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A Season for Celebration



Message from the PTSA President, Judith Meister

I would like to express my appreciation and gratitude to everyone involved in passing Measure BB which means \$268 million for SMMUSD school facility repairs and improvements. Special thanks to **Laurie Yehia, Amy Neiman, Irma Carranza and Lynn Leavitt**, who headed up Samohi's effort to get out the vote. We'll keep you informed as the planning for expenditure of these funds proceeds.

Many parents came to the potluck dinner in October as we began our efforts to "find common ground." A brief summary of the ideas and issues that came up that night may be found on page 2. There are many worthwhile ideas to pursue but it seems prudent to focus on one or two. In follow up meetings last month, two ideas have been identified as most able to bring parents together. One is to focus on the plan for helping students who are below 2.0 GPA - making sure that parents know what is in place now, that there is consistency across Houses, and looking at its effectiveness.

The other idea is to create a DVD/guidebook on the college application process that will be a collaborative student, staff and parent effort. If you are interested in getting involved in either of these projects, please contact me at meisterjr@aol.com.

I wish you all a restful holiday season filled with lots of family laughter.

With best regards, Judith

Election Results

Great News for SMMUSD Schools!

On Tuesday, November 7, our community demonstrated how much it values public education by passing **Measure BB** (local bond initiative to repair and update district schools) with over 67% of the votes.

BB means **\$268 million** for SMMUSD school facility repairs and improvements. It also means our schools are eligible for matching funds from Prop 1D, the statewide bond measure (\$10.4 billion total) that also won voter approval on Tuesday.

This is truly great news for our school's facility needs!

What PTSA has done for Samohi...

So far this School Year!

- 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 ROP, AVID, the Library, Parent Center, College & Career Center, Houses, advisors and outreach specialists, 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.
- Funds for new copier machines.
- Tech support to maintain Samohi's more than 500 computers.
- Funds for ongoing campus maintenance and beautification projects



Message From Principal Dr. Hugo A. Pedroza

"Life is like riding a bicycle.

You don't fall, unless you stop peddling."

- Claude Pepper

Can you believe it's the middle of December already? Time seems to be going exponentially faster as we get more into the school year. I'll try not to blink. I don't want to miss graduation. In spite of the seemingly hurried pace at Samohi, my experiences here have not been a blur. My professional toolbox has grown as a result of my observations, interaction and collaboration with the Samohi community.

The impetus for my professional growth at Samohi is due to what I call *A Constant State of Inspiration*, derived from my interaction with students. What may seem as an event in the normal course of human events here at the school can actually be a powerful catalyst in the performance of my duties. For example, a meeting with **Kelly Fancher, Michaela Fitten and Katie Gaydos** to discuss an innovative project to help keep our campus clean is quite inspiring; learning that **Omar Watkins** is a phenomenal dancer who understands that talent plus education equals a bright future, makes me work harder; watching the incredible talent of **Louis Adeyemi**, a senior in the varsity football team who, in my book, can give Reggie Bush a run for his money - literally, uncovers a great sense of personal professional possibilities.

I feel inspired just by sharing this with you. And I haven't even mentioned the Students for the Advancement of Global Entrepreneurship (SAGE), who were recently featured in the L.A. Times.

There are many examples like these at Samohi. I hope you are like me and feel inspired to take our school to higher levels of excellence. Encourage your children to be on time all the time, be serious about school and be the best in all they undertake. Most importantly, never stop peddling the bicycle of life.

Los Angeles Philharmonic Coming to Samohi!

After a rigorous selection process, the LA Philharmonic has announced the selection of Santa Monica High School into its **School Partners Program**.

Aimed at helping students develop their performance levels toward a more competitive "pre-professional" level, this two-year program will bring world-class musicians and highly trained teaching artists to our campus to enrich the music education of our advanced orchestral students. Areas to be covered include instrumental technique, listening skills and professional rehearsal practices.

In addition, Samohi musicians will get outstanding opportunities for group coaching, individual master classes and attending open rehearsals and performances at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in downtown Los Angeles.

Thirst Quenching Thanks

Many thanks to the **Hammer Family** for donating all the sodas for the Welcome Back Luncheon and **Starbucks on Ocean Park** for donating the coffee for "Coffee with the Principal" each month.

Important News

Circle of Friends Recognizes Inclusion in Our Community

It has been an exciting start of the year for Samohi's Circle of Friends program. Circle of Friends, now in its eighth year on our campus, received an award on October 28, from the City of Santa Monica's Disability Commission, recognizing the program for its "commitments to the inclusion of people with disabilities in school and community life."

Over 280 members strong, Circle of Friends is the largest organization on the Samohi campus. Members don't just learn about the importance of inclusion, understanding and acceptance of differences in a high school setting, but put those key values into action in a atmosphere of fun. Circle of Friends hosts several fundraisers/activities throughout the year, in which members can interact with one another outside of school and celebrate the occasion, whether it be a holiday, or simply getting together to enjoy each other's company. Encouraged by the success of the program in Santa Monica, director Barbara Palils has recently widened the program's "circle" to include two new chapters in the San Diego area.

We look forward to more successes in the coming school year and we thank you, Samohi, for all of your encouragement and support!

For more information **Barbara Pallis** (310) 395 3204 ext 313 www.samohi.smmusd.org/circleoffriends



On Campus in December!

Get your culture right on the Samohi campus with our Theatre Department's performances of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. This delightful Shakespeare classic will be in the Humanities Center (2nd floor, English Building). Bring your family – invite friends! Evening performances are at **8:00 pm - Dec 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23** Matinee performances are at **2:00 pm - Dec 2, 9, 16, 23**.

To purchase tickets, or for more information about becoming a subscriber and/or a donor to the theatre program, please call our box office at (310) 458-5939. or visit <http://www.smclo.org/smhs/>

Get involved with Grad Nite 2007!!

Please join us at our next general meeting on **Monday, February 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Student Cafeteria. We will be mailing the volunteer form to all senior parents, so we need people to help! In addition to stuffing envelopes, this is an excellent opportunity to meet the committee members and discover how YOU can participate in this event.

Donations of money, prizes, and construction materials are always needed. For more information, contact **Kim Eyer**, Eyler6@aol.com (310) 391-0782.

Samohi Athletic Booster Club News

One state championship, 32 CIF titles, countless league titles, numerous individual honors, the conquest moves on. Celebrate Samohi's rich athletic history by sponsoring a CIF championship banner in the gym. For just \$350, your name will be included on the honor wall near the gym entrance. Your contribution will help pay for banners and facilitate future efforts by the boosters to make capital improvements to our athletic facilities. Last year's projects included the outdoor "Home of the Vikings" mural as well as the artwork inside the north gym.

Christmas, Chanukah and Kwanzaa are coming quickly! Don't get caught unprepared. Get your Samohi Athletic Booster Club spirit wear in plenty of time for that special person in your life. Zip sweatshirt, hoodies, t-shirts, hats and visors are available in a wide variety of sizes, from kids small to adults XXL. Show your colors! Make someone happy! We will ship nationwide.

For more info on donations and to order, email:

SAMOABC@gmail.com or JeannieMcGrewCajb1234@aol.com

More Election News

Prop 88, which was opposed by PTA, lost. This measure was opposed by State PTA because it would have given appearance of 'solving' school funding issues via a \$50 statewide parcel tax, while providing only an insignificant amount of money to districts.

Prop 86, which was supported by PTA unfortunately lost. State PTA supported this tobacco tax, which would have funded health insurance for uninsured children in CA, emergency room support and anti-smoking education programs.

Several Samohi parents were among those voted into leadership positions in Santa Monica congratulations to all!

