

Ann Sobrato High School

BULLDOG FAMILY NEWSLETTER

September 8, 2023



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Calendar Updates

General School-wide Important Dates: [Website Calendar linked here](#)

Date	Event	Note
September 11	School Picture Retakes	
September 16	El Toro Bowl	@ Sobrato JV - 10:30am Varsity - 1:00pm
September 18-22	MAP Testing - English	

September 21	Honor Roll Ceremony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th Grade - 11:30am-12:25pm • 11th Grade - 1:30-2:30pm • 10th Grade - 2:40-3:35pm
September 25-29	Homecoming Week	
September 25	Food Fair and Homecoming Rally	4:00-6:30 pm
September 29	Homecoming Dance	
September 30	Homecoming Game	Sobrato vs. Gilroy @ Sobrato JV - 12pm Varsity - 2:30pm
October 4	College Information Night	Zoom at 5-6pm

Upcoming Parent/Community Meetings: [Website Calendar linked here](#)

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
School Site Council	Admin Conference Room	Monday Sept. 11 @ 4:15-5:45 pm
AG Boosters	Lecture Hall	Wed. Sept. 13 @ 6:00 pm
Coffee and Pastries with Principal Sage and Home and School Club	Admin Conf Room	Fri. Sept. 15 @ 8:45 am - 10am
Athletic Boosters	Library and Virtual	Mon. Sept 18 @ 6:00 pm
ELAC Meeting	E108	Wed. Sept. 20 @ 5:30 pm
Senior Celebration Committee Meeting	Virtual	Thursday Sept. 28 @ 5:00pm
SMMA Parent Meeting	Virtual	Tues. Oct. 10@ 7:00 pm

2023-2024 Instructional Calendar

MORGAN HILL UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023- 2024 TRADITIONAL CALENDAR

LEGEND

H - Legal Holiday

N - School Closed

M - Elementary Minimum Days

SN - Secondary Non-School Day
Semester Day

EN - Elementary Non-School Day
Conference Day

Non-School Day - Prof. Dev.
for Teachers

★ First and last days of School

Q1 - Qtr 1 Ends
Q3 - Qtr 3 Ends

T1 - Trimester Ends
T2 - Trimester Ends

S1 - Semester 1 Ends

CAASP Testing X/XX - X/XX

T1 = 61 Days
T2 = 57 Days
T3 = 62 Days

Sem 1 = 84 Days
Sem 2 = 96 Days

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Approved by Board of Education: 06/15/21
Subject to budget cuts and future negotiations
Amended on 6/30/22 to include Cesar Chavez and Juneteenth Holidays

Be sure to check the [Sobrato website](#) and [calendar](#) for other upcoming events!
To have information published in the E-newsletter, send an email to porterm@mhUSD.org.

To be added to the Home and School Club distribution list for school updates to Home and School Club Meetings and Senior Celebration Meeting, please email: annsobratoHSC@gmail.com

Celebrations

Sobrato JV and Varsity Football Game 8/31

Congratulations to Coach Rueda and the Sobrato JV and Varsity Football team for the first win of the season!

Congratulations to Greg Chambers and his band for their first half time performance at a home football game!



🎉 **Congratulations Sobrato Students and Staff!** 🎉

Sobrato is #151 in California of 2,613 public high schools = 5.7% or Top 6%

*Note: 1,536 schools qualified for ranking

Sobrato is #994 in the United States of 24,980 public high schools = 3.9% or Top 4%

*Note: 17,680 schools qualified for ranking

Schools were required to have assessment data available to be reviewed for a ranking.

Link to methodology:

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/articles/how-us-news-calculated-the-rankings>

Summary:

Nonprofit research firm RTI International assessed schools on 6 factors:

- College readiness, based on the proportion of 12th grade students who took and earned a qualifying score on at least one Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate exam (30% of ranking).
- State assessment proficiency, based on aggregated scores on state assessments that students may be required to pass for graduation (20%).
- State assessment performance, based on whether performance on state assessments exceeded expectations given the school's proportion of underserved students (20%).
- Underserved student performance, based on how Black, Hispanic and low-income students performed on state assessments compared with those who are not underserved in the state (10%).
- College curriculum breadth, based on proportions of 12th grade students who took and earned a qualifying score on AP and/or IB exams in multiple content areas (10%).

