

Advisor Weekly Update

Week of May 19, 2025

This weekly newsletter is here to help students, parents, and staff stay aware of what is happening at Samohi! The advisors hope you take the time to look this over. There is a lot of helpful information as well as great opportunities to look forward to.

Additional information about what is happening day to day at Santa Monica High School can be found through the Blue Bulletin: https://www.smmusd.org/BB.

We will also post information on our Advisor Instagram page. Follow us @Samo_Advisors.

Samohi Schedule for 2024-2025

Monday, Tuesday, Friday		EV	inesdays EN Flex ses on these days	Thursday ODD Flex		
Period A	7:20 – 8:22 AM	Staff Meeting	7:40 – 8:40 AM	Period A	7:20 – 8:22 AM	
Period 1	8:30 - 9:25 AM	Period 2	8:55 – 10:24 AM	Period 1	8:30 – 9:59 AM	
Homeroom	9:34 - 9:43 AM	Break	10:24 – 10:26 AM	Break	9:59 – 10:01 AM	
Period 2	9:43 - 10:38 AM	Period 4	10:35 – 12:04 PM	Period 3	10:10 – 11:39 AM	
Break	10:38 – 10:40 AM	Flex-Time	12:13 – 1:03 PM	Flex-Time	11:48 – 12:39 PM	
Period 3	10:49 – 11:44 AM	LUNCH	1:03 – 1:38 PM	LUNCH	12:39 – 1:14 PM	
Period 4	11:53 – 12:48 PM	Period 6	1:47 – 3:16 PM	Period 5	1:23 – 2:52 PM	
LUNCH	12:48 – 1:23 PM			Staff Meeting	3:10 – 3:40 PM	
Period 5	1:32 – 2:27 PM					
Period 6	2:36 – 3:31 PM					

End of 2024 - 2025 School Year Schedule

Including Senior finals, senior activities, and final exam days

Mond	lay, June 2	Tuesd	lay, June 3	Wed	i., June 4	Thurse	day, June 5	Frida	y, June 6
Regular Day				SENIOR FINALS (Regular AM-6 schedule) 7:20AM - 3:31PM				AM FINAL EXAM (bdjusted AM-6 schedule) SR grades DUE by NOON	
			d Language Inglish	Social Studies Math		Science CTE / VAPA		Senior "Clear Your Obligations" Day	
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Monday, June 9 Senior Celebration Cap & Gown Pick Up 1st & 2nd FINALS Minimum Day		Tuesda	ay, June 10	Wednesday, June 11		Thursday, June 12	
		Graduation Rehearsal Seniors report at 2PM 3rd & 4th FINALS Minimum Day		Graduation Seniors Report at 4:30PM 5th & 6th FINALS Minimum Day		End of Grad Nite & Diploma pick up Minimum (Last) Day (1" – 6" periods, NO AM dass) Grades DUE by 3PM	

Popular Links

<u>Attendance</u>	Super Saturday	ASB Card	AP Exams
TAP Card	Free and Reduced Lunch App	Senior Pictures	Wildfire Resources

SAMOHI Class of 2025

Senior Obligation Information

- 1. Complete District Exit Survey <u>HERE</u> (REQUIRED)
- 2. Complete 2025 Naviance Graduation Survey (REQUIRED)

- a. Clever --> Naviance --> About me (tab at the top) --> Surveys from Your School -> 2025

 Naviance Graduation Survey
- b. If you are planning to attend a four year college, make sure to check off the "Attending" box for the respective colleg
- 3. Request Final Transcript with your College/Career Counselor during lunch (REQUIRED if you are planning to attend a college that requests it)
 - a. To confirm your college requires a final transcript, check your Admission Portal
 - b. If a final transcript is NOT requested, one will NOT be sent

<u>Grad Nite Tickets</u> – Buy early to save money. Scholarship forms are available in house offices or in I305. You can check if you've already purchased a ticket by looking up your student's ID on the regularly updated <u>passenger list.</u>

Grad Nite Lawn Signs – Support Grad Nite and celebrate your senior with a **Class of 2025 lawn sign**. Email florams@hotmail.com for more information.



Outside Concurrent Enrollment (not SAMO or Community College)

If you are interested in taking a course through an outside program (NOT SAMO or Community College) please read the following information. All students MUST APPLY **AND** BE APPROVED BEFORE registering in a class.

