

Our test scores indicate that our students are making strong academic growth on State mandated assessments. The State of California has set as a goal that all schools work toward an Academic Performance Index (API) score of 800. This year Samohi scored 741, a growth of 21 points over last year and 46 points in two years. We far exceeded our growth target of 4 points! All of our identified sub groups exceeded their growth target of 3 points. African American students' scores grew 14 points from 604 to 618. Asian students' scores grew 6 points from 840 to 846. Hispanic/Latino students' scores grew 24 points from 616 to 640. Caucasian students' scores grew 28 points from 788 to 816. Socio-economically disadvantaged students' scores grew 25 points from 610 to 635. 91% of the teaching staff is fully credentialed, while the remaining teachers are enrolled in courses to complete their certification. This growth is attributed to many factors, with students and staff focusing on rigorous instruction, courses, and assessments being aligned to the California State standards. In June, Samohi received a six-year accreditation from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, after undergoing an intense accreditation process.

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## Semester Report Cards

The first semester of the school year ends on January 27, 2006. Report cards will be mailed home the week of February 6<sup>th</sup>.

## 2006-2008 Samohi Course Catalog

The 2006-2008 Samohi Course Catalog, produced and published by PTSA, was mailed home in November to all current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade households. By publishing this Course Catalog, we hope to help every family take full advantage of the rich opportunities and choices available to their student here at Samohi.

Please KEEP this Course Catalog for the next two years and refer to it when planning your student's schedule. The Course Catalog is being translated and soon will be available in Spanish from student advisors and house outreach specialists.

You can also find the Course Catalog online at [http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/About/Course\\_Catalog.pdf](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/About/Course_Catalog.pdf).

# *What You Need To Know* – Important Dates and

## Message from Dr. Straus, *cont.*

Our PTSA sets as a priority regular communication with parents. It publishes the Viking Voice newsletter, pays for the mailing of all progress reports, maintains a website with valuable information to inform and support your student, and holds informative parent meetings with topics that will enhance your knowledge about programs, issues and strategies to support steady student progress and opportunity.

Please be sure to join us for our January PTSA meeting when we will present information and strategies for all parents on the stresses and the challenges that all high school students experience both in and out of school that impact their progress and success. A panel of experts on adolescent issues will work with us. Spanish translation will also be provided.

We also use email to notify parents about Samohi and House activities, attendance issues, and other information relevant to your student. If you have not received any emails this year, or would like to change your email address in our records, please email your current email address, along with both your name and your student's name and Identification number, to your student's House assistant:

S House - Terry Morris, [moris@smmusd.org](mailto:morris@smmusd.org)  
A House - Sylvia Terry, [sterry@smmusd.org](mailto:sterry@smmusd.org)  
M House - Leslee McGee, [mcgee@smmusd.org](mailto:mcgee@smmusd.org)  
O House - Tomita Glover, [tomita.glover@smmusd.org](mailto:tomita.glover@smmusd.org)  
H House - Elena Martin, [elena.martin@smmusd.org](mailto:elena.martin@smmusd.org)  
I House - Chanée Washington, [cwashington@smmusd.org](mailto:cwashington@smmusd.org)

Please encourage your child to take advantage of the tutoring on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in T212 & T213, and Monday-Thursday afternoons in the library. Getting additional help during this second grading period can improve grades for this first semester. All of our teachers are available to explain material and help students. Students should make a sincere effort to let their teacher know they are concerned and want to get the help they need to understand the key concepts and be successful in class.

It is important that you stay connected with your student's progress by regularly checking the Pinnacle online grading program. Your pinnacle code was included with the first progress report that was mailed home and advisors have these as well. The code is the same as last year for returning 10th-12th grade students. Should you find questions about academic progress, please be sure to make contact with the teacher of the course. If there are concerns about your student's school experience beyond a single course, please contact your student's advisor and then your house Principal. We are working together to coordinate support and advisement so that you and your student have access to our resources and supports on campus and within the community.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to ensure that your student has a positive and successful experience this year at Samohi.