- Graduation rate, based on the proportion of students who entered ninth grade and graduated four years later (10%).

All of the data is collected from third-party sources. U.S. News receives AP and IB data directly from the College Board and International Baccalaureate, respectively. The state assessment data and graduation rates are from each state, and other data comes from the U.S. Department of Education Common Core of Data.

Source:

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/articles/us-news-ranks-best-high-schools>

Go Bulldogs!

Time Sensitive

2023-2024 Student Photos

Picture Makeup day will be on September 11th from 8 am to 1 pm. Students who did not take their pictures during our official orientation must take pictures during this make-up session. If they do not, they will not be in the yearbook this year. If students aren't sure, please check their picture in Aeries to see if it looks like it was taken in our office rather than with the professional background. Students who are purchasing their pictures and need a retake are also welcome to go to picture make-ups. If you have any questions please contact Sue Baynes at bayness@mhusd.org or 408-201-6205



School Site Council – VOTE NOW!

If you have not yet voted, this is a reminder to please cast your vote for the parent representatives on the School Site Council (up to a two-year term). Please [click here to vote](#) now. Voting will close at 4:00pm on September 11, 2023.

Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) / National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) Information



Get PSAT/NMSQT Ready!

- On Wednesday, October 11, 2023 Sobrato High School students will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT test on site at Sobrato High School during the regular school day.

- 10th graders: Sobrato High School students in the 10th Grade will be taking the exam free of charge. 10th grade students do not need to register for the exam, and a test will automatically be ordered for this grade level.
- **If an 11th grader wants to be recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program, they must take this exam during their 11th grade year to qualify. If they qualify for this recognition, it can lead to scholarships, and it can be helpful in their college application process.**
- 9th and 11th graders: 9th and 11th grade students can reserve a seat for the PSAT/NMSQT exam for a nominal fee of \$27 by clicking on the [link](#) and purchasing a seat at the ASB store. For 9th and 11th graders, tests must be purchased by **September 29th** on the ASB website, in order to reserve your space.
- In order to take the exam, you also must create your free [College Board account](#). When you create your account, please store your password in a safe place! We cannot help you recover your password. If you lose it, you will have to call College Board directly to reset your password.
- Check out the [College Board](#) and [Naviance](#) websites for FREE test prep resources.
- Calculators can be used on the PSAT but it is not required. Click the [link](#) if you want to review approved calculators by CollegeBoard. If you have a calculator, please bring it on the day of the exam. We also will have some calculators available to loan during the test.

General Information

Activity Bus – began Tuesday September 5th!



Students who are staying late at school for Homework Center, Math Help Center or other school activities have the opportunity to take the **Activity Bus** home from school. See the details below for more information:

Days: Monday – Thursday

Departure: 4:35pm

- No extra charge to students who already have a valid 2023-2024 MHUSD bus pass round-trip or PM transportation
- \$10 for students without a bus pass (good for the remainder of the year). It is free for students with a roundtrip,
- Activity buses will start running on Sept 5, 2023, and end on May 23, 2024.

Fill out the [Activity Bus Application](#) and submit it to the Transportation Department or to the Sobrato Main Office. You may also pick up an application form in the office.

Where does the Activity Bus stop? [Click here](#) to view northbound and southbound routes.

Attendance Policy

Daily attendance is important to success in school. **Students are expected to have an attendance rate of 90% or higher to remain in good standing.** All absences, excused or not, contribute to a student's attendance rate.

Remember in any one class:

- At 6 unexcused absences, the student loses all extracurricular privileges for the current semester.
- At 8 unexcused absences, the student may lose credit for the class
- 3 unexcused tardies are equivalent to 1 unexcused absence
- If a student's attendance rate is less than 90%, they will not be eligible for any extracurricular activities.

Guardians are responsible for monitoring their student's attendance. Guardians can log on to their Aeries portal or call the office between 8:00am and 4:00pm to monitor their student's attendance. Please call (408) 201-6221 within 3 days of the absence. If families call after the 3 days, we are unable to change the unexcused absence. Guardians are also encouraged to email individual teachers regarding potential attendance errors or other issues of concern. Teachers should respond within 2 business days.

