

A photograph of San Marcos High School at dusk. The building features a prominent tower on the left with the word 'KNIGHTS' written vertically. The main entrance has large glass windows and the school's name 'SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL' is visible above the doors. Several students are walking in front of the building.

Welcome to San Marcos High School *Parent Orientation*

The San Marcos High School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) consists of a group of volunteers who come together to coordinate events, recruit volunteers, and raise funds to support many ongoing programs at our high school.

Parent organizations help to bridge the gap between limited funding from the state and district. SMHS PTO has helped fund:

- Chromebooks
- Technology Subscriptions
- Individual Department Funding
- School Improvements
- Staff Leadership Training
- Mentor Program
- Scholarships
- Graduation
- Senior Events
- Homecoming
- Staff Appreciation
- and More

With your generosity, our yearly fundraisers help us to continue to provide support to these programs and other additional school needs that may arise.

Additionally, the SMHS PTO coordinates many events for senior year activities such as the Senior Disney Trip, Senior Soirée, and Graduation support.

Our Vision

Empowering Personal Growth &
Honorable Contributions Through High
Academic, Personal and Social
Expectations

***“Listening, Learning, and
Growing with our
Students and Each Other”***

Clear School Focus

Building Relational Trust & Strong
School Belonging

*“Listening, Learning, and Growing with our
Students and Each Other”*

Student Learning Framework

Add image

Knight PRIDE

**Empowering personal growth and
honorable contributions of all Knights:**

POSITIVE

RESPECTFUL

INVOLVED

DETERMINED

ENGAGED

Student Expectations

High Academic, Personal, and
Social Expectations

Click Below

[21 - 22 SY Student Handbook](#)

Student Support Services

*Empowering Personal
Growth & Honorable
Contributions Through
High Academic, Personal
and Social Expectations*