Sincerely,  
Ilene Straus, Ed.D., *Chief Educational Officer/Principal*

*The Viking Voice, December '05*

## NEW After School ROP Class -

### Emergency Medical Responder: Spring '06

This new course will be offered at 3:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, to students who are 16 years old or are in the 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The class trains students as the First Responders who arrive on scene providing efficient, immediate care to ill/injured patients and who assist other EMS providers. Students obtain certification in CPR/1<sup>st</sup> Aid and learn medical terminology, anatomy and physiology. This is an excellent class for students interested in a health career. The Regional Occupational Program (ROP) is a career preparation system that provides training programs for students to develop the skills they need for employment or for higher level post-secondary technical and/or educational training programs. ROP courses are fun because you learn by doing. When you complete an ROP course you will receive a certificate that lists your job skills. If you give ROP your best, we are convinced you will learn skills, gain confidence and lessen your apprehensions about entering the job market. LACOROP graduates entering the labor force make a tremendous impact on the economies of their communities.

For answers to any questions, please contact Mary Kay McCray-Gaskin, ROP/Career Counselor, 395-3204, ext. 329.

## Know A Student Artist? Is Your Child Devoted To Visual Art?

The AP Studio Art program screening takes place during the last week of February. This national program allows students to complete college-level work while they are enrolled in high school. The AP Art program is rigorous and requires a great deal of self-motivation from the student, but it is quite rewarding for those who are dedicated. Students submit 10 works and an essay as an application. See portfolio requirements, examples of successful portfolio works and current student work at the Art Dept.: website <http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/art/index.htm>. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Bouse at [bouse@smmusd.org](mailto:bouse@smmusd.org).

## Praise for Samohi's English Department

The National Council of English has presented a 2005 commendation to the Santa Monica High School English Department "for excellence in its instructional program, as revealed by its evident contribution to the high quality of writing of its students honored with NCTE Achievement Awards in Writing." With many thanks to all the teachers who give so much of themselves to grading student papers.

*Carol Jago, English Department Chairperson*

## Important Reminder For Juniors

Juniors should sign up to take the May and/or June SAT Reasoning (formerly SAT I) and SAT Subject Tests (formerly the SAT II) as well as the ACT test or ACT plus writing.

# Support Information for Students and Parents

## Important Dates For Seniors

College Center counselors can give you more information about these deadlines and events. Check out our monthly Senior Newsletter for more timely information and updates posted on Samohi's website.

FAFSA paper applications available: December 2005  
FAFSA application filing period: January 1 - March 2, 2006  
Financial Aid Workshops for FAFSA:  
January 24, 2006 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria  
2006 California Grant information due: January 13, 2006  
Samohi Scholarship applications due: March 1, 2006  
Senior Scholarship and Honors Evening: June 6, 2006

We hope that by the time you read this your seniors have filed their CSU and/or UC application since the deadline was November 30. All paperwork needed to be processed by the College Center must be received at least two weeks prior to the deadline. Do not include Winter Break in your calculations, as we do not work those days.

If the paperwork is due by January 1, 2006, we should have received it in the College Center by December 1, 2005.

We will be conducting at least one, perhaps two, FAFSA workshops, to help seniors and their parents apply for financial aid; we will be taking you through the form, line by line. Money is awarded on a first come, first served basis, so try to attend the January workshop and file as soon as possible. There will be Spanish translation available at these workshops. Do NOT file before January 1, 2006.

**ONLY use the official FAFSA form at: [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).**

## College & Career Center Hours

The College & Career Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. in the Admin Bldg., Rm 500.

Call counselors Stacy La Duke Harvey (S-A-M Houses) ext. 331 or Linh Le-Cassidy (O-H-I Houses) ext. 330 if you would like to make an appointment or e-mail [stacy.harvey@smmusd.org](mailto:stacy.harvey@smmusd.org) or [lecassidy@smmusd.org](mailto:lecassidy@smmusd.org).

Open to students for daily drop-in at break, lunch, and after school, and also by appointment.

**See Viking Voice Back Cover for Informative Web Sites.**

## Applications For Local Scholarships

In the near future students will be receiving a copy of a scholarship booklet listing the local scholarships. Every student should fill out the application in the back and look for the scholarships for which they qualify. There is over \$500,000 available to be awarded to our students.

