

## **General Questions & Answers - SMHS**

**Will Prom happen?** *Unfortunately, the stay at home order has not been lifted and as a result, this year's Prom will not take place. The administration will continue to work closely with ASB and the Class of 2020 leadership to discuss other ways to build connections and maintain our sense of Knight Pride for the remainder of the school year.*

**Is Grad Night happening? Can we be refunded?** *No, Universal Studios has cancelled all Grad Nights. Yes you can be refunded. If you have the Senior Package you will be refunded \$85. Universal is also offering Annual Passes as opposed to refunds. Email PTO for more information, click here: [Grad Knight](#)*

**Will Graduation happen?** *Across the country, graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2020 continue to be discussed. A determination has not yet been made as to whether or not we will be able to gather for an in-person graduation ceremony. District and site Administration will continue to work alongside the Class of 2020 leadership seeking recommendations for alternative options in the event we are unable to hold the traditional graduation ceremony.*

**Should I still order my gown if I haven't already?** *Yes! Online ordering will remain open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week between now and graduation commencement. Please visit <https://socalrecognition.com/> and under SEARCH YOUR SCHOOL select San Marcos High School. With the exception of the Cap & Gown Unit, all graduation product (graduation announcements, name cards, return address labels, sweatshirts, sweatpants, t-shirts, tassels, keychains, memory books, etc.) will be manufactured, packaged, and drop-shipped to your home address. All Custom Products that have been ordered will be delivered to your home.*

**Will refunds be issued for Caps & Gowns?** *No. Due to the custom nature of this product, Caps & Gowns cannot be cancelled. However, all Caps & Gowns have been manufacturing for the SMHS Class of 2020 and are awaiting delivery from*

*SoCal Recognition, Inc. Everyone who has ordered a Cap & Gown will receive this keepsake to ensure your Class of 2020 experience is complete with your SMHS classmates or potentially at home with your family.*

**My family ordered Graduation Announcements? When will they be delivered and what if graduation changes?** *If you or your Senior ordered Graduation Announcements, SoCal Recognition, Inc. will be drop-shipping them directly to your home address in the weeks ahead.*

**In the event we do not return to school, how will I receive/turn-in items to/from the school ( i.e. caps/gowns, stoles, cords, diplomas, textbooks, chromebooks, athletic attire, yearbooks, etc)?** *We will be working with staff members and coaches to coordinate a pick-up schedule for all items throughout the months of May & June. Dates & Times will be communicated via school email, Google Classrooms, and phone calls in the near future.*

**How will Honor Grads be decided for the Class of 2020? How will they be notified?** *SMHS has modified the criteria to qualify to be an Honor Graduate. For this year only, Seniors will qualify to be an Honor Graduate in 1 of 2 ways: You can qualify by having a cumulative GPA of 3.75 at the time of your first semester report card OR you can qualify by having a cumulative GPA of 3.75 at the time of your second semester second progress report. If you have questions please contact your counselor. Mr. Dawson will send students who qualify as an Honor Grad an email by Friday, April 24th.*

**Are we still having Senior Awards and Senior Scholarship Ceremony?** *Yes, these events will be virtual and the videos will be linked on our Calendar of Virtual Events, to be posted on our website soon.*

**Are there other ways the school or I as a parent can honor my Senior?** *SMHS will be spotlighting our Seniors in a variety of ways. “In Pursuit Of...” campaign which will be posted on social media and school website, Class of 2020 College Banner, and Senior Spotlight’s on marquee, website, and social media. We are*

*also working with [Signarama of SM](#) on a Congratulations Class of 2020 sign for the front of the high school with all of our Senior names on it. As a parent you can purchase a Class of 2020 lawn sign directly through them as well.*

**Can I still purchase a Yearbook?** - *Yes, visit our [webstore](#)*

**How else can my student remain connected to school?** *Follow our ASB Instagram, Class of 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and MINGA accounts for virtual events happening throughout the school.*

**How will AP exams be administered?** *ALL exams will be given online and will be within a one-hour window. ALL students should check their email in AP Classroom and be sure it's a personal, non-school email to get College Board announcements. Visit our [AP Program webpage](#) for schedule, review options, and other important links.*

**How will IEPs be conducted for the remainder of the year?** *Students who have to complete an annual IEP will be contacted by their students' case manager in order to set up a virtual meeting with the IEP team. Assessments cannot take place during social distancing. In some cases a records review can be agreed upon and conducted for triennial IEPs. Please reach out to your child's case manager if you have any questions or concerns about their IEP or distance learning.*

**How will my student's grades be handled during distance learning?**

*Our approach to grading is through the lens of equity and with the primary goal of first doing no harm to students. Our SMUSD Hold Harmless approach includes the following: student grades will not be negatively impacted as a result of the school closures and the implementation of our Distance Learning Model. Student grades at the time of the school closures (3/13 - Progress Report #2) will not be lowered but can be improved upon. Teachers will continue to monitor and support student progress toward mastery of grade level skills and standards. Participating in virtual classes and completing assignments and activities will prepare students with the key skills they will need in preparation for next school year, allow them to*

*raise their final semester grade and may influence placement in next year's courses. If you have questions, reach out directly to your student's teacher.*

**How can my 8th Grader learn more about applicable upcoming SMHS events, clubs, sports, and other activities?** *Visit our website for [Important Dates](#), and participate in our [Virtual Discover SMHS](#) event. A virtual tour and senior panel will happen on ASB Instagram and Class of 2024 during Mid May and it will be posted on the website when finished.*

**How do I as an 8th Grader select classes for next year?** *Your new SMHS counselor has sent every 8th graders a Course Selection Form through their SMUSD Gmail Account. Work with your family to select and submit course requests for next year.*