Administration



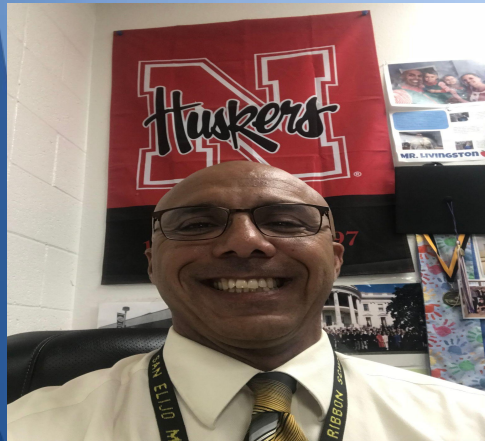
Adam Dawson
Principal



Leandro Galaz
MTSS / Equity/ Restorative
Practices Coordinator
A - C



Kelly Brown
Assistant Principal
D - He



John Livingston
Assistant Principal
Hi - Mi



Kathy Hale
Assistant Principal
Mo - Sa



Ryan Gallego
Assistant Principal
Sc - Z

School Counselors



Lori Nguyen
A-Carn



Ruben Escobar
All English Learners
Caro-Cruz



TBD
Cu-Glas



Nalls
Glat-Kal

School Counselors



Janet Paul
Kan-Mel



Kristi Harlig
Men-Q



Laura Perez
R-Sta



Lisa Berry
Ste-Z

Social & Emotional Health

Michelle Atkins – Social Worker

Mercedes McCall - Social Worker

Bianca Kimsey- School Psychologist

Troy Sauvageau- School Psychologist

Special Education Services

Assigned Case Manager

Bianca Kimsey- School Psychologist

Troy Sauvageau- School Psychologist

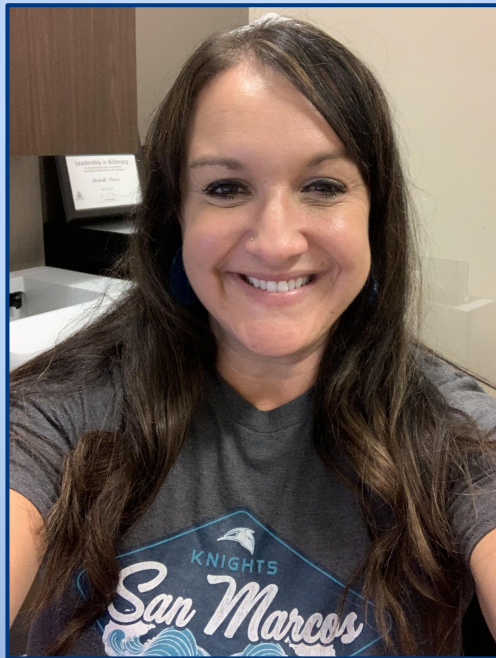
Davina Curtis- School Psychologist

Joanne Navilliat- Speech and Language Pathologist

Lorin Keehr- Speech and Language Pathologist

English Language Learners

Michelle Peace - ELL Co-Teacher



Student Connections

Bonnie Bagheri – ASB Director



SMHS Celebrates and Promotes Multilingualism and Diversity!

Join our English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)



- Our goal is to prepare graduates with the linguistic, academic, and social skills they require for participation in a global, diverse, and multilingual world.
- We meet four times per year in the evenings; our first meeting is **September 16 from 6-8pm** in our cafeteria.
- ELAC is a place for parents to give input on and stay informed about all things related to language learning at SMHS.

HOPING TO GET PHOTOS HERE...

Argelia Lopez
ELAC President

Angeles Rosales
ELAC Vice President

Athletics

Jeff Meyer – Athletic Director



Student Connections

Link Crew Coordinators for Freshman and Sophomores

Zach Hight



Krista Horrigan

Bonnie Bagheri



Welcome Day Info

Bell Schedule

Monday/ Friday	Tuesday: <i>Late Start</i> <i>School</i> <i>starts at</i> <i>8:48</i>	Wednesday (Modified Block, 2 hour classes)	Thursday (Modified Block, 2 hour classes)
P.0-6	P.1-6	P. 0, 1, 3, 5	P. 0, 2, 4, 6

School begins each day at 8:05 a.m. on all days except Tuesday. School ends each day at 2:54 p.m.

Attendance

**TO CLEAR AN ABSENCE/HAVE A STUDENT RELEASE EARLY/
EXCUSE A STUDENT FOR BEING LATE -- Info on school website**

Call the 24-hour Attendance Office Line at
760-290-2200 or 760-290-2211 and follow the prompts.

EARLY RELEASE INFORMATION

All early release requests should be called in **at least 2 hours prior to the requested release time**. Please leave a detailed message on either of the numbers listed above and your student will be released at the time requested.

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE

Call the 24-hour Attendance Office Line at 760-290-2200 or 760-290-2211.
Due to COVID contract tracing requirements, please include the following:

- NAME OF STUDENT
 - GRADE
- STUDENT ID NUMBER
- DATE & REASON OF ABSENCE
- YOUR NAME AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE STUDENT
 - A PHONE NUMBER YOU CAN BE REACHED AT

**IF ABSENCE IS DUE TO ILLNESS, PLEASE LEAVE THE SYMPTOMS OF
ILLNESS AND WHEN THEY STARTED**

Drop-off / Pick-up

Student drop-off

- Enter on Knights Realm, drop off at West KNIGHTS entrance. Speed limit 5 mph.
- Mornings- 2 lanes into campus
- Afternoons- pick up 1 lane in, 2 lanes out

Bicycles/Skateboards

Racks located outside Student Union, not allowed in classrooms. **MUST** bring own lock.

Visitor Parking

In front of Theater/Welcome Center

Student Drop-Off







STOP

BANK OF CALIFORNIA

5 MPH

5 MPH

5 MPH

Do Not Stop in Red Zones



Campus Safety

School Resource Officer
• Deputy Paul Brown



A Safe School Culture

Student Safety – Our #1 priority!