The college application process can be stressful, but there are a variety of colleges available to meet the needs and wants of every student, and we will try to help your student find the one for them. Of utmost importance: all students should be working hard to maintain their grades.

## Choices For Careers And Colleges

ROP has terrific new software, called Choices Planner, that can help your student identify career paths and colleges with programs that support their interests. Go to [www.access.bridges.com](http://www.access.bridges.com). Log in to Samohi's account: Site ID: 0009476, Password: santa. Then create your own portfolio account (user name and password) where you can save items and search results.

For more information on the Choices Planner, contact Mary Kay McCray, ROP Counselor 395-3204, ext. 329 or [mccray@smmusd.org](mailto:mccray@smmusd.org).

## SAT/ ACT Test Information

Online registration (payment by credit card) for SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) and ACT test: [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

It's important to note that the University of California requires 2 SAT Subject tests which must be in two different areas of study (for example, U.S. History and Chemistry). If students choose to take math, it must be level 2C.

## Free Tutoring is available at Samohi!

Many teachers provide additional help before/after school or during lunch. Have your child ask his/her teacher when extra help is available.

College student tutors are on campus Tuesdays and Thursdays after school from 3:30 until 5:30 p.m. in Room T212 and T214 for tutoring and peer advising. Help in Math, English, Science, History, and other subjects is provided free of charge. Math Tutor, volunteer Warren Orloff, is available every day after school until 4:30 p.m. in Room H100.

There is always a librarian on hand to help students use the library (open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday - Thursday and from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays).

Please contact your Advisor if you need more suggestions.

For more information about tutoring, please check with Jose Iniguez, O House Principal, at x299 or email him at [jose.iniguez@smmusd.org](mailto:jose.iniguez@smmusd.org).

## Student Counseling and Support

Social/emotional support is available on campus Monday-Friday during school hours for students experiencing problems which are interfering with their ability to be successful at school. These support services are provided by mental health and social work professionals and supervised interns. Where more intensive support or family counseling is needed, referrals are made to an appropriate community agency.

For students and parents with substance abuse related issues, Samohi hosts a Tuesday evening program, "Angels at Risk." For students who have experienced the recent loss of a parent or other loved one, "Our House" runs a bereavement group on campus. Groups focusing on Anger Management and on social issues affecting young men and women are also available.

There is no cost to participants in any of the on-site counseling programs. Speak with your child's student advisor or house outreach specialist for more information if you would like your son or daughter to receive such services. Or contact Kathy McTaggart at [mctaggart@smmusd.org](mailto:mctaggart@smmusd.org), (310)395-3204, ext. 322.

# Get Involved! Donation & Volunteer Opportunities

## Grad Nite 2006!

The 16th annual Samohi Grad Nite will begin at 9:30 p.m. following graduation on Thursday, June 22, 2006. This year's class has voted for Jamaica as their fantasy cruise destination.

Samohi Grad Nite is an alcohol and drug free celebration for graduating Samohi and Olympic seniors only. This celebration begins at 9:30 p.m. and lasts until 5:00 a.m. the following morning.

The event takes place on the tennis courts, which are tented and transformed to reflect a cruise ship theme. Upon admission, no money is needed - all of the following is included in the ticket price. There is a food court (snacks, beverages, breakfast items), karaoke room, dance floor with laser lights and dj, casino tables with dealers, carnival games, inflatables, Sumo wrestling, fortune tellers, bead making and temporary tattooing. Students are given tickets redeemable for fantastic prizes. At 3:30 a.m., the students walk to the Greek Memorial Theatre for a slide show presentation of their senior year, alumni scholarship drawing and campfire. They then return to the "ship" for their diploma, a goody bag of items, and memories to last a lifetime.

The ticket price is \$75. Ticket forms are available in the Activities Office. Ticket forms and payment can be dropped into the Grad Nite box located in the Activities Office. Financial aid is available and those forms are also located in the Activities Office.

As of December 1, the students who have purchased tickets will be listed by school ID number on Samohi's Grad Nite web page: [www.samohi.smmusd.org/Grad\\_Nite/passenger.htm](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Grad_Nite/passenger.htm) and in the Activities Office by student name.

Grad Nite is a tradition that keeps grads safe on what is statistically the deadliest night of their lives. Grad Nite employs an outside security firm in addition to campus security and SMPD. Grad Nite depends on the dedication of a core group of parents forming the Steering Committee, who plan and work year-round, as well as hundreds of parents who work as "crew" before, during, and after the event. The volunteer form will be mailed home to senior parents in early February and the form will be available on the Grad Nite web page beginning mid-February. Please join us, we need your help!

For more information, please contact 2006 Grad Nite chair: Kim Eyler, [Eyler6@aol.com](mailto:Eyler6@aol.com) or visit the webpage: [www.samohi.smmusd.org/Grad\\_Nite](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Grad_Nite).

## How would you like to donate money to the Samohi PTSA without paying a cent?

It's easy. Just go to [escrip.com](http://escrip.com) and enter your Vons or Pavilions store card number or your credit card number and automatically, whenever you shop at a store that's a member of ESCRIP, a percentage of your proceeds comes back to Samohi. **IT COSTS YOU NOTHING.** Just indicate that you want Santa Monica High School, number 6630127, to be the beneficiary of the proceeds, and you're done. The Samohi PTSA will receive between 2% and 12% of all your purchases.

## Samohi Athletic Booster Club News

Our HOME OF THE VIKINGS mural facing the track is now complete. Many thanks to the Samohi donors listed below; their generous donations made this project possible.

We have a few new projects in the works. The inside of the North Gym will be getting a facelift, including championship banners and murals. We are looking for donors and sponsors to underwrite the cost. This is a great way to get some advertising for your business and to help promote Samo pride. Please remember that every donation will make a difference. We are all proud to be a part of the Samohi family. 100% of all donations are tax-deductible. Please make checks payable and mail to the:

Samohi Athletic Booster Club, Santa Monica High School  
Attn: Anette Bolan, 601 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA. 90405

Don't forget that our famous sweatshirts are available at various games and events. We now have kid's sizes. Remember Christmas and Hanukkah are coming!! Please contact Jeannie McGrew at 310-925-2637, [Cajb1234@aol.com](mailto:Cajb1234@aol.com).

### Thank You to our Wonderful Donors!

Naylor Paints	Nadel Family	Huerta Family
Tom Chatham Family	Monbouquette Family	Brownstone Family
Daly-Southam Family	Van Ness Family	Lagerfelt Family
Eyler Family	Abbott Familnt	Bracey Family
Tooley Family	Nedelman Family	Stewart Family
Mostovoy-Walters Family	Harris Family	Myers-Newman Family
Ho-Bloch Family	Rubell Family	Tillipman Family
Cooke Family	Neiman Family	Samohi PTSA
Engel Family	Newell Family	Heard Family
Lim Family	Bernstein Family	
	Schmidt Family	

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## There's Still Time to Make Your 2005 100% Tax Deductible Donation to Samohi's PTSA!

### Here's how Direct Donation works:

Your donations + Samohi's needs = PTSA annual budget.

Every year, administrators and parent leaders sit down and discuss Samohi's needs and how money raised through the PTSA's Direct Donation drive can be best spent to benefit all students. This is a lengthy and thoughtful process, and the final budget is presented at the September PTSA meeting for all to discuss and approve.

Throughout the year, as the donation monies are received, they are then spent as the budget stipulates. You can find this year's approved budget online at <http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/PTSA/PTSABudget.html>

Increased donations enable the PTSA to be flexible and responsive to emerging school needs. See the box at right for a list of what your Direct Donation monies have purchased this year so far!

Please send what you can to help us meet all of our childrens' needs this school year. We've enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope to make it easier for you.

Thank you for supporting our students!

## Many, many thanks to the following families that have contributed to Samohi as of 10/30/05 through PTSA's Direct Donation Drive!

Abbott Family	Cojulun Family	Glenn Family	Kravitz Ilves Family	Nussbaum Ross Family	Sheridan Family
Adami Family	Connor Rankin Family	Goldenberg Family	Kuba Family	O'Connor Family	Shirk Family
Adelman Llanos Family	Cooke Family	Goldey Family	Kubota Family	Orgel Family	Sigman Family
Aframian Family	Corrigan Family	Grebler Hull Family	Kuntz Family	Pachares Nedelman Family	Silver Persky Family
Ajnassian Family	Corso Family	Griffin-Golden Family	Kuperberg Family	Park Family	Silverman Family
Alemania Family	Cowen Paris Family	Guild Nielsen Family	Ladner Family	Parson Persky Family	Simmons Family
Alexander Family	Crane Family	Hagen Rowin Family	Lai Family	Polon Family	Smith Brayfield Family
Allman Family	(Andres) Cruz Family	Harris Family	Landecker Family	Pomatti Family	Smith Family
Amrami Ehsanipour Family	(Lidia) Cruz Family	Harrison Family	Landon Family	Quinonez DiFranco Family	Smucker Dwyer Family
Arnold Family	Daly Southam Family	Haskins Family	Lanet Shaw Family	Rodriguez Family	Snyder Family
Bailis Bowler Family	Danielson Family	Held Family	Leason Gemmill Family	Rayati Family	Sodaro Family
Bailis Family	Derhy Family	Ho Bloch Family	(Linda) Leonard Family	Reilly Family	Solomon Family
Baine Mead Family	Detrixhe Family	Hoffman Family	(Susan) Leonard Family	Richker Family	Solter Family
Banks Family	Devorris Family	Holland Stern Family	Levin Family	Rimicci Family	Soodik Bromell Family
Baroff Family	Diamond Kelman Family	Horn Family	Levoff Family	Ritchie Family	Spetner Family
Barry Family	Duarte Family	Hutchinson Family	Lim Family	Rivera Family	Stecher Family
Barry Navez Family	Einstein Family	Hutchinson Holly Family	Lindes Family	Robins Family	Stein Pratt Family
Baumgarten Family	Engel Benjamin Family	Hymowitz Family	Lockhart-Triolo Family	Rodriguez Family	(Jane) Stewart Family
Bennion Family	Epstein Family	Imada Family	Lockwood Kabashima Family	Rosenbaum Harreschon Family	(Paula) Stewart Family
Bernstein Family	Escarce Family	Ishida Tanaka Family	Ludwinski Family	Rosenberg Family	Stringer Family
Birstock Family	Eyler Family	Jaffe Casey Family	Maddis Tillipman Family	Rosenstein Family	Thais Family
Blitz Family	Felton Family	Johnson Wright Family	Maeda Family	Rosman Family	Thatcher Family
Blower Freimer Family	Fiala Family	Kahan Family	Malina Boehm Family	Rossey Family	Thomas Family
Bogda Family	Figueroa Family	Kalmar Family	Matsunaga Family	Rothschild Family	Tramer Sones Family
Bon Family	Fleiss Family	Kanoff Huberman Family	McHugh Family	Rothschild Garf Family	Treger Family
Bonney Family	Foran Family	Katz Safford Family	Mesuro Family	Rothstein Family	Troth Lawrence Family
Born Family	Forgo Family	Keane Family	Monbouquette Family	Rouquette Family	Van Ness Family
Brain Family	Forman Weissler Family	Kearsley Family	Montanari Family	Rubell Family	Viault Family
Brookman Family	Four Family	Keelan Family	Morton Family	Sachs Family	Waterhouse Family
Brousse Family	Franklin Family	Keighley Family	Mortan Family	Sakamoto Family	Weary Family
Brown Family	Fredal Coriati Family	Kendall Bar Family	Mulvaney Family	Sassoon Family	West Family
Brown Sandberg Family	Friedman Family	Keslow Family	Nadel Family	Schachtner Family	Westbay Lisser Family
Brunsten Family	Gallagher Family	(Walter) Kim Family	(Daniel) Nagy Family	Schneider Family	Westheimer Nemzer Family
Buchsbaum Family	Garber Family	(Eva) Kim Family	(Jodi) Nagy Family	Schoen Monagan Family	White Family
Buell Abramowitz Family	Gayhart Family	(Joanne) Kim Family	Natker Family	Schumacher Biskar Family	Whittenburg Family
Carrier Natale Family	Gelbard Zell Family	(Ok Joo) Kim Family	Neshkes Family	Scott Family	Wilkins Family
Caruso Family	Gelfand Family	Kim Finn Family	Neuman Family	Shaughnessy Family	Yamamura Family
Casillas Goldberg Family	Geraghty Family	Klein Family	Newell Family	Sheftel Family	
Chen Family	Gerber Perlman Family	Koning Family	Newman Family		
Chonis Family	Gershenhorn Family	(Lorraine) Kramer Family	Novelli Broesamle Fmly		
	Glaser Family	(Wendy) Kramer Family			

