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Spartan Connection Parent Newsletter 10/4/2024

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Important Dates

Saturday, October 5th:
Home Football Game vs. Westlake
Monday-Friday (10/7-10/11):
Spirit Week!

Higher Education Week

Wednesday, October 9th:
Homecoming Rally ([Rally Schedule](#))

Thursday, October 10th:
College Fair @ Lunch
Homecoming Game vs. Santa Barbara

 **Unified Sports Shines, Homecoming Hype, and Higher Ed Week Awaits!** 

 **Hey Spartans!** Welcome to another action-packed month at Rio Mesa! We've got big events coming your way, so let's dive right into it! 

 **Unified Sports Program Spotlight**

Friday, October 11th:
Collaboration/End of Quarter 1
Saturday, October 12th:
Homecoming Dance

Principal's Message

Spartans!

We had a fantastic week at Rio Mesa! The highlight was our **Unified Kickball game** against Oxnard HS on Monday. It's always inspiring to see our students and staff rally around our Unified Athletes, cheering them on. It's moments like these that remind me how proud I am to be part of the Spartan community.

We also held a successful **School Site Council meeting**. I want to thank our parents, students, and staff for their dedication. At the meeting, we emphasized the importance of student attendance—not only for learning but also as a key funding source for our district. Unexcused absences result in lost resources that could benefit our school, so please report excused absences whenever possible.

Lastly, we're excited to announce the **revival of our Parent-Faculty Organization (PFO)**! While our first meeting had a smaller turnout, the parents who attended are determined to make a big impact. If you'd like to get involved, please reach out to **Assistant Principal Stone** at kelley.stone@oxnardunion.org.

We are proud to shine a light on our **Unified Sports Program**, where students of all abilities come together to compete, learn, and grow through teamwork. 🧡 Our Spartans demonstrate that success isn't just about winning but building lasting friendships and supporting each other on and off the field. 🌟 A huge shout-out to everyone involved, especially Ms. Wintermute, Mr. Abellera, our amazing team of paraeducators, Coach Ruffinelli, and our amazing students—keep inspiring us! 🙌

Show Your Spartan Spirit and Support Unified Sports! 🎉

Spartans, don't miss the chance to show off your spirit at the next **Unified Game**! Deck yourself out in **official Spartan gear** and help make a difference—a portion of the proceeds goes directly to supporting our Unified Sports Program. 💪

Get your gear

here: [Spartan Gear Shop](#) 🧢 🧡

Let's come together, cheer on our athletes, and show what it means to be a true Spartan! 🌟



Our proud Spartan Unified Sports team faced off against the OHS Yellow Jackets @ Kickball this week!

🏈 Football Friday: Let's Paint the Night Pink!

The Spartans are taking on **Westlake tomorrow at 7 PM** here at home! The **Legion Theme is Pink** for Breast Cancer Awareness 🎀, so Spartan community, let's show our support by packing the stands in pink! ❤️ Let's

Our next meeting is on **November 6**—we'd love to see you there!

Have a great weekend, Spartans!
Gary Peterson
Principal



make this game one to remember as we rally behind our team and the cause. 🏟️

🦁 Homecoming is Around the Corner!

It's almost time, Spartans! 🕒 Make sure to grab your **Homecoming tickets** from **Ms. Erikson's window** before **Thursday, October 10th**. 🛒 Don't forget that **guest passes** are due by **Wednesday, October 9th**. Time is ticking, so don't wait! ⌚

👑 Homecoming Court 2024: The Results Are In!

A big thank you to all our students who voted for your **2024 Homecoming Court**. 🎉 Here are your winners:

- **Freshmen Class:** Alexah Rodriguez, Jocelyn Hernandez, and Noah Rodriguez
- **Sophomore Class:** Abigail Arellano, Enrique Germoso, and Karen Cosio
- **Junior Class:** Alondra Castaneda, Angel Malgerejo, and Khate Langsangan
- **Senior Class:** Daniel Ramos, Diamond Merrill, and Rihyana Alvarez

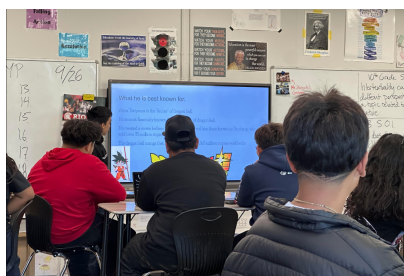
✨ **Senior Royalty:** Noah Sahagun and Noah Ramos

Congratulations to everyone! 🎉 Keep an eye on your inbox for the **Staff final voting ballot**—we need your votes to crown our special faculty honoree for Homecoming! 📧

🎨 Spirit Week Schedule (Oct. 7-11)

Get ready to show off your school pride with **Spirit Week**! 🌟

- **Messy Monday:** Rock your favorite PJs 😴
- **Twin Tuesday:** Match outfits with a friend 🦊🦊



- **Wednesday:** Class Colors— Freshmen wear black, Sophomores blue, Juniors silver, and Seniors purple 🖤💙💜
- **Thursday:** Surfer vs. Biker 🏄🏍️
- **Friday:** Y2K Vibes! 🎧

We can't wait to see how creative you get! 🎨

📅 Football Game Reminders

Planning to attend the games? Here's what you need to know:

- **ASB Cardholders** get in free; everyone else needs to purchase a ticket on **GoFan** 🎫.
- Once you enter, you must stay for the night—**no re-entry** 🚫.
- Only **clear bags** are allowed. Make sure to follow the **OUHSD bag policy** 🧳.
- Enter and exit through the **scoreboard side**. **FitzGerald Way** is for players only.

And don't miss the **Homecoming Halftime Fireworks Show!** 🎆 To ensure everything goes smoothly, the practice fields near JV Baseball/Softball will be off-limits 🚫. Let's hope for clear skies so we can enjoy those **Instagram-worthy moments!** 📸

🎓 Higher Education Week is Here!

This is a friendly reminder about **Higher Education Week (HEW)**, where students have the exciting opportunity to explore colleges and universities right here on campus! 🏢
This event serves as our very own onsite college fair, with **33 college representatives** from UCs, CSUs, local community colleges, private, and out-of-state universities joining us. The fair will be held on **Thursday, October 10th during period 5.** 📅

- **Seniors** are highly encouraged to attend, and teachers with mixed classes that include juniors or other grades are welcome to bring them along as well.
- It's a fantastic opportunity for students to interact with college reps, ask questions, and learn more about their future options. 🏫 We recommend encouraging students to prepare questions in advance to make the most of this event.

This fair has always been a great success for our students, so let's make sure they're ready to take full advantage of it! 🚀

Let's make this a **memorable year**, Spartans! Help us encourage your students to stay involved, stay spirited, and most importantly—**stay united!**



Go Spartans! ❤️❤️ Best regards,
Rio Mesa High School
Administration



Thank you for reading!

Spartan Community, we want to hear from you! What exciting topics or helpful info would you love to see in our next newsletter? Drop your ideas in the comments below!

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