Santa Monica Malibu School Board: Samohi parent **Barry Snell**, Lincoln parent **Emily Bloomfield**, Will Rogers / John Adams parent **Kelly Pye**, were elected along with Oscar De La Torre.

Santa Monica City Council: Kevin McKeown, Pam O'Connor and Bob Holbrook were all re-elected.

Santa Monica Community College District Board of Trustees: Samohi parent **Louise Jaffe** was elected along with Nancy Greenstein, David Finkel and Andrew Walzer

PTSA "Common Ground" Meeting Suggestions

- Stagger school start times and have more flexible daily schedule
- Bring back "Get Ahead" summer school to lighten student's schedule
- Seek student input for meetings and events
- Encourage parents to support House Principals in building house spirit
- Have advisors meet with parents and students each year
- Offer additional sport teams so more students may be participate
- Support students when grades drop rather than pulling them out of sports
- Identify students who have financial need for sports scholarships without causing embarrassment or labeling
- Have parents of different races talk with each other about racial tension, achievement gap and stereotyping
- Seek ways to get parents to meetings
- Have students produce video/DVD dealing with pressures of high school
- Create mentoring program/senior to freshman
- Offer online syllabus for whole year with all assignment and projects

Do you want to be in the new Samohi Directory?

Responding to popular demand, PTSA is putting together a Samohi Directory which will include parent's name, student's name, parent's phone and parent's email. **No addresses, student phone or email information will be included.** The option to be included was on the PTSA communication form that was sent out in the summer registration packet. If you want to be included and if you did not check this option on that form (or don't remember if you did), then fill out this form and send it to:

Samohi PTSA Directory, 601 Pico Blvd., Santa Monica, CA 90405 or email to samohiptsa@smmusd.org with the following information.

Parent/Guardian Name/s

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Student name/s

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Grade/s.....House/s.....

Parent Home phone

Parent email address

House and Department Happenings

Principal: Gregory Runyon - runyon@smmusd.org; Assistant: Terry Morris - morris@smmusd.org



S House is involved in a wonderful semester and we appreciate all the attributes that our students and families bring to the school.

In December, it is important that our students stay focused and prepare for January's final exams. Winter break is a great time to review materials and, if their teachers agree, to make up missing work. Please check your student's grade on Pinnacle to see their progress. If you need to contact a teacher, their email addresses and links to homework pages can be found on the Samohi website under the menu for Houses.

We are excited about several events in the near future. We are challenging other Houses to a holiday door decorating contest, with a Winter Wonderland theme. We are also planning a special Senior Celebration for S House seniors and their families the evening of February 7th. We have begun recognizing Students-of-the-Month; check out the display case across from the S House office.

Principal: Wendy Wax Gellis - gellis@smmusd.org; Assistant: Sylvia Terry - sterry@smmusd.org



A House teachers have been focusing on improving our repertoire of skills as related to "talk" in a classroom setting.

The term is "accountable talk" taken from the work of Lauren Resnick from the Institute of Learning. This includes pressing for evidence, respectfully challenging an idea, adding onto an idea in addition to other teacher moves which assist in deepening the understanding students have in their learning environments.

The *A House* students and faculty had a great time dressing up for Halloween so we could have fun, show spirit, demonstrate pride and WIN, with 91% participation, during the House Costume Contest we proposed.

This week our A House Advisory has called out the *O House* in a challenge to collect the most cans for the Salvation Army Annual Canned Food Drive. The winning house will get to see its Adult Leadership dress up like turkeys! So collect your cans *A House* families; we will make a great rafter or flock of turkeys! We get to have fun while helping others!

Principal: Becky Romano - beckyromano@smmusd.org; Assistant: Leslee McGee - mcgee@smmusd.org



M House has been busy planning and having activities for teachers and students. We had a very successful teacher luncheon as well as an ice cream social. A great group of parents, led by **Stacy Sharf**, help plan all of the activities, which are designed to build a sense of community within the M House. It is also a great opportunity for our students and teachers to participate in fun events. I encourage all parents and students to get involved in upcoming happenings.

