



**Welcome Parents of
Incoming 9th Graders**

National Anthem



The Samo Experience

Welcome Home!

What will your Samo Experience look like?

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Santa Monica High School Principal

Ms. Marae Cruce



Santa Monica High Cheer and Song



The Samohi Structure & House System



Students assigned to same Advisor
and House Principal all four years



Five houses of about 600 students
each



Goal to create a school within a
school feeling



What's New?

Everything Counts!

- **ALL GRADES COUNT!**

Workload & Teacher Expectations Increase

- Put your study skills to work, organization and initiative
- Time management

Activities & Opportunities Increase

- Sports, Pep, Drama, Clubs, ASB, Band, Journalism, and more...

Career & College Counseling Begins

- Use of College & Career Center
- Continued use of NAVIANCE
- College Nights, College Fairs



Let's Hear From Our Orchestra

Athletic Information



STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE A PRELIMINARY CLEARANCE (PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FORM) IN ORDER TO TRY OUT OR PRACTICE.



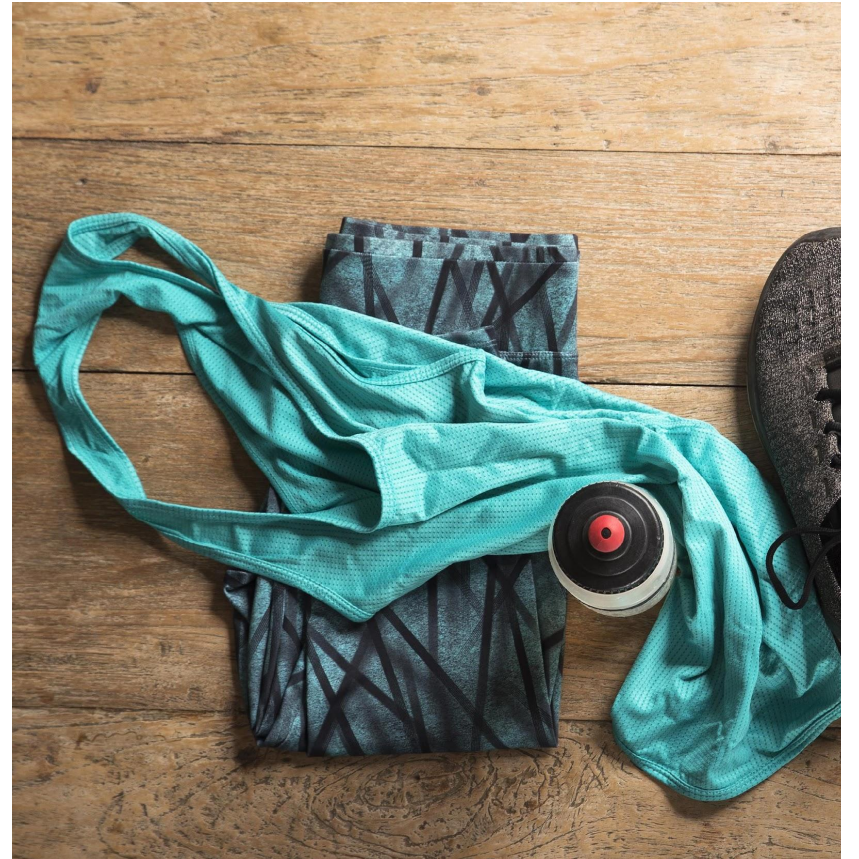
NO EXCEPTIONS!!



All sports require a try out on the day prescribed by the coach. Actual tryout dates will be posted at <https://www.smmusd.org/domain/2940>



There are many advantages to joining a sport: being a member of team allows you to be a part of the Samohi community, demonstrates commitment to colleges as well as possible scholarships, and an incentive to maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average.



Santa Monica High School ISPE (Independent Study PE) 2023-2024

ISPE is a Physical Education opportunity that is available for students attending Samohi that meet the specific criteria and complete the application process

Applications for all ISPE programs in SMMUSD are released on the same date in March 2023

The link for the current application can be found on the Samohi website on the release date on March 17th 2023

Students interested in ISPE must fill out the application and meet all the criteria listed including competitive competition schedule, instructor must be CPR certified and the activity cannot be a sport or class that is currently offered at Samohi