You can visit the Sobrato [website](#) to view the full attendance policy.

Physician Medicine Authorization 2023-2024

If you anticipate your child will need to take medication, use an inhaler or epipen during the 2023-2024 school year, CEC Section 49423 requires that a new physician authorization form for medication administration be filled out every school year. You may use the form below or one generated by your physician. All medication permission forms must be signed and dated by both the doctor and a parent/guardian. [Click here for the form to fill out and return.](#)

Short Term Independent Study

If you need a short term independent study (5-15 days) [Click here for more information.](#)

District Families Benefit Program

Have you heard of the [District Families Benefit Program](#)? Did you know that by taking a few minutes to fill out a brief survey, you may qualify for benefits such as discounted internet, free transportation, waived fees on college applications, and more? We encourage every family to complete the survey, as providing this information secures funding for many programs which benefit ALL of our students.



DISTRICT FAMILIES BENEFIT PROGRAM

2023-2024

WHAT BENEFITS CAN
YOU QUALIFY FOR?

Transportation

**College application fee
waivers**

Testing fee waivers

**Discounted Internet
Plans**

SCAN TO APPLY



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PROGRAMA DE BENEFICIOS PARA FAMILIAS DEL DISTRITO 2023-2024

¿PARA QUÉ BENEFICIOS
PUEDES CALIFICAR?

Transporte

**Exenciones de la Tarifa
de Solicitud Universitaria**

**Exención de la tarifa de
prueba**

**Planes de Internet con
descuento**

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Senior Updates

2023-2024 Senior Portraits Photos

SENIORS can book an appointment with [Now and Forever Studios](#) to take their senior portrait. This is the photo that will be in the yearbook. The deadline is January 11, 2024.

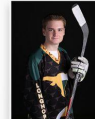
ATTENTION: CLASS OF 2024 SENIORS!



Visit our website to make your appointment today!

Go to: **NF-Studios.com**

- NOW & FOREVER STUDIOS is your official senior portrait photographer.
- ALL SENIORS, Class of 2024, must be photographed before your school deadline to be pictured in your yearbook. Deadline is set by your school
- To appear in your school's yearbook, you must be photographed by NOW & FOREVER STUDIOS.



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¡ATENCIÓN: CLASE DE 2024 MAYORES!



Visite nuestro sitio web para hacer tu cita hoy!

Ir a: **NF-Studios.com**

- NOW & FOREVER STUDIOS es su senior oficial fotógrafo de retratos
- TODOS LOS MAYORES, Clase de 2024, deben ser fotografiados antes de la fecha límite de su escuela para ser fotografiado en su anuario. La fecha límite la establece su escuela.
- Para aparecer en el anuario de su escuela, debe ser fotografiado por NOW & FOREVER STUDIOS.



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Athletics Updates and Club Updates

For a complete list of games (through - September 16, 2023) [click here.](#)

Online Ticket Sales Reminder:

Get your Football & Girls Volleyball Tickets for home games by following the GoFan link at.

<https://gofan.co/app/school/CA68182>

Note: All game tickets are sold exclusively through Go Fan; we no longer take cash at the gate. Students can purchase tickets in ASB during brunch or lunch if they are unable to purchase online.

Check out the website - www.sobratoathletics.com or check out the new Sobrato Athletics / Athletic Booster's Twitter feed [@Sobratosports](https://twitter.com/Sobratosports) for the latest updates on all Sobrato Sports!

[Athletics Department Contact Information:](#)

Lawrence Crawford x41505

Sue Baynes x41504

Athletics: Academic Eligibility

Did You Know? Not only is a 2.0 GPA required for participation in the athletics program, but students must have completed the following **minimum credits** prior to the beginning of a semester to be eligible. This information can also be found in the Student Handbook. Unsure if your child is eligible? Contact Athletic Director Lawrence Crawford (408-201-6240 or CrawfordL@mhusd.org).

Grade	Beginning Semester #	Minimum # of Credits Earned
10	3	50
	4	75
11	5	100
	6	130
12	7	160
	8	190

[Wellness Center and Counselor Corner](#)

Please click on the link for the latest edition of our [Counseling & Wellness News](#).