

Ann Sobrato High School
Bulldog Family Newsletter

September 27, 2024



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Calendar Updates

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Note</u>
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October 3	Freshman Celebration	Sobrato PAC During Tutorial, 10:20-10:50am
October 4	Teacher Work Day	No school for students
October 7-11	Junior Check Ins with Academic Counselors	
October 10-11	Healthier Kids Screening	During 10th grade English classes.
October 11	End of Quarter 1	
October 14-18	Safety Week	
October 17	Sobrato Fall Band & Choir Concert	Sobrato PAC, 6:00-8:00pm Click here for the flyers!
October 21	Sophomore Check Ins with Academic Counselors	
October 22	SAT	
October 23	PSAT	
October 28-November 1	Homecoming Week	

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

Meeting	Location	Date
School Site Council	Admin Conference Room	10/14 and 11/4 @ 4:15-5:45 pm
SMMA Parent Meeting	Virtual	11/14 @ 7:00 pm
Coffee and Pastries with Sobrato Admin and Home and School Club	Admin Conference Room	10/18 and 11/15 @ 8:45-10:00 am
ELAC Meeting	E108	10/2 and 10/30 @ 5:30 pm
Athletic Boosters	Virtual	10/21 and 11/18 @ 7:00pm

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:
annsokratohsc@gmail.com

Discussions to have with your student

Minga Tutorial Sign-Ups: Ask your student to open up their Minga account and show you where they are signed up for tutorial for the next week. Students can reserve their spot on Minga ahead of time, so they can be sure to have a spot in a classroom where they need extra support. Students can use the Minga app on their phone or can go to app.minga.io on their chromebook.

Celebrations

🎉 Attendance Raffle on September 25th 🎉

Congratulations to Olivia Chavez, Alyssa Champaneri, Alexandria Flores, Emma Mattsson, Kinzie Rasley, Minh Chau, Adam Briones, Marcus Fumagalli, Nimer Gill and Nathan Hoang!

They are the winners of our recent raffle, who will enjoy the privilege of skipping to the front of the brunch and lunch lines from September 25th through October 1st.

We want to take a moment to celebrate all of you for your outstanding commitment to being on time and present in class! Your dedication truly makes a difference in our school. Keep up the great work, and remember, your efforts do not go unnoticed! Let's continue to support each other in making our school a vibrant and punctual place to learn.

Congratulations once again!





🎉 **Academic Awards Ceremonies** 🎉

Congratulations to the 632 students who were honored at 3 ceremonies last Friday 9/20! Thank you to all of the staff who helped support our students in this amazing achievement. Big shout out to our Academic Counselors, Assistant Principals, ASB, Campus Monitors, Custodians, Marlana Porter, Monica Romero, Ruby Facio, Briana Valdez, Cheila Urbina, and Sue Baynes for all of their support in preparing and hosting the 3 ceremonies.



Time Sensitive

Volunteer Badges

We deeply value our volunteers and greatly appreciate the time and dedication you invest in supporting our students and staff. This year, MHUSD has made some updates to the volunteer process—please find the details [here](#).

Please note that all 2023-24 volunteer badges expired on Friday, September 27, 2024. Starting Monday, September 30, 2024, all volunteers must have the new 24-25 volunteer badge in order to be on campus.

Thank you for your continued commitment to our schools. We look forward to another fantastic year with your support!

General Information

ParentSquare

Sobrato High School and the Morgan Hill Unified School District uses ParentSquare to communicate and keep parents informed of on campus events. It provides a safe way for district administrators, school principals, teachers, staff, and parents to:

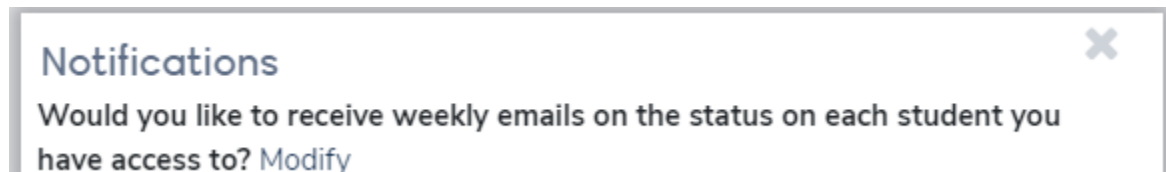
- Receive information from the school via email, text, phone call, or mobile app notification
- Two-way messaging with translation between staff and families/students
- Utilize the mobile app so that all school and district messages can be found in one convenient location
- Set your preferred language for sending and receiving communication
- and much more . . . all in one centralized place!

