



SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL KNIGHTS

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Dear Knight **Parents/Guardians:**

September 2021

Due to COVID-19, all secondary schools within SMUSD have moved Back to School Night presentations to a virtual experience. Our 21-22 Virtual Back to School Video Presentations will be shared with all families next **Thursday, Sept. 23rd**. All teachers at SMHS have prepared a video presentation for parents consisting of: a brief introduction about themselves, *SMHS Vision & Student Learner Outcomes(SLO's)*, course curriculum, grading/participation policies, keys to student success, ways for students to receive extra support/clarification, and finally best practices for strong parent/teacher communication throughout the year. Video presentations will be posted all together by subject area on our website and also emailed to all families on Thursday evening by 6 p.m. Feel free to watch these video presentations at your own convenience and even alongside your student so that you both have a strong understanding of the course overview and expectations. In addition, if you are interested in reviewing the SMUSD High School Sex Ed Curriculum you can view it [here](#).

I am hopeful that your student is establishing strong routines and strategies in order to make this year's learning experience a bright and successful one. There have been lots of changes this past year and our student support team (School Counselors, School Social Workers, and School Psychologists) are here to help and listen. We are offering a live Zoom evening presentation at 7 pm in partnership with *North County Lifeline* to help parents understand the warning signs of depression and how to support their student. The parents of our 9th-grade students will also be provided with information about the *Lifeline* presentation occurring in science classes regarding depression, warning signs of suicide, and ways they can help themselves or a friend. Links to these presentations will be sent out with the links to classroom presentations.

Lastly, we have an amazing parent community, our PTO provides continued and invaluable support to our school. If you would like to contribute, volunteer, or get additional information go to [SMHSPTO.com](#), or [Facebook Spanish](#), or [Facebook English](#).

We appreciate your partnership and are optimistic you will receive valuable information from this virtual event.

Sincerely,

Principal