



SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHTS

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Dear SMHS Families,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the 2020-2021 school year and look forward to another productive year in the Knights' Realm. As our school continues to grow, we continue to recognize that parking is an important component to our school as we aim to implement a policy that is equitable for all students, yet practical given the nature of limited availability.

Due to increased enrollment, senior priority and a limited number of student parking spaces available on campus, SMHS will be conducting a lottery to issue parking permits to qualifying 11th grade students. 12th and 11th grade students interested in obtaining a parking permit must upload all necessary paperwork, including driver license, valid registration and valid proof of insurance via the online parking application link posted on the school website by the deadlines stated below. **Please note that the Smart Start requirement has been waived for the 20-21 school year.** The lottery will be ongoing throughout the school year should any parking spots become available due to transfer scenarios or loss of privilege. See the details below for more information about the SMHS parking policy.

- The 12th grade deadline for completing the online application and submitting all necessary parking documents stated above is **Monday, August 31**. Any seniors who miss the deadline will be allowed to submit documents to be added to the parking lottery list.
- The 11th grade deadline for submitting all parking documents stated above will be **Tuesday, September 8**. Successful completion of the online parking application and submission of all necessary documents will entitle 11th grade students to enter the lottery should spots be available after the senior permits have been issued.
- The lottery will consist of a random selection of eligible 12th and 11th grade students based on the amount of student parking spots available.
- 10th graders will be unable to park on the SMHS campus unless all eligible 12th and 11th grade students have been accommodated.

In addition, as stated in the SMHS Student Handbook, we would like to remind all stakeholders that parking on campus is a privilege and may be revoked at any time due to poor attendance or student disciplinary infractions.

It is strongly recommended that families carpool, utilize public transportation and/or drop/ pickup students to preclude negative circumstances that may arise from parking off campus. As our school continues to grow, we will continue to explore all options available to us to improve the parking situation to accommodate as many students as possible. In the meantime, thank you for your ongoing patience and flexibility in supporting our wonderful school and we look forward to a successful 20-21 school year.

Sincerely,

SMHS Administration