● Get to know the adults on campus

- Campus supervisors
- School Resource Officer
- Assistant Principals
- Secretaries, Librarians, Teachers, Coaches

● Prevention not reaction

- Immediately report instances of bullying and/or harassment
- Conflict resolution
- THINK before you post

Earning Credits

- Every class that is passed with a **D or better** earns **5 credits**. (**C or better** is required for UC/CSU a-g eligibility)
- Students typically earn **30 credits** a semester or **60 a year**. A total of **230 credits** are needed to graduate
 - Credit Recovery: options during the day, before school and after school to retake a class online.
- **Monitoring Progress**
 - Synergy Parentvue
 - Emailing Teachers/ Monitoring Teacher webpages
 - Communicating with student
 - Progress reports and Semester Grades

Counselors deliver **classroom presentations in Fall and Spring** teaching students how to read their **transcript** and understand what classes they need to graduate and/or attend college/university.

Class of 2025 Graduation Requirements

English

4 years (40 credits)

Math

3 years (30 credits) *including one year of Geometry

Social Studies

3 years (30 credits) *10th grade World History, U.S. History, Economics/Government

Science

3 years (30 credits) *Biology, Chemistry and Physics

World Language

2 years (20 credits) *Can be satisfied with 1 year of a level 2 course

**Successful completion of 10 credits of CTE may count for 1 year of World Language or VAPA)

VAPA (Visual and Performing Arts)

1 year (10 credits)

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Physical Education

2 years (20 credits)

Electives

Any area of study (50 credits)

Total

230 Credits (Grade of "D" or better in all courses to earn credit, Grade of "C" or better in all courses to meet the A-G requirements)

College and Career Center

- College and Career Resources
- Work Permits
- Volunteer, Community Service, Job Opportunities
- Military Information
- Scholarship Information
- Workshops, Presentations, and Field

Trips related to college and/or careers

(Webpage → Counseling → College & Career Center)