Our advisory is going well. The freshmen have just finished mapping out their goals for the next four years at Samohi. The freshman advisory groups have been linked with upper classmen to help them through their freshman year.

Parents of seniors, please take a look at the calendar of upcoming events. There are many things that you do not want to miss that have specific guidelines, like the announcement order date!

Principal: Jose Iniguez - jose.iniguez@smmusd.org; Assistant: Tomita Glover - tomita.glover@smmusd.org



O House would like to thank all parents that have

helped make O House social events a success! As an example, our O House Breakfast was great -- parent involvement and generous donations helped make this year's event a success, helping generate our biggest turnout and most festive service ever. Our goal was to build a sense of community.

O House student representatives continue to coordinate social events including lunchtime competitions between houses and an O House T-Shirt and logo contest.

Given that we are now in December, we invite students, parents, and teachers to come together with donations to brighten the holidays of local families in need through our annual O House gift drive.

For more details, please contact our House Teacher Leader **Amy Beeman-Solano** beemansolano@mail.smmusd.org.

Principal: Ruth Essel - essel@smmusd.org; Assistant: Elena Martin - elena.martin@smmusd.org



H House wishes all our Families, Happy Holidays! We've had a great beginning of the year and recently celebrated a staff luncheon to recognize all the hard work of our wonderful H House teachers.

We want to thank all of the parents who have helped with the H House events this year, the H House staff event, but also the many successful Music Mondays we have held since September in the bottom floor hallway of the English Building.

The H House recommends that students use the holiday break to both relax and spend quality time with family, but also to read for pleasure or for class. We are looking forward to catching up on our own reading during the nice break, too. We'll see you in January filled with a revitalized sense of purpose and focus.

Happy New Year!

Principal: Eva Mayoral - mayoral@smmusd.org; Assistant: Chané Washington - cwashington@smmusd.org



iHouse! iHouse continues to honor its commitment to know and serve all students well. We believe all

students can achieve highly and work tirelessly toward that end. In House meetings we brainstorm in grade-alike teams, seeking to help individual students with problems in areas of achievement, motivation, attendance, homework completion, and self-undermining behavior issues. We commit to action plans and then follow-up at subsequent meetings. It is inspiring to witness the depth of our iTeam's commitment to your children.

If we contact you, it does not mean your child is doing poorly; it may be we are seeking ways to better connect with, or motivate, him/her toward an even higher state of achievement. Also, as an integral part of the iTeam, we hope you will keep us informed of anything we need to know to better help your child reach his/her full academic potential. As a team we can do anything!

Language Department Opens Up a World of Opportunity!

Samohi's Department of Modern and Classical Languages has 18 faculty members who teach Japanese, Latin, French, German and Spanish, encouraging students to learn, live and love the cultures that speak those languages. This year the department welcomes three new teachers with diverse backgrounds: **Guadalupe Toumayan** (who is piloting Spanish for native speakers), **María Colmenero**, (an experienced teacher from Spain) and **Andrew Gollan**, (a former software engineer from Australia now teaching Latin).

Our Latin students have already traveled to Irvine to compete academically and athletically against other programs from Southern Cal; 40 students are expected to travel to the State Convention in February in Menlo Park. Last year over 60 Samohi students won awards on the comprehensive National Latin Exam.

What's on tap? Look for the wildly successful International Night again at Open House in the spring, featuring student performances, music and food from all over the world. Learning a second language can change your life - come join the adventure!

College and Career Center Updates

Reducing College Application Stress

There is no denying that applying to highly competitive schools can involve writing multiple essays, endless retesting to get better scores, extensive amounts of community service, begging teachers for letters of recommendations and more, BUT... did you know there are also plenty of "big name" schools where the process can be much, much easier? Here are three tips from parents who have been through it all.