### What PTSA has done for Samohi... so far this school year!

- Funded, coordinated, and staffed Registration in August.
- Funded, coordinated, and staffed the Samohi College Fair.
- Produced and mailed three issues of the Viking Voice plus the new Samohi Course Catalog to 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade families.
- Postage to mail home 6th week progress reports to all families.
- Webmaster to update Samohi website daily.
- Classroom supplies for every teacher.
- Grants to the Art, Performing Arts, Athletic, Science, and Special Ed Departments, as well as AVID, the Library, Parent Center, College & Career Center, Houses and advisors, and mini-grants to teachers for special projects.
- Funds to keep the library open after school until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and until 4:30 p.m. on Friday.
- After-school tutoring by college students.
- Hospitality for monthly "Coffee with the Principal" and PTSA meetings for all parents.
- Funds for new copier machines.
- Tech support to maintain Samohi's more than 500 computers.
- Funds for ongoing campus maintenance and beautification projects.

*Yes, we'll support the PTSA and  
help make a difference for our students!*

*\$25 sends the Viking Voice to 5 families for a year;  
\$150 helps purchase one teacher's school supplies;  
\$500 buys a new lunch table and benches for our quad;  
\$1,000 keeps the library open after hours for a month.*

Name (as you'd like it to appear): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Tax Deductible Donation: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail your check in the stamped, self-addressed  
envelope included in this issue of the Viking Voice.*

*Thank you so much for your support!*

DECEMBER 2005

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PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION



## December Calendar - SAVE!

- 2 End of 12 week grading period
- 2&3 Guys & Dolls, Humanities Center
- 3 SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests
- 5 ELAC FAFSA Workshop, 7:00 p.m. Student Cafeteria
- 6 Winter Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m., Barnum Hall
- 7 RWS Samohi Film Festival, 7:00 p.m.
- 9&10 Guys & Dolls, Humanities Center
- 12 ELAC Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Student Cafeteria
- 13 Seniors in Jeopardy Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Location TBD
- 13 AAPSSSG Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Student Cafeteria
- 15 Winter Choral Concert, 7:00 p.m. Barnum Hall
- 16&17 Guys & Dolls, Humanities Center
- 19-Jan2 Winter Break

## January Calendar - SAVE!

- 4 SAT Late Registration
- 4 Senior Ads Deadline
- 6 ACT Registration
- 10 PTSA Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Student Cafeteria
- 16 Martin Luther King's Birthday - NO SCHOOL
- 17 AAPSSSG Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Student Cafeteria
- 19 Winter Band Concert, 7:00 p.m., Barnum Hall
- 20 ACT Late Registration
- 23 ELAC Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Student Cafeteria
- 24 Period 1 Final
- 24 FAFSA Workshop, 7:00 p.m. Location TBD
- 25 Periods 2 & 3 Finals (Early Dismissal)
- 26 Periods 4 & 5 Finals (Early Dismissal)
- 27 Periods 6 & A Finals (Early Dismissal)
- 28 SAT Reasoning & Subject Tests
- 30/31 Pupil Free Day/Second Semester Begins

## Important Websites For College Information

General College Search Information/  
Informacion General de Universidades

- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)
- [www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu)
- [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)
- [www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)
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- [www.collegeview.com](http://www.collegeview.com)
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- [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- [www.collegenet.com/mach25](http://www.collegenet.com/mach25)
- [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com)
- [www.collegeispossible.org](http://www.collegeispossible.org)
- [www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edscams/scholarship/index.html](http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/online/edscams/scholarship/index.html)

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<http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Calendars/visits.html>