For more information on how to register and download the ParentSquare App, [click here](#).

Aeries Parent Portal

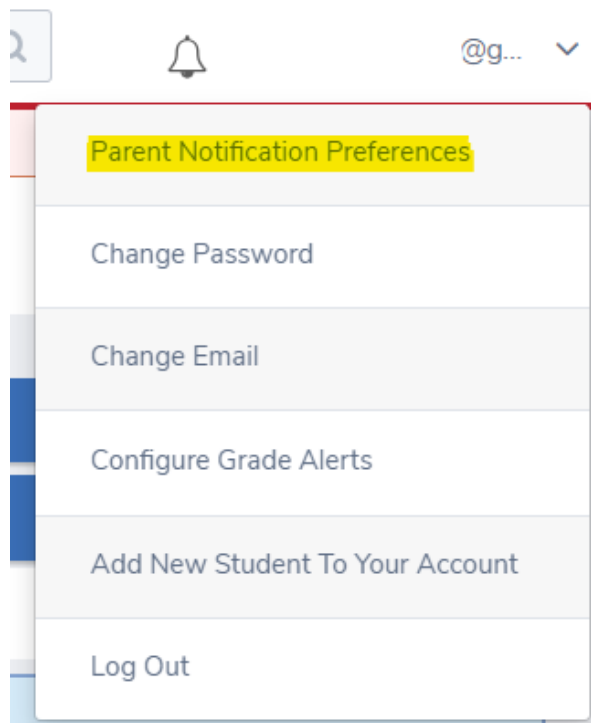
Teachers update grades regularly to communicate with families about student progress in their classes. If you would like an easy way to monitor the Aeries portal, please click here to view more details on how to set up weekly progress reports, parent notifications and grade alerts

Weekly Progress Reports



When parents log into the parent portal, they will see a banner prompting them to sign up for weekly progress emails if they have not already done so.

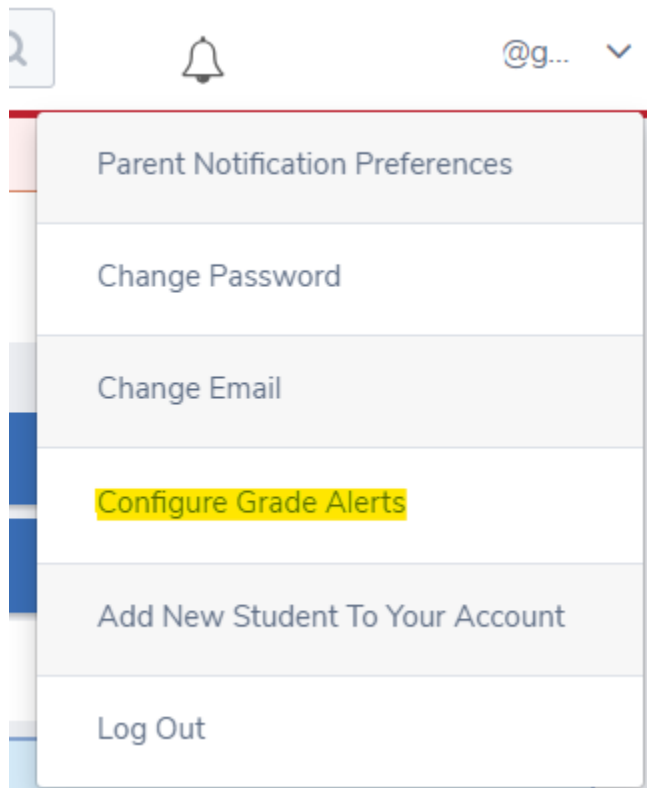
Parent Notification Preferences



An option labeled **Parent Notification Preferences** will also display in the drop-down menu when parents click on their username in the upper right-hand corner. This allows them to sign up for weekly progress report emails for a preferred day and time and adjust their notification preferences at any time.

Parent Notification Preferences	
Receive Weekly Progress Email	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preferred Day:	Monday ▼
Preferred Time:	12:00 AM ▼
Save	

Grade Alerts



In addition, a **Configure Grade Alerts** is available for parents to set up a threshold to receive alerts when the grade changes for the student. When a threshold is met, an email will be generated to alert the parent.

Gradebook Alerts

On this page you can define Alerts so you receive notifications when your Student's Grades or Scores Rise above or Drop below a certain level.

Course Grade Alerts

+ Add New Alert

Assignment Alerts

+ Add New Alert

Assignment Is Missing

Off

Clicking on the Add New Alert button will bring up 2 choices for the parent. The drop-down allows the parent to select the criteria of Falls Below or Rises Above. The second drop-down displays the letter grade to select for the threshold.

Add Gradebook Alert

Gradebook Alert Details

I Want Alerts for Grade(s) that

Rise Above

Rise Above

Fall Below

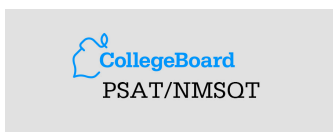
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Save Close

Junior Check Ins with Academic Counselors

In line with Ann Sobrato's guiding principle Life Long Learning, we believe that students must develop the skills, knowledge and enthusiasm to expand their post-secondary, career and educational opportunities to be lifelong learners.

During the week of Oct 7th-11th, Academic Counselors will be scheduling individual appointments with Junior students to discuss graduation status and post secondary plans. Students will be assigned a Minga pass and should check in with their teacher prior to leaving for their appointment.



Get PSAT/NMSQT Ready!

- On Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Sobrato High School students will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT test on site at Sobrato High School during the regular school day. **To be eligible to become a National Merit Scholar and/or recognized by College Board recognition programs, 11th graders must take the PSAT during their Junior Year.**
- **10th and 11th graders: Sobrato High School students in the 10th Grade and 11th grades will have the option to take the exam free of charge. If 10th and 11th grade students do not register using [this link](#) by October 16th, 2024, there will not be a test ordered for them. Students will need to register using their MHUSD student account.**
- **9th graders: 9th 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 10th and 11th graders, tests do not need to be purchased on the ASB website, in order to reserve your space. 10th and 11th grade students who choose to take the exam, will complete an interest form and will be registered by administration.**
- In order to take the exam, you also must create your free [College Board account](#). If you are creating a new account, it is better to use an email that is NOT your student email so you can access your scores even after you graduate. If you already have an account using your student email, please log-on using your

student email, but try to change this email in the future. 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](#) website for FREE test prep resources.
- Calculators will be provided in the digital test, but if you want to bring your own calculator then click the [link](#) to review approved calculators by CollegeBoard. If you have a calculator, please bring an approved calculator on the day of the exam.

For more information about the Sobrato High School's PSAT/NMSQT please contact Assistant Principal Mr. Pierce at piercem@mhusd.org, or call (408) 201-6202 for more details.

Why Take the PSAT?

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT/NMSQT) helps students prepare for the SAT and is used to qualify students for merit-based scholarships and advanced learning opportunities.

- Could help students qualify for scholarships. The Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) for students is a program co-sponsored by the College Board and National Merit Scholarship Corp. (NMSC). 11th Grade students must take this exam to be eligible for National-Merit based Scholarships.
- Provides valuable feedback on strengths and the skills necessary for college study. Students can then focus their preparation on areas that could most benefit from additional study or practice. The PSAT measures critical reading skills, math problem-solving skills and writing skills.
- Gives insight on how a performance on an admissions test compares to others applying to college. Helps students prepare for the SAT. Students will become familiar with the kinds of questions and the exact directions they will see on the SAT.

For more resources and information on how to prepare for the PSAT, [click here](#).



On-Campus SAT, October 22nd

The SAT will be offered on campus to Sobrato students on October 22nd during the school day. Please keep in mind that private schools or out of state schools might require the SAT, but CSU, UCs, community colleges, and trade schools do not require it. The test will be \$60 and is digital. Students must bring their fully charged chromebooks. Space is limited to 100 students and Seniors will have priority through September 30th. Beginning October 1st, it will be first come, first serve to other grade levels.

To sign up for the October 22 SAT exam, students must fill out [this Google form](#) using their MHUSD student email account. Once students are approved for the test, they will receive more details on how to pay for the exam. If students need financial assistance, please complete the [District Benefit Program form](#) by September 30th and indicate in the Google form that financial assistance is being requested.

For the March 11, 2025 SAT exam, juniors will have priority registration. More details will be shared in February 2025.

For any questions, please contact AP Pierce at piercem@mhusd.org. For more resources and information on how to prepare for the SAT, [click here](#).

Parent/Family Group Updates



Coffee Chats with the Sobrato Admin, You're invited!

On Friday, October 18th, 2024 we will be having "Coffee Chats with the Sobrato Admin" & our Home and School Club Meeting at 8:45-10:00 am in the Admin Conference Room. This is your chance to meet with administration in a small group setting. There will be an open forum during this meeting. This event is in partnership with Home and School Club, who will conduct their official business.

This event will occur monthly. Please visit our upcoming family newsletters and the Sobrato calendar for future meeting dates.

Senior Updates

Disneyland Grad Night

The Disneyland Grad Night trip is a once in a lifetime graduation celebration. Registration is open now, use this link to see information about the trip including the affordable payment plan and to register your student.

Use the attached link to sign up for this once in a lifetime graduation celebration.

2025 Ann Sobrato HS Grad Nite Trip | GL Travel

<https://enroll.gltravelco.com/2025-ann-sobrato-grad-nite-trip-40069>



2024-2025 Senior Ad Pages

Parents of seniors, you can now order your senior AD pages. The deadline is 10/15/24



SHOW YOUR *Love*



Create Your Ann Sobrato High School Senior Tribute

Don't miss the opportunity to congratulate
your graduate and express your love.

Go to yearbookordercenter.com to
create an ad honoring your student.

Deadline 10/15/2024

Full Page = \$350 Half-Page = \$250

Quarter Page = \$150 Eighth Page = \$100

How to submit online:

Step 1- Go to www.yearbookordercenter.com and enter order number **12083**.

Step 2- Click Create a Yearbook Ad.

Step 3- Follow the prompts to design your ad, add it to your cart and purchase
it. Your ad is not complete until you add it to your cart and complete the
checkout process!

For ordering help, call The Yearbook Order Center toll free at **866-287-3096** or email us at
yearbookordercenter@varsity.com

For technical questions, call Tech Support toll free at **877-362-7750** or email us at
techadvisor@varsity.com

2024-2025 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 10, 2025.

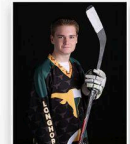
ATTENTION: CLASS OF 2025 SENIORS!



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 2025, 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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Athletics Updates and Club Updates

Athletics Department Contact Information:

Lawrence Crawford x41505

Sue Baynes x41504

For a complete list of games through October 12, 2024, [click this link.](#)

Online Ticket Sales Reminder:

Get your Sobrato sports home game tickets by following the GoFan link at:

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

Note: All game tickets are sold primarily through Go Fan; there is limited 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 for the latest updates on all Sobrato Sports!

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

Counselor Corner

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

Wellness Center News

If you have any questions for the Wellness Center, please feel free to email Ms. Martina (Sobrato Wellness Counselor) at glennm@mhusd.org.

We have a Wellness Center wishlist! If you would like to support us, please click [here](#).