Great schools with painless applications:

It's true - there are some outstanding institutions who have short, simple online applications, where students with GPAs of over a certain level are either guaranteed admission or exempted from writing essays or needing specific SAT scores. Some examples: University of Oregon offers guaranteed admission and no essays to students with GPAs over 3.25; Pitzer Pomona College exempts students with GPAs over 3.5 from essay writing; the California State Universities need nothing beyond a short online application (you type in your own grades using your unofficial transcript), and students with a 3.0 qualify for admission with any SAT or ACT score.

Application deadlines may be earlier – and later, than you think!

While many college application deadlines are between November-January, many also have rolling admissions, which allow you to apply as early as summer after Junior year. That means you can start senior year at Samohi having already been accepted into a college. Plus, many of those same colleges still accept applications well after students graduate. For some, you can apply in spring or even summer of 2007 and still start college that Fall. This applies to schools like Purdue, Michigan State, Indiana, University of Arizona, Arizona State and lots more.

Life can be simpler with the "Common Application":

Nearly 300 colleges and universities now use the "Common Application" – which means students fill out one application that is used by a number of schools. For more information on colleges who accept the "common app" visit www.commonapp.org.

Ask our college counselors for more information about these kinds of "low stress application" schools. You might be able to get through the process, get in to a terrific college and still enjoy your senior year!

Upcoming SAT & ACT Test Dates

You can register online, paying with credit card for:

SAT I & II tests: Jan 27, 2007 SAT & Subject Tests
– registration deadline: Dec 20; late registration deadline: Jan 4
Register online at www.Collegeboard.com

ACT test: Feb 10, 2007 Registration deadline **Jan 5**;
late registration **Jan 6-19**; register online at www.actstudent.org

Important College Dates For Seniors

- FAFSA application deadline **Jan 1 - Mar 2, 2007**– (needed for most types of financial aid)
- Financial Aid/FAFSA Workshops: **Tue Jan 16, 7:00 pm; Sat Feb 10, 9:00 am; Tues.Feb.20, 7:00 pm**
- Cash for College: (more detailed workshop) **Tue Feb 20, 7:00 pm; Sat Feb. 10 9:00 am**
- Social Security Number is needed for California Grant Information by **Jan. 26, 2007**.
- Samohi Scholarship : applications due **Mar 1, 2007**
- Senior Honors Night is held on **June 5, 2007 7:00 pm**

Going to college and you *might* play a sport?

Any student thinking about college athletics should register with the NCAA Initial Eligibility Clearinghouse, which is the organization that handles ALL inquiries about eligibility status, and is the official source used by college coaches. All senior athletes should be registered if they plan to play a sport at a Division I, II or III school. Visit www.ncaaclearinghouse.net or call the hotline at (800) 638 3731.

The Samohi college information web page is loaded with valuable information, dates, tips and news. Check it out at www.samohi.smmusd.org/Future/index.htm

College Center Office Hours (Admin Building): 7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Students are welcome before school, during lunch and after school to research specific colleges and financial aid opportunities and access to the internet is available but you need an appointment to meet with one of the college counselors.

Who's your child's College Counselor?

For last names A-K it's **Stacy Harvey**, (310) 395-3204 ext 331, stacy.harvey@smmusd.org; Last names L-Z are **Bianca Carillo** (310) 395-3204 ext 330, Bianca.carillo@smmusd.org

LOTS of NEWS from ROP

Spring '07 Class Highlights

Career Internship - Participating students will have the opportunity to intern in their field of interest. They will be better able to make informed choices about college majors; build a terrific personal portfolio for college and scholarship applications and be prepared for future job/career opportunities. Lifeguard Training –instruction includes the American Red Cross courses Lifeguard training, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, First Aid for Public Safety Personnel (Title 22), Instructor Candidate training and Water Safety Instructor. Emergency Medical Responder - students are trained as First Responders who arrive on the scene providing efficient, immediate care to ill/injured patients and who assist other EMS providers. Students obtain certification in CPR/1st Aid and learn medical terminology, anatomy and physiology. Career opportunities in health careers are emphasized.