Bell Schedule

Standard Schedule

Monday, Tuesday, Friday

- Period A 7:20 - 8:22 am
- Period 1 8:30 - 9:25 am
- HOMEROOM 9:34 - 9:43 am
- Period 2 9:43 - 10:38 am
- BREAK 10:38 - 10:40 am
- Period 3 10:49 - 11:44 am
- Period 4 11:53 am - 12:48 pm
- LUNCH 12:48 - 1:23 pm
- Period 5 1:32 - 2:27 pm
- Period 6 2:36 - 3:31 pm

Block Schedule

Wednesday

- Period 2 8:55 - 10:24 am
- Period 4 10:33 am - 12:02 pm
- BREAK 12:02 - 12:04 pm
- FLEX TIME 12:13 - 1:03 pm
- LUNCH 1:03 - 1:38 pm
- Period 6 1:47 - 3:16 pm

Thursday

- Period A 7:20 - 8:22 am
- Period 1 8:30 - 9:59 am
- Period 3 10:08 - 11:37 am
- BREAK 11:37 - 11:39 am
- FLEX TIME 11:48 am - 12:39 pm
- LUNCH 12:39 - 1:14 pm
- Period 5 1:23 - 2:52 pm



Got the Acting Bug?

This Could be
You....Next Year....On
Stage and In Action!



What is the Goal of Flex Time?

Samohi Flex-Time provides targeted educational opportunities during the school day for intervention and enrichment to best meet student individual needs. It is our goal that Flex-Time will help all students to be more successful. Students will engage in their own learning by building metacognitive and advocacy skills to promote emotional health, explore passions and grow in a focused, academic, and productive environment.

- **Three main areas of offerings:**
 - Academic Support
 - Enrichment Opportunities
 - Social Emotional Support

Flex Time Expectations

What Do Students Do?

Be Productive

Be Focused

Be Responsible

Be a Self-Advocate

Be Present

Be Proactive

In short, students have been given the gift of time. When it's time please help your child make good choices and use it wisely!



A large group of students, mostly young women, are gathered on a stage, performing in a choir. They are dressed in dark clothing, and several are holding yellow roses. A conductor in a dark suit stands to the right, gesturing with his hands. The background consists of vertical wooden panels. In the foreground, a piano and a microphone are visible.

Samohi Choir Interlude The Beauty Shop

Your Student's Schedule

5 Classes Predetermined

- A. English
- B. Physics in the Universe
- C. Math
- D. P.E.- All students take P.E. unless they are in a Sport or Marching Band (tryout required), or ISPE (Student must apply for approval)
- E. Freshman Seminar
- F. Elective (i.e., Language, Visual/Performing Art, Engineering)