Information on policies and schools that are accepted by Samohi can be found at:

https://www.smmusd.org/Page/4233 Application to turn into Advisor and can be found on the website: CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT APPLICATION 2025. Deadline to apply for approval is **May 25**, **2025**

SMC or Community College

SMC Summer schedule is Available on March 31. When it's live, it can be found here:

https://www.smc.edu/academics/classes/

All students must apply to be a SMC student before you can submit the SMC's High School Concurrent Enrollment Form. Please follow the directions attached on how to enroll at SMC as a student.

Students MUST turn in this SAMO Concurrent application to Advisor if wanting to take an SMC class:

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT APPLICATION 2025. This is in addition to the SMC application.

Please read thoroughly:

- All applications will be submitted virtually
- Your first step is to apply to SMC apply online today
- Once that is complete, application materials must be submitted through the <u>High School</u> <u>Concurrent Enrollment Application Form</u>
- Once you complete the student portion of the form and attach the required documents, it will be
 forwarded to your parent to approve, and then to your high school counselor <u>smmusd</u> email and
 your house principal for their approval. DO NOT SEND TO MS. CRUCE.
- These are classes students have taken in the past at SMC. Students may take a variety of classes
 as long as you meet any SMC requirements and get approval from Samo. Please speak to your
 Advisor if you have any questions. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL CORE SUBJECTS ARE
 TAKEN AT SANTA MONICA HIGH SCHOOL. You must enter the correct course number when you
 fill out the High School Concurrent Enrollment form

More information was sent to you by your advisor please read over all the directions

SMC- How to Connect with an Academic Counselor

FOR SENIORS:

You can schedule a 1:1 meeting with either Krys or Claudia (our Outreach counselors) to create/review your educational plan. Below are their individual booking links:

- Krys: https://meetings.hubspot.com/krys-gonzalez
- Claudia: https://meetings.hubspot.com/leotaud_claudia

If their availability doesn't work with your schedule, you can also reach out to our General Counseling department for support, either by phone or in person. Below are details on how to access these services:

Phone (Virtual QLess Line): https://kiosk.us1.qless.com/kiosk/app/home/12808?queues=6100000503 Hours of Operation:

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Closed on March 20th)

Friday 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

In-Person (First Come, First Serve): Located on the 2nd floor of the Student Services Center. **Hours of Operation:**

Monday 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

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Wednesday 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Closed on March 20th)

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Join the SMC Outreach Team for a series of engaging workshops that will provide step-by-step support, valuable resources, and expert guidance to help you complete the application process.

Types of Workshops:

- Application Workshops
- Next Steps Workshops
- Scholarships Workshop
- Special Program Workshops

Register NOW:

- Scan the QR Code OR visit www.smc.edu/welcomecenter.
- Click on "I Am a High School Student" on the left-hand side.
- Scroll down to "SMC Workshop Series," then register for each section you wish to attend.



Questions?

Please do not hesitate to contact the SMC Outreach Team via email or phone:





🕻) 310.434.8101 🕑 outreach@smc.edu

Santa Monica Elks Lodge- Community Service pportunity

Saturday - May 24 - Flag Placement at Woodlawn Cemetery (for Memorial Day Weekend) 8:30 - 11 (finish time depends how long it takes to place flags)

Monday, May 26 - Help with Memorial Day Event - co- sponsored by the City of Santa Monica - we need help at Woodlawn Cemetery with event and at the Lodge with lunch from 1-2

Monday, May 26 - Flag Pick up at Woodlawn Cemetery 2:30 - 3:30



Boys & Girls Clubs of Santa Monca



SIGN UP FOR SUMMER AT MAIN BRANCH CLUB

June 23 - July 25, M - F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Playground Club and high schoolers, this is the Club for you! Our staff members will lead unique program tracks for elementary and high schoolers, featuring field trips, sports, games, literacy, and more.

About the Program

- Where: Main Branch Club, 1238 Lincoln Blvd, Santa Monica
- Grades: K 5 & 9 12
- Dates: June 23 to July 25. Sign up for the weeks you need!
- . Hours: Monday Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Cost: \$100 per week for the first child; \$50 per week for each additional child in the same household.

Full scholarships are available; apply during registration. Families with existing scholarships will continue to receive tuition-free summer programming.

REGISTER TODAY!

Venice Family Clinic



SERVICES FOR SAMOHI AND OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

- Immunizations
- Physicals (sports and general)*
- Medical care including first aid for minor injuries
- Confidential services such as birth control, pregnancy and STI tests
- Care for ongoing conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, obesity and
- Health education for topics such as birth control methods, STI prevention and nutrition/exercise advice

*Sports physicals and wellness exams require parental consent.