***OPEN 7:15 AM – 3:15 PM**

Krystal Diaz

**Mon-Fri | Located in the
Student Union (Room 158)**

Knight Zone

Danielle Birk, coordinator
760-290-3804

TUTORING --History, Science, AP, English, Math

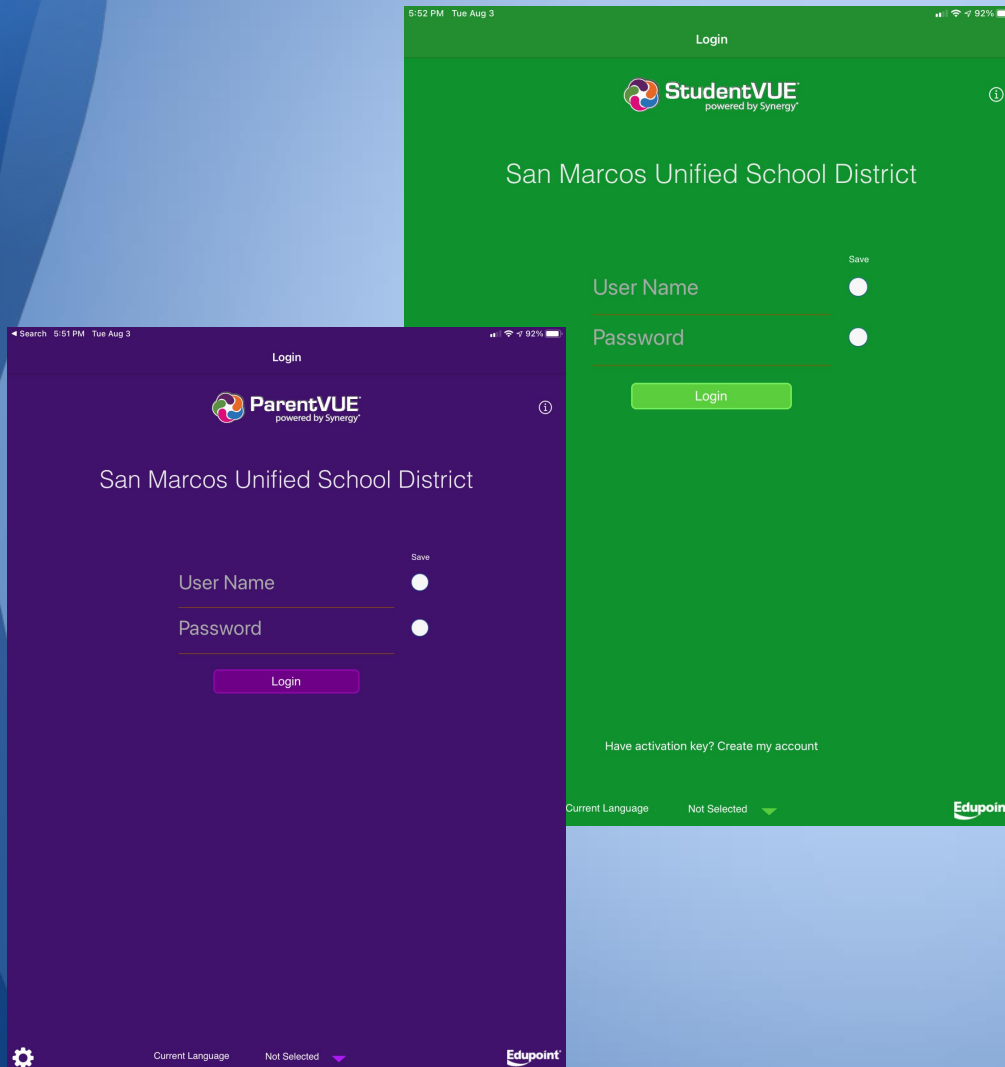
ACADEMIC ENRICHMENT--Academic League, Writing Club, Link Crew, Library Extended Hours

ENRICHMENT-- Guitar Class, Photography, Karaoke Klub, The Jewelry Club, TARC, Table Tops, Woodshop, Game Development

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY- Ballet Folklórico, Advanced Dance, Brawlers Wrestling, Martial Arts, Military Drill

KZ is open EVERY DAY from 3-6pm, Student Union!

Synergy Apps



Stacie Boyle

Administrative
Assistant in AP Office

760-290-2209

stacie.boyle@smusd.org

Progress Report and Grades

- Progress Report **every 5-6 weeks** available through Parent VUE
- Final semester grades December and June
- Track your student's progress through Synergy- Parent VUE
- Always contact teacher first with concerns about class and grade
 - Teacher contact info available on school website

Paper

Paper delivers unlimited, 24/7 high-dosage tutoring

Students get homework help, writing feedback, and study support on demand. Teachers gain insights into learning gaps. Administrators have visibility into where support is needed.

[Video](#)

Before you...



THINK!

T - Is it true?

H - Is it helpful?

I - Is it inspiring?

N - Is it necessary?

K - Is it kind?

Reminders

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

- No drop off or pick up in the front of the school. All drop off/pick up must be along the Student Union. Traffic becomes congested from 8:00 am onwards. Arrive early!
- View schedule through Studentvue
(*Starting- Monday, Aug. 16th*)
- **Welcome Day** - A unique day designed to build Knight PRIDE, culture, and academic preparation.

Four short, but meaningful years.....

Knights make the most of every opportunity.



Set Goals Now!

- Honor Roll Student
- Student of the Term
- Knights of the Round Table
- AP Ambassadors
- CTE Ambassador
- Excalibur Knight
- National Honor Society

- California Scholarship Federation
- ASB Leadership
- Scholar Athletes
- Academic & Athletic Scholarships
- First Generation HS Grad
- First Generation College Bound
- Honor Graduate
- AFJROTC Officer

Thank You!

**Welcome to our
Knight Family**

**Watch the presentation slides
on your phone as we welcome
you to San Marcos High School**