

Chapter 2: **Parents, Partners and Community**

Wellness Center, Family and Community Engagement

Parents are welcome to engage and participate in many ways at Santa Ana High School. Parents have opportunities to participate in school events like Padre Saints, the Family Wellness Center, Back to School Night, Open House, student performances, athletic events, Youth Motivational Task Force, School Site Council (SSC) and English Learner Advisory Committee (ELAC).

Communication is provided in English and Spanish. Through routine correspondence and special announcements, parents are kept informed on everything regarding their child's education and everything happening at Santa Ana High School. Through platforms such as Aeries and Parent Square, through our Flagship Newsletter, through our Family Wellness Center and their weekly parent meetings and with professional translators available to assist with phone calls and parent-teacher conferences, communication is paramount to ensuring every student at Santa Ana High School receives the education that they and their families deserve and have come to expect at our institution.

Family Wellness Center

Santa Ana High School's Parent and Community Center is dedicated to serving the children and families in the community through educational workshops, presentations, resources and support. At Santa Ana High School we want to ensure that all families have access to the information they need to effectively support their children's education in order for them to be successful in college, work and life.

Padre Saints

Padre Saints is an organized program of parent volunteers that provide a unique contribution to the educational program at Santa Ana High School utilizing the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) model.

Our Community Partners

Santa Ana High School enjoys many partnerships with local universities, businesses and organizations that have given our students diverse and engaging experiences and opportunities.

There are seven community colleges within the area, two California State University Campuses (Long Beach and Fullerton) and the University of California, Irvine. In addition, there are several private universities and colleges within a short commute such as Vanguard, Concordia, Phoenix, Corinthian, Chapman, Art Institute of California-Orange County, Soka, National, and Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising (FIDM).

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The City of Santa Ana has a long and proud history of working with community leaders from neighborhoods, community-based organizations, and service clubs to improve the quality of life for residents. The city is home to the Bowers Museum, Discovery Cube, the Santora Building of the Arts, and the Santa Ana Zoo. The Orange County Performing Arts Center, The Breath of Fire Latina Theater Ensemble, South Coast Repertory Theater, Honda Center, Angel Stadium, and Henry and Renee Segerstrom Concert Hall are also nearby. A few of the school's close partnerships are with The Nicholas Academic Center (NAC), and the Boys and Girls Club. NAC, located only a few blocks from campus, provides the facilities, technology, food, and college tutors for students free of charge. Students that participate in the NAC program are closely monitored and given additional support.