**Sensitive services such as anything related to sexual health or pregnancy does NOT require parental consent.

We provide services whether or not you have health insurance. We do not consider immigration status in determining eligibility



Tuesday 1 pm to 3:45 pm Thursday 8:30 am to 11:45 am



Thursday 8:30 am to 11:30 am



AD-103C - Right across the hall from the nurse's office.

DROP BY OR CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT

(310) 392-8636





SERVICIOS PARA ESTUDIANTES DE SAMOHI Y OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOL:

- Exámenes físicos (deportivos y generales)*
- Atención médica, incluidos primeros auxilios para lesiones leves
- Servicios confidenciales como anticonceptivos y pruebas de embarazo y ITS.**
- Atención ante afecciones persistentes, como el asma, la diabetes, la obesidad y los trastornos alimentarios.
- Educación para la salud en temas como métodos anticonceptivos prevención de infecciones de transmisión sexual (ITS), y consejos sobre nutrición y ejercicio físico.

*Los exámenes físicos deportivos y los exámenes de bienestar requieren el consentimiento de los padres.

**Los servicios sensibles, como los relacionados con la salud sexual o el embarazo, NO requieren el consentimiento de los padres.

Brindamos servicios ya sea que tenga o no seguro médico. No tenemos en cuenta el estatus migratorio para determinar la elegibilidad.

HORARIOS

Martes 1 pm a 3:45 pm

Jueves 8:30 am a 11:45 am

EDUCADOR EN SALUD DISPONIBLE

Jueves 8:30 am a 11:30 am

AD-103C - Directamente al otro lado del pasillo de la oficina de la enfermera.

Se admiten

personas sin

cita previa

PASE O LLAME PARA CONCERTAR UNA CITA

(310) 392-8636











College Essay Writing Class for rising 12th graders





Taught by Samohi teacher Kyle Koehler, this class helps students write outstanding college admissions essays.



Kyle Koehler has taught high school English in California for 12 years and taught abroad for two years.

Teaching personal writing, specifically college essays, is one of the things he does best. His greatest passion is supporting his students and helping students embark on this academic exploration of self.

College Essay Writing Class

Choose one of these week-long online sessions:

- 6/16-6/20, 9am-12pm
- 6/16-6/20, 1pm-4pm
- 6/23-6/27, 9am-12pm
- 7/7-7/1, 9am-12pm
- 7/14-7/18, 9am-12pm
- 7/21 -7/25, 9am-12pm

Students will finish the week with a solid working draft of an essay.

Supportive, small-group setting! Each session is limited to 10 rising 12th graders.

Registration Fee: \$615 for the week-long class and one 30-minute phone or video session with Mr. Koehler in the fall. Some scholarships are available.

"Love Mr. Koehler! This class was so helpful. I genuinely don't think that I would change anything. My favorite part was definitely the one on one breakout rooms after the classes!"

- Samohi Student Class of 2025

Learn more and register at smef.link/college

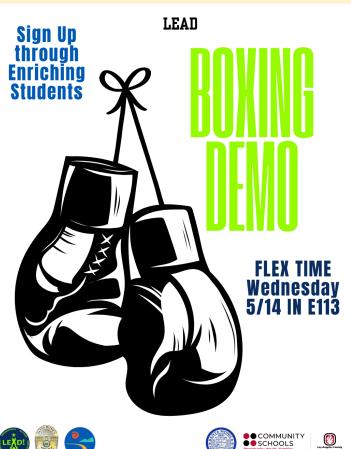
1717 4th Street, Ste 132A, Santa Monica CA 90401

310-396-4557

smedfoundation.org

Monthly Wellness Resource Fair

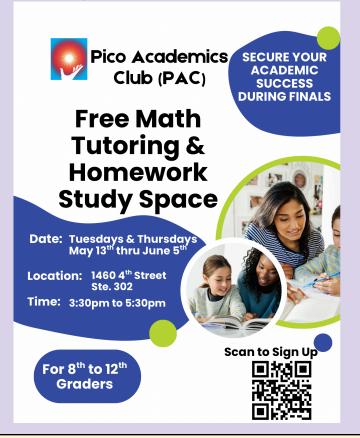






Pico Youth & Family Center

PYFC is launching a homework and tutoring club called Pico Academics Club (PAC). The homework club will focus on assisting students in preparing for finals. It will run Tuesdays and Thursdays starting May 13th thru June 5th from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. Students can also receive community service credit for attending.



