

South High School

ISSUE 1

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and students,

Here we go REBELS! The 2019-20 school year is here. On August 14th we are opening our doors to 628 new freshmen for a total enrollment of 2285 students. The South High Staff is ready to instruct, inform and inspire! This newsletter will highlight a wide variety of subjects that include the school dress code, the updated cell phone policy, counseling questions, sports and activities along with many other very important items to help get your student off to a great start.

South High School would like to invite you to be involved with our school. There are many different opportunities to be involved with your child's education. We need your support, and getting involved will enrich your understanding of our school and our mission. We have an active Family Center on campus, athletic booster clubs, and advisory panels. Are you interested? Call us and volunteer at 831-3680 and you will be connected with the appropriate person.

There are a few things you can do to ensure your students success. **The most important is to make sure they are on time and at school every day!** Rebels Do It Right! Free breakfast will be served at 7:00 A.M. **for all students!** The first bell rings at 7:31 A.M. Your student should be in class ready to learn at 7:37. We believe in parent communication, both the good news and the bad. Last year we averaged 200 tardies every morning. That is unacceptable and disrespectful to teachers who are prepared to teach! Please partner with us in helping our students achieve our expectations:

REBELS Do It Right!

RESPECT-INTEGRITY-GOALS-HEART-TRADITION

I am excited to start my ninth year as principal and I want every student on this campus to learn to their highest ability. I urge you as one parent to another to take a moment and read these pages—it will help in creating a successful start for your student. Again, I would like to say welcome back and I am very excited to start this new school year.



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FRESHMEN NEWS!

Schedules and ID's: All freshmen students are welcome to pick up their preliminary schedules and photo ID's on **Friday, August 9th, anytime between 1:00-3:00.** Find your classes before the first day of school! Link Leaders will be on campus eager to meet you and give you a tour.

Freshmen Orientation: The South High Link Leaders have a fantastic morning planned for our new SHS Rebels! All freshmen will be attending our orientation on **Wednesday, August 14th, at 7:00 AM.** Meet your freshmen friends and SHS Link Leaders for a morning of activities that are designed to help **you fit right in to our *Rebels Do It Right* culture. We can't wait to meet you!**

REBEL Athletics

Our South High School fall athletic programs include football, cross-country, volleyball, girls tennis, and girls golf. It's not too late for your student to participate. In fact, we could use your student's help as many of our athletic teams are in need of student-athletes.

Participation in athletics provides students the opportunity to build character, ethics and accountability that they will carry beyond the playing fields and courts and into everyday life. Participation in

athletics also gives students the opportunity to develop into good citizens with a sense of desire, dedication, discipline and competition. Many students who participate in athletics benefit from the combined efforts of our instructors in the classroom with the efforts of our coaches in the field to ensure their success.

Please encourage your student to get involved in athletics. Winter sports, Soccer, Basketball and Wrestling start soon! There is some-

thing out there for everyone this year.

If you have any questions regarding athletics please contact Dante Borradori at 831-3680. If your student is interested in playing please have them stop by the Athletic Office. Sports schedules are available on the school website.



Homecoming: October 4, 2019 vs. Foothill High School
We invite the entire REBEL Community to come out and cheer on the Rebels!

SOMETHING NEW!

ASB Stickers and Yearbooks

When you purchase your student an ASB sticker for their ID card, your student will receive **FREE admission into all REBEL athletic events throughout the school year.** That's right, FREE! The ASB sticker will also get your student a 10% discount on all South High clothing and numerous meal deals from the student store. How much is the ASB sticker? **ONLY \$20 dollars!**

Yearbooks are still a great way to remember your high school years. This year's yearbook will be filled with great pictures that capture all the great moments of the school year. Your student is going to want one. Yearbooks this year will cost \$90.00. We encourage you to take advantage of one of the special offers to reduce the costs of these important items. Specials, ASB stickers and yearbooks can be purchased from the Finance Office before school, at lunch or afterschool.

<p style="text-align: center;">Special Offers and Packages:</p> <p>#1: ASB Sticker (\$20) + Yearbook (\$90) = FOR ONLY \$110!</p> <p>#2: ASB Sticker (\$20) + PE Clothes (\$25) = FOR ONLY \$45</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rebel Pack #1</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ASB Sticker and Water Bottle \$30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rebel Pack #2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ASB Sticker, Water Bottle and Foam Finger \$35</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Rebel Pack #3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ASB Sticker, Foam Finger and T-Shirt \$40</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rebel Pack #4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ASB Sticker, Water Bottle, Foam Finger, Bam Bams, Pom Poms and T-Shirt \$50</p>
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Support Your Student's Efforts to Learn

Parents often ask what they can do to help their students graduate from high school. Here is a list of things that every parent can do to maximize their student's chances for success:

- This year every student will be provided school supplies! Make certain your student brings his binder, pen and pencil, and a backpack full of books. Our students read and write everyday in nearly every class. They need their supplies.
- Talk to your students! Ask them to see their schoolwork. Students at South learn to their highest ability. Do not trust your student to get their work done without checking it out. This gives you a better relationship with your student and shows you are concerned about their education on a daily basis.
- Encourage your student to get to class on time. Kids can't learn if they are not in class. The first 10 minutes of class are the most important part of the day. This is when teachers ask students to focus their brain and the brain is most ready to absorb new information.
- Provide a quiet place and time for classwork completion. Televisions, cell phones and loud music don't help kids study.
- Partner with us on our cell phone policy! Students can use their phones in between classes and at lunch, but not during class time! Don't text them during class. This rule will be strictly enforced this year. You will need to come to school to pick up your student's cell phone if it is taken by a teacher. Also, cell phones are often targeted for theft, and the school is not responsible.
- The best place for your student to be on a daily basis is in class. School provides a safe, positive, and friendly environment.
- Synergy can be a parent's best resource. You can keep track of attendance and grades by logging in.

If you need help with your challenging teen, contact a counselor. We offer a variety of interventions to help parents and students gain the tools to ensure success in the classroom and in real life.

Students whose parents are involved in their high school are more likely to achieve successes in school.

Rebels Do It R.I.G.H.T.

At South High School, the Rebel Advocacy Center (RAC) embraces a positive school culture and climate for staff and students. We offer small group intervention services, peer to peer interventions, peer to staff interventions, peer to peer mentoring, restorative conversations and restorative circles. Interventions are beneficial as students are able to learn from one another, provide a small community in which to share strengths, and are more dynamic which leads to greater accountability. These interventions can and will be done based on counseling referrals, teacher referrals, and/or dean's referrals.

If you do not want your student to participate in these intervention services, please sign and return this form.

Student Name _____
 Parent Name _____
 Parent Signature _____

UID _____
 Contact number _____
 Date _____

Happy Birthday! Congratulations! Happy Graduation!



Are you looking for a unique way to honor your South High Student? Do you need a great Birthday gift? Would you like a way to show your family's REBEL PRIDE?

Purchase a "customized" BRICK that will be placed in the Commemorative Plaza on the South High School campus.

Order forms can be found in the main office at South High School and on the school website! If you have questions or need more information please contact Vanessa Stimpson at (661) 831-3680.

Message from the Dean of Students:

I am Mrs. Taiasha Alvarado, the new Dean of Students. I am looