## Santa Teresa Elementary School Panthers





Oak Grove School District

## *May 1, 2020* Student Achievement

Santa Teresa's Mega Skills Our Mega Skill for March was RESPECT. Our Mega Skill for May is RESPONSIBILITY. Please try your best to be responsible with attending your online meetings with your teachers and doing the best you can to continue to focus on schoolwork.

# Parent Involvement

#### Moving or Leaving?

If you know you are moving out of the area this summer or leaving ST, please email csnyder@ogsd.net or mlepori@ogsd.net. Your assistance will greatly help us in planning for staffing and class configurations for next year.

#### **Modernization Project**

Our modernization project will officially begin on May 11th. With construction happening, the entire campus will be fenced off and closed until the start of next school year. With our blacktop increasing and the safety of our neighbors a priority, we will likely not have a backstop. We are currently looking at adding some permanent soccer goals. This should benefit our students, as soccer is a very popular activity during recesses. In fact, our students use the current backstop to mainly play soccer. Additionally, our full basketball courts will go from 2 to 3. Please also take a look at a mock-up of our ST New Playground. Everyone should be excited about our streetscape/roof/HVAC project.

## ST Yearbooks

Want a yearbook this year? You MUST preorder online (\$20). We cannot sell the yearbooks for cash at the end of the year like we have in the past. If you would like to order one, please do so on our Panther Store http://sthsa.3dcartstores.com/ by May 15th. We are not ordering as many extras as previous years, since we cannot sell them on campus. This is such a unique school year. Your student will always want to remember it. If we have any extras, you can purchase them at the office when school resumes on campus. We plan to deliver the yearbooks to your home

address listed at the school once we receive them. We anticipate that this will be early in June. If you miss the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to preorder, you can process a late individual order direct from the vendor, at an increased cost of \$30 plus shipping. (no bulk discount rate) Forgot if you ordered yet? Contact <u>sthsa.yearbook@gmail.com</u> and provide your student's name and teacher name.

## FLO Packets

While the Distance Learning Plan officially starts on Monday (5/4), and your teachers will be providing you with lots of learning opportunities online through google classroom, google meets, and other tools, the district is offering additional Flexible Learning Packets using a drive through option next week. Feel free to drive through the parking lots of Anderson, Christopher, Davis, Hayes, or Herman on Thursday (5/7) or Friday (5/8) of next week to pick up a packet that has work for the rest of the year.

#### **Class Placements**

We are anticipating a slight decline in enrollment and our teaching staff is likely to change somewhat. If there is something compelling that you feel Mr. Lepori should know prior to forming classes for next school year, email him directly by Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at <u>mlepori@ogsd.net</u>. Requests or information received after that date will not be considered.

## **Teacher Appreciation**

This Tuesday, May 5th, is Teacher Appreciation Day. Feel free to send an e-mail to your teacher, draw a picture and share it at your next google meet session, or create a slide and post it on google classroom at any time throughout the week. We appreciate all that our teachers and staff have done while we were physically in school and while we are learning from home.

## <u>Spirit Days</u>

We have two spirit days scheduled for the remainder of the year. Career Day is scheduled for Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and Hawaiian Day is scheduled for Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Your teacher may alter the day these take place to accommodate their google meet schedules. There is also a possibility that individual teachers may add additional individual class spirit days. We are looking forward to you showing your school spirit from home.

## <u>Walk-a-thon</u>

We are planning on having a walk-a-thon in the fall and using the t-shirts we already have from this year's canceled event. If adults ordered t-shirts, we will give them out next school year. Any donations made during the current school year will be applied to the fall walk-a-thon. We may have to implement some restrictions on the format of the walk-a-thon based on guidelines for safety at school. Mr. Lepori is also working with Bernal to create an opportunity for our current 6<sup>th</sup> graders to return to participate in the event.

## **Spring Pictures**

We have worked with Lifetouch to have the delivery of spring pictures rerouted to an employee's home. Once we receive them, we will mail the ordered photos to the addresses we have on file. We are hoping they arrive soon, but do not have an official date.

#### **STHSA Meeting**

An online STHSA meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm using the Zoom platform. A link for the meeting will be sent out the day before through Parent Square.

## Meal Distribution

Oak Grove School District is proud to offer breakfast, lunch and dinner bag meals for any child age 0-18 years old Monday through Friday from 10:30am until 11:30am at Anderson. Christopher, Davis, Edenvale, Hayes and Stipe schools. We also encourage families who have recently experienced a change of income due to COVID-19 such as a job loss or furlough to complete our Meal Application to qualify for Free or Reduced Meals. More information on Child Nutrition services can be found on our website at www.ogsd.net under Departments - Child Nutrition