



SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHTS

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Dear SMHS Families,

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the 2021-2022 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 essential, but limited component of 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 12th and 11th grade students. 12th and 11th grade students interested in obtaining a parking permit must submit copies of all necessary paperwork, including driver license, valid registration and valid proof of insurance to the Finance Office in a timely fashion. **Please note that the Smart Start requirement has been waived for the 21-22 school year, but will be reinstated in 22-23.** 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 parking application and submitting all necessary parking documents stated above is during registration on **Monday, August 2, 2021 through Friday, August 6, 2021**. Any seniors who miss the deadline will be allowed to submit documents to be added to the parking lottery list. A senior parking lottery will be conducted **before** 11th graders are considered only if all documents are successfully completed by the deadline. **Permits will be issued to eligible seniors on August 9, 10, and 11 from 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the Finance Office.**
- A digital SMHS Parking Intent Form will be posted on the school website on **Friday, August 6th, 2021**. The form is to be completed by **11th grade students** who are interested and prepared to park on campus and **12th grade students** who missed the August 6th deadline. 12th and 11th grade students who complete the form will automatically be placed into the parking lottery and selected randomly based on how many spots are available after the senior deadline. The deadline for completing the online intent form to be eligible for the second lottery is **August 23rd, 2021**. Students who are selected must bring all necessary parking paperwork to the Finance Office before school or during lunch within 48 hours of receiving the lottery email.
- 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.
- **Start Smart will return as a parking requirement for the 2022-2023 school year.** It is highly recommended that all current **11th and 10th** grade students attend the course with a parent/guardian this school year to be eligible for a permit during the 2022-2023 school year. SMHS will host two Start Smart courses (Dates TBD) this year to accommodate this requirement on behalf of our students.

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- Parking permit enforcement will begin on **Monday, August 30, 2021**. The student parking lot will be available on a first come first serve basis until this date.

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 21-22 school year.

Sincerely,

SMHS Administration