

OLIVE & GOLD NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Principal

I hope that this message finds you and your loved ones healthy and happy. Can you believe that we have completed 25% of the school year this week? And, to help make this a very special week, we welcomed about 80 students back to campus in our small cohorts. Watching them arrive, with their iPads in their hands and their masks on, was awesome. And, we trained 30 staff members on the health and safety guidelines. It's so nice to see students and staff back at school. The hallways and outdoor spaces have some more energy!

I am enjoying visiting zoom classes, watching the amazing teachers in action. Please consider nominating a teacher for the Independent, "Top Class" award. Here is the link: [Top Class Monthly Contest](#). GO DONS!

Sincerely, Elise Simmons, Principal



Virtual Club Scene!

Santa Barbara High School is excited to offer 24 clubs. There are clubs that are service and academic oriented, others that are focused on community and global issues, and some that are just for fun! Joining a club is a great way to connect with other students that have similar interests. And, if you become a club leader, you can use this leadership position on your job resume and college applications! Please check out the club website for more information:

SBHS Clubs 20-21

<https://sites.google.com/sbunified.org/sbdonsclubs>

Re-Opening Update

On Tuesday, the SBUSD School Board made the decision to return to in-person learning in a hybrid model on Jan. 19th, 2021. The question that many of you may have is what is the hybrid model of learning and what is the health and safety plan of SBHS? If you are interested in learning more, please join Principal Simmons on Wednesday, Oct. 21st at either the Sunrise or Sunset chat. More details on the following page.



Family Engagement Opportunities

Sunrise / Sunset Chats with the Principal

Wednesday, Oct. 21st

Sunrise: 8:00-8:45am

<https://sbunified.zoom.us/j/95388985643>

Sunset: 7:00-7:45pm

<https://sbunified.zoom.us/j/93156504678>

Virtual Coffee Chats with Family Service Agency (FSA)

Every Wednesday, 10:30 am - 11:30

am, Starting Sept 30th, 2020 [Parent Flyer](#)

Parenting in the Pandemic with FSA

Wednesday, Oct. 28th at 7:00pm.

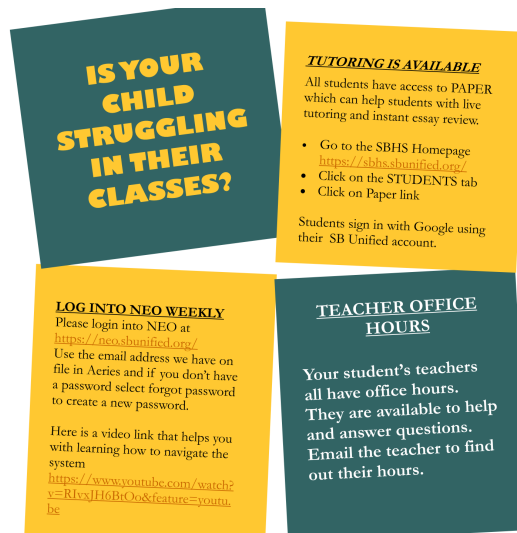
[Parent flyer](#) that includes the webinar details.

English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC)

ELAC is a very important committee made up of parents of Emerging Multilingual students. The committee meets monthly and discusses how to provide a high quality education for Emerging Multilingual students.

If you are interested in joining the ELAC group, please contact Fred Razo at frazo@sbunified.org or 805-966-9101 ext. 5004

Academic Support and Term 1 Grades



Please check out how your child is doing in their classes by viewing their NEO classes on a weekly basis. Encourage your child to complete their work and ask for help. You will be able to see their Term 1 grades in Aeries on Oct. 21st. **These grades will also go onto the transcript as the final grade for the term.** Grades DO matter. Earning a failing grade means that your child did not earn credit towards graduation. If your child earned a passing grade of a “D,” they may not be on track towards being UC/CSU “a-g” eligible. Please email your child’s counselor and teacher to discuss next steps. It is important to address the reasons for the low grades now. Please email your child’s teachers and/or counselor if you have any questions.

Update on Community Service

In response to input from the community, we will accept and record community service hours completed since school closure in March. We reiterate that the requirement to fulfill community service hours is suspended in response to the conditions associated with COVID in order to protect the safety of students and community members. We anticipate proposing an amendment to the required number of community service hours for all graduating classes impacted by COVID conditions, with specific details to be determined in the future. Please contact Spencer Barr sbarr@sbunified.org or Ceno Castelo at ccastelo@sbunified.org if you have any questions and/or you would like to submit community service hours.

Small Cohorts of Students

Advanced Placement (AP) Testing

If your child is in an AP course and they want to take the end of course exam, there are TWO steps that need to be completed!

1. Join the teacher's online section through the [College Board website](#). AP teachers have provided the appropriate join codes for their classes.
2. Pay for the exam through the [SBHS Business Office](#). For students taking their AP course(s) in the fall, **the deadline to avoid the \$40 late fee is Nov 13th**. Exams are \$100 each or \$15 each for students who qualify for free/reduced cost lunch. If you have any questions, **please email Mr. Dupont at ddupont@sbunified.org**.

Technology Support

Having issues with your iPad?

Please have your student submit a tech ticket (email support@sbunified.org through their school email address). You also may call the Tech Helpline: (805) 696-2700 or visit the SBUSD Office from 8am to 4pm.

Beginning the week of Oct. 12th, over 80 students returned to campus. Small cohorts of 15 students gathered in classrooms and outdoor learning spaces. Students were provided a quiet, supervised space to zoom with their teachers. They also had access to reliable wifi! When asked, "Are you happy to return to school?"



Everyone one responded, "YES!" and you could even see that they were smiling under their masks.

Foundation for SBHS Supports School Re-opening

Good news! The Foundation for SBHS just gave \$25,000 to SBHS so that it can buy items to safely reopen in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. With these funds, SBHS will purchase up to 25 outdoor tents, HEPA-HVAC units to improve ventilation in the library and in classrooms, and a range of other items needed to support teachers and students coming back to campus.

"The Foundation is able to make this additional donation to the school because of the strong past support of parents and the community," says Katie Jacobs, Director of the Foundation. "Parents who are wondering what they can do to help ensure that SBHS has what it needs to open safely can [donate to the Foundation's joint fundraising drive with the PTSA](#)."

To learn more or make a donation, please visit www.foundationforsbhs.org.



Dons Return to Campus! Go Dons!