The spring schedule will be available on Samohi's website. If you do not have internet access, we invite you to visit the ROP office and pick up a schedule after December 18th. We will be registering students the beginning of January. All classes are open to high school students who are at least 16 years old or in 11th grade, as well as adults. Call the ROP office (310) 395-3204 ext 457 or **Ms. McCray**, the ROP counselor (310) 395-3204 ext 329 for further information.

Student Competitions

Marketing Essentials/Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) students competed in Business and Marketing subjects on Saturday, November 4, 2006. A total of 9 students attended this competition and for most of them it was their first competition. In the Food Marketing category, **Yeji Lee** took first place overall and **Kylie Monagan** was awarded 3rd place. In Business Services Management, **Marvin Mendez** scored 1st place in role play. **Nathaly Ortega** scored 2nd place in role play in the category - Apparel Accessories Associate, while **Emma Peitzer** scored 2nd place in the written test in the same category. Finally, **Katie Viana** took 1st place in role play within the Retail Merchandising category. Congratulations to all of the participants for a job well done.

Virtual Business Enterprise students will compete in the annual Trade Show Competition November 28-30th in Bakersfield. Students will be promoting their on-line virtual business and competing with up to 139 other school businesses in salesmanship, best presentation of a booth, best web site design, best business plan and best virtual enterprise project. Their current business is a virtual travel agency called "Soiree".

Holiday Floral Arrangements on Sale

In partnership with our beginning Marketing Class handling the business side, the Floral Design students fill orders for holiday arrangements for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Watch for their announcement via the Blue Bulletin and the school website.

Samohi Donors

Donadores de Samohi

Many thanks to the following families who have contributed to Samohi, through the PTSA's Direct Donation program as of October 29, 2006

Muchas gracias a las siguientes familias que han contribuido a Samohi, mediante el programa de Donación Directa antes del 29 de octubre.

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Change a Light Bulb – Change the World! The Samohi Energy Fair

Save the date – On **Tuesday, February 13 at 7:00 pm** the PTSA/All School Meeting will feature an Energy Fair, planned and presented by the Samohi Student Environmental Task Force. This amazing group of committed environmental students is working on a yearlong project to help residences, businesses and yes, even Samohi itself, become more energy efficient by making some simple changes in the use of lighting and heating.

The benefits are twofold – reducing energy use helps our community become more sustainable and “green” -- and also results in significant financial savings to homes and businesses.

Working with The Energy Coalition (a nonprofit organization funded by the State of California), these students are being trained in conducting professional energy audits and community educational outreach.

At the Energy Fair, students will provide instructions, tips, free light bulbs, home energy saving kits and more. Don't miss a chance to get this valuable information, and see our students shine!

¡Cambie un Bombillo – Cambie al Mundo! La Feria de Energía de Samohi

Guarde la fecha – **El martes, 13 de febrero a las 7:00 pm** la PTSA una reunión de toda la escuela presentará una Feria de Energía, planificada y presentada por los estudiante de Samohi en el Comité del Ambiente. Este increíble grupo de dedicados estudiantes del ambiente están trabajando en un proyecto de un año para ayudar a los residentes, negocios, y hasta la escuela Samohi, a hacerse más eficientes con la energía haciendo simples cambios en el uso de la luz y la calefacción.

Los beneficios son doble – el reducir el uso de la energía ayuda a nuestra comunidad ha sostenerse mejor y ser más “verde” –y también resulta en ahorros de finanzas significativos para las casas y negocios.

Trabajando con la Coalición de Energía (una organización no lucrativa fundada por el Estado de California), estos estudiantes son entrenados en conducir auditoria profesional de energía y alcance educacional a la comunidad.