9th Grade Elective Course Offerings

Foreign Languages

French

Japanese

Latin

Spanish

Chinese

Music

Band

Orchestra
Choir

Drawing

Painting

Ceramics

Acting

Digital Design

Film and Video Production

**** Yearbook**

**** Journalism**

**** ASB**

**** Project Lead the Way -
Intro to Engineering**

**** application required**

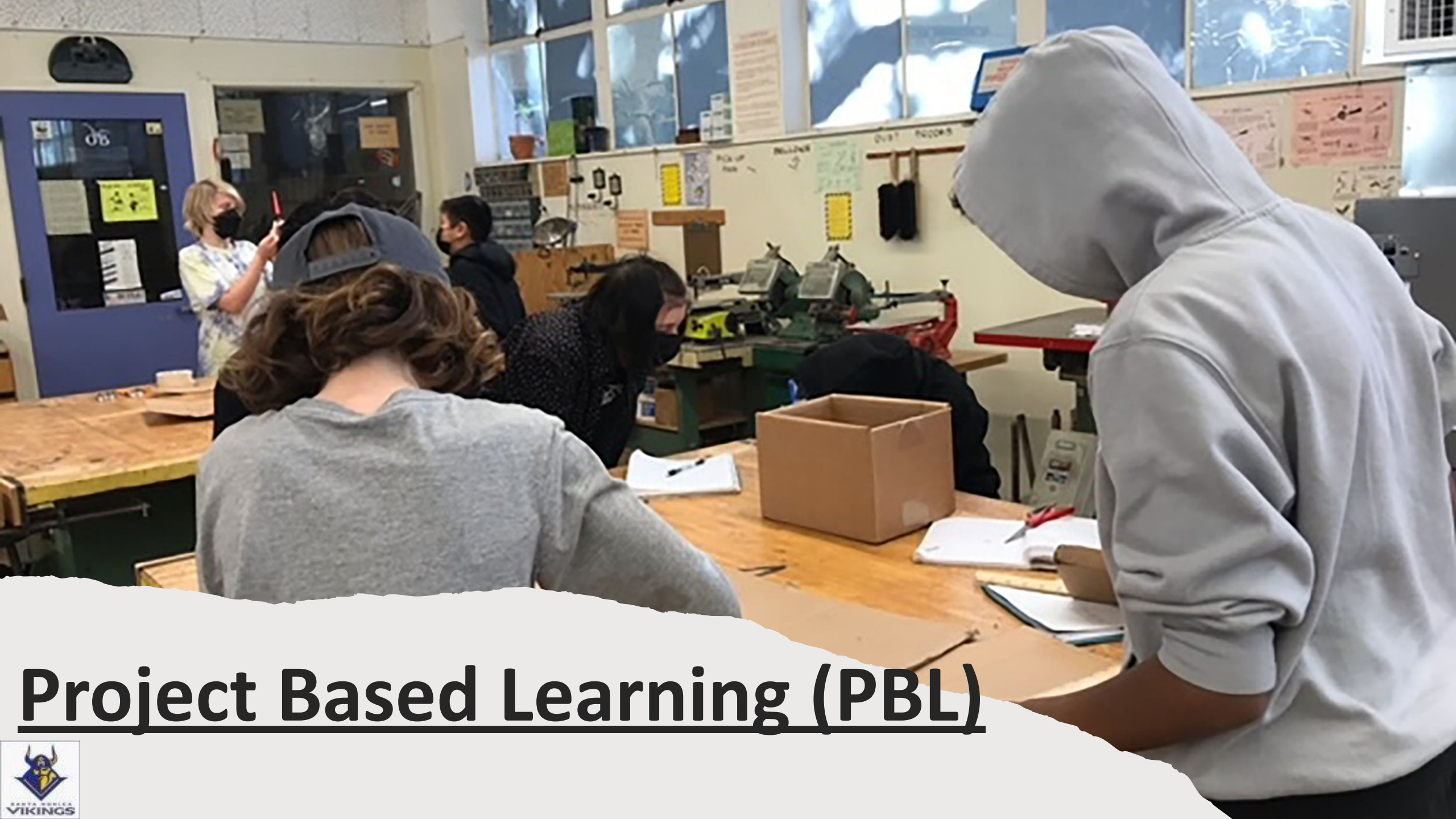
Project Lead the Way Engineering



PLTW Engineering

Project Lead the Way is a rigorous, four-year engineering pathway for high school students. All courses require an interest in creating and designing solutions to problems, strong math and critical thinking skills, and a willingness to work collaboratively in groups. Students have the opportunity to enter into the pathway during any year except the 4th year. In order to take the 4th Year Capstone class students will need to have completed the two courses (year 2 and year 3) outlined below.





Project Based Learning (PBL)



Scheduling Your Samohi Classes

Samohi Advisors will present at the middle schools on the following days

- Lincoln Middle School February 8th
- John Adams Middle School February 10th
 - SMASH February 10th

Presentation will be emailed to all 8th grade families with directions on how to enter your course requests into Aeries

ALL COURSE REQUESTS MUST BE ENTERED BY February 19th.

Finding Balance In Your High School Experience

- Keep the big picture in mind. What realistically can your student tackle without overloading?
- Encourage your student to take responsible risks and tackle challenges in areas they enjoy. It's not necessary to take every AP/Honors class available.
- Students should leave time for activities, family, friends, and fun to maintain good overall mental and physical health.



Get Involved!

Quality Participation and Commitment
in One or More Activities is the Key

Service to the community – volunteering, internships

Involvement in a club/organization

Participation in an athletic team

Employment (College & Career Center B120)

Hobbies

*Always have a balance between academics & activities





Tenor Basses

Samohi

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Summer Options

Scholastic Opportunities

- Samohi Acceleration
- Outside Public and Private School
- Community Colleges
- University Summer Programs
- Online Course Options

For summer GET AHEAD options **not** on the campus of SAMO or SMC please fill out the request at:

<https://forms.gle/nwDH1HDznvSf3e868>

***NOTE: All must be approved IN ADVANCE**

Extracurricular Opportunities

- Internships
- Community Service
- Jobs
- Study Abroad



Important Dates

- Samohi Summer School – June 20th – July 24th
- Registration – August 15th
- Make-up Registration – August 17th
- Freshman Orientation – August 18th



Next Steps

Break Out Room: Special Education (D100)

Samo Experience Fair (Student Cafeteria)

You may also fill out a questions form on the Samohi website and an Advisor will get back to you!

bit.ly/classof2027questions



The A-Team!