Lost and Found

Did your student lose something, or find something? Send them to the Lost & Found, located in the Textbook Room in the Discovery Building. Lost items should be reported immediately to the student's House Office.

Weekend Bags Program

SMMUSD's Weekend Bags Program offers nutritious, easy-to-prepare weekend food for Samohi students when school cafeteria breakfasts and lunches are not available. Each Weekend Bag holds two breakfasts, two lunches, and two snacks. The menus have been evaluated by a dietitian and provide a balance of healthy, nutritious non-perishable foods which change each week. Students can drop by and pick up their Weekend Bags on Fridays afterschool from the Vikings' Hub in E113.

Students should let Carla Nuñez, Community Schools Specialist in E113, (or their House Office assistant or their House Advisor) know if they would like to receive Weekend Bags. Families wishing to have their students receive Weekend Bags on Fridays should contact Carla Nuñez at carlanunez@smmusd.org or 310 395-3204 ext. 71-143.

LA Trade Tech- EARN and LEARN!



<u>Attendance</u>

To report a student's absence, please send an email to your student's appropriate House.

AttendanceSHouse@smmusd.org ext. 71139

AttendanceAHouse@smmusd.org ext. 71208

AttendanceMHouse@smmusd.org ext.71281

AttendanceOHouse@smmusd.org ext. 71381

AttendancePBL@smmusd.org ext. 71177

Please include your student's first and last names, student ID numbers, and the reason they are absent (illness, family matter, medical or dental appointment, etc.).

Attendance/Tardy Recovery

Noble Flower Network's Youth Sci-Fi/Fantasy & Climate Action Literacy Fellowship



College and Career Office Announcements

College and Career Center Monthly newsletter:

https://secure.smore.com/n/2k5ue-college-career-center-newsletter.

Attention Seniors: if you are applying to colleges that require letter(s) of recommendation and/or official transcript, the Guidelines must be completed— <u>Letter of Recommendation & Transcript</u>
<u>Request Guidelines</u>

Many of you have asked what you need to be working on for your college apps. We got you! The updated <u>College Admission Application Survival Guide ~ It's Your Senior Year!</u> includes the knitty-gritty on to-do tasks, deadlines, and frequently used websites. We recommend you bookmark it and use it everyday.

Are you feeling stressed or overwhelmed by college apps? Feel free to speak to a therapist that can help support you and navigate the feelings! Click here to see the flyer!

Scholarships (look at the eligibility criteria)

- LPA Diversity in Design Scholarship due 5/21
- Sigma Phi Epsilon Balanced Man Scholarship due 6/1
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Tau Tau Omega Chapter Scholarship Program due 5/24
- Abbott and Fenner Scholarship Program due 6/10

Summer Opportunities (9th-11th; please look at grade level eligibility before applying)

- NASA's GeneLab for High Schools (GL4HS)
 - o is expanding its program in 2025! Starting this year GL4HS is being offered asynchronously and will consist of 12-weeks of on-demand training during the summer. Program dates will be June 2 through August 29, 2025. The App deadline is May 15, 2025, or sooner if max number of apps have been received.

Juniors Only

 The Posse Foundation, a national organization that offers four-year, full-tuition, leadership-based merit scholarships to partner universities, is accepting nominations! If interested in learning more, click <u>HERE</u> and see attached flyer. To be considered for a nomination, complete the <u>Posse</u> <u>Interest Questionnaire</u> (SMMK12 login required) by Weds., 5/28.

Lastly, reminder that you also have a list of Fly-In Programs here.

Sign up to meet with you college counselor:

Flores (last names A-G) e.flores@smmusd.orghttps://calendly.com/appointmentswithflores/letsgettowork Honda (H-N) jhonda@smmusd.org https://calendly.com/julie-honda Mejia (O-Z) rmejia@smmusd.org https://calendly.com/cccmejia

Meet with our SMC rep:

Estela Ruezga - Ruezga estela@smc.edu, https://calendly.com/ruezga estela

Planning to attend El Camino College? Check out their **Puente Project Program** for excellent benefits and student support!

Financial Aid Application or Dream Act Application

Ready to secure the bag for your college dreams? Whether you're aiming for FAFSA or the CA Dream Act, now's your chance to grab FREE \$\$\$ for school! Scholarships, grants, work-study, and loans—there's something for everyone to help lighten the load.