En la Feria de Energía, los estudiantes proveerán instrucciones, consejos, bombillos gratis, juego de conservar energía y mucho más. No se pierda esta oportunidad de recibir información importante, y ver a los estudiantes brillar.

Direct Donation
 It's not too late to donate. Please use the enclosed envelope and mail it in before the end of the year to help us meet our goal -- **and get your tax donation!**

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January Calendar

- 1 - 5 Winter Break
- 8 Band Parent Mtg., 7:00 pm, M102
Choral Steering Mtg., 7:00 pm, M100
- 9 PTSA Mtg., 7:00 pm, Student Cafeteria
- 10 Late Start Wednesday
- 11 Winter Band Concert, 7:00 pm, Barnum Hall
- 12 Cal Grant SS # Filing
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday – NO SCHOOL
- 16 Governance, 4:00 pm, L103
AAPSSSG Mtg., 6:00 pm, Student Cafeteria
Financial Aid Workshop #1 7:00 pm
- 17 Late Start Wednesday
- 18 Coffee with Principal, Student Cafeteria 8:30 am
SMMUSD BOE Mtg., 5:30 pm, SMCCC
Daniel Alonso Art Exhibit Opening, 6:00 pm,
Roberts Art Gallery
- 22 ELAC Mtg., 7:00 pm, Student Cafeteria
Orchestra Parent Mtg., 7:00 pm, M101
- 23 Period 1 Final
- 24 NO Late Start Wednesday
Period 2 & 3 Finals – Early Dismissal
- 25 Period 4 & 5 Finals – Early Dismissal
- 26 Period 6 & A Finals – Early Dismissal
- 27 SAT & Subject Tests
ELAC – FAFSA Workshop
- 29 Student Free Day
- 30 Second Semester begins
- 31 Late Start Wednesday

Want to know what is going on at Samohi?
 Subscribe to the Samohi PTSA calendar postcard and have it mailed home each month. Annual subscription of 10 monthly postcards is \$5.
 email Elizabeth Gelfand Stearns lizdawn3@earthlink.net

February Calendar

- 1 SMMUSD BOE Mtg., 5:30 pm, MCCC
- 1 & 2 NAEP 12th Grade – Block Schedule
- 2 Senior Parking Lottery Applications due today
- 2 & 3 Café Samo, 7:30 pm, Humanities Center
- 5 Choral Parent Mtg., 7:00 pm, M100
- 6 English Language Arts CAHSEE
- 7 NO Late Start Wednesday
Mathematics CAHSEE
- 10 ACT Test
- 12 Orchestra Spaghetti & Strings
Band Parent Mtg., 7:00 pm, M102
Grad Nite Mtg., 7:00 pm, Student Cafeteria
Delian sign-up for Seniors
- 13 PTSA Mtg., 7:00 pm, Student Cafeteria
Delian sign-up for Seniors
- 14 Late Start Wednesday
- 15 SMMUSD BOE Mtg. SMCCC
Delian sign-up for Juniors
- 16 Last Day to drop class w/Advisor Review
Delian sign-up for Juniors
- 19 President's Day – NO SCHOOL
- 20 Governance Mtg., 4:00 pm, L103
FASFA – Financial Aide Workshop #2
Delian sign-up for Freshmen and Sophomores
Coffee with Principal, Student Cafeteria 8:30 am
Blood Drive
Tentative Art Exhibit Opening, 6:00 pm,
Roberts Art Gallery
Delian sign-up for Freshmen and Sophomores
- 23 Tentative Black History Month Event
Delian make-up sign-ups for Grades 9 -12
- 26 Choral Steering Mtg., 7:00 pm, M100
Orchestra Parent Mtg., 7:00 pm, M101
- 27 ELAC Mtg., 7:00 pm, Student Cafeteria
- 28 Late Start Wednesday