Don't wait—deadlines are closer than you think!

- FAFSA: Open to U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens → Click here to apply
- CA Dream Act: For undocumented students meeting AB 540 requirements → Click here to apply
- CSS profile: out-of-state and private colleges may require an additional app → Click here to apply

Why apply?

- It's free and easy
- You might get money you don't have to pay back
- Your future self will thank you

The California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) announces the release of a new informational resource to assist Mixed-Status Families in applying for financial aid. For more details, please view GSA 2024-93.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY Summer Camp

<u>Invention</u>

Camp Invention is coming back to Community Magnet Charter School serving as a 5-day (June 23-June 27) non-profit summer camp for students K-5. We have Leadership Intern roles for high school students grades 10-12, that allow students to develop and build leadership skills through hands-on, practical experience working with elementary students.

Students earn:

- Up to 40 Volunteer Service Hours and a personalized letter of completion from the United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Obtain valuable experience to build resume for colleges, universities, scholarships, and/or future employment
- Foster leadership and classroom management skills by mentoring younger students and facilitating activities
- Develop professional relationships and network with local educators

https://www.invent.org/programs/leadership-intern

Our House Grief Support Center presents:







AFFIRM Youth



Samohi Wellness Services

Interested in learning more about mental and physical wellness services on Campus?

Click here → Wellness Services Center Website

Health Information for Wildfire Impacted Communities

For updated response and health information regarding the recent fires, including an upcoming LAC DPH webinar & free blood lead testing resources, visit: http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/wildfire/

FLEX Time

Samohi Flex-Time provides targeted educational opportunities during the school day for intervention and enrichment to best meet student individual needs. It is our goal that Flex-Time will help all students to be more successful. Students will engage in their own learning by building metacognitive and advocacy skills

to promote emotional health, explore passions and grow in a focused, academic, and productive environment.

	Office Hours	Library/Writing Center	College Center	Testing Center	Featured Flex-Time
What?	Teacher provides topic, structure, and focus for the room. The following are words that can frame a Flex-Time session: - Review - Refine - Re-explore - Reteach - Reconnect - Rehearse - Research	Student-driven, independent work: - Research - Computer work - Writing help	Location to work on college applications, scholarship applications, and financial aid forms. Additional workshops will be available to discuss how to get prepared for college.	A quiet location for a student to take a test or quiz. This must be pre-arranged with the teacher.	Enrichment opportunities for students involving presentations, assemblies, town hall meetings, and workshops focused on current events, hot topics, and other areas of interest.
Who?	Students sign up and/or teacher can request based on grade.	Students sign up	Students sign up (priority given to Seniors during certain times)	Teacher assigns. Pre- arranged between student and teacher	Students sign up

Margaret's Place

Margaret's Place is open for the school year in E117 and offers services to students every weekday! At Margaret's Place, our mission is to help end the cycle of violence in our relationships, schools, and communities. We offer free counseling for students, open lunch drop-in, therapeutic recreation activities, and more! See our newsletter for students and our newsletter-for parents/caregivers to learn more about services and how to get involved, email ldesanto@smmusd.org with any questions.

<u>DemocraShe</u>



Start your future now with DemocraShe!

At DemocraShe, we inspire and empower young women like you to become leaders in your schools and communities, and set you on the path to become future elected leaders who will transform our country for the better.

In DemocraShe you will:

- Connect with amazing young women from across the country.
- Learn how your identity is your superpower, how to get your voice heard, and how to take action on issues you care about.
- Learn resiliency skills to both immediately cope with the stress of high school and set yourself up for success as a leader.
- Leave DemocraShe with a concrete plan on how to make meaningful change in your community and beyond.
- · Earn a stipend for participating!

Our program is completely free and online, with weekly peer-led zooms to create a future led by young women and led by YOU!

Free to apply - paid stipend to participate!

More information about our program and our community can be found at www.democrashe.org.

And follow us on Instagram @democrasheorg!



Are you a femaleidentifying student in grade 9-12 who wants to join a group of incredible, diverse young women ready to change the world?

If the answer is yes, DemocraShe invites you to apply!



EASY APPLICATION LINK: Apply at bit.ly/democrashe2025 by May 9, 2025. Our Fall Cohort will start in September 2025 and meet online 2 hours a week for 10 weeks (choice of weekday afternoon/evening or weekend sessions).

Let's fight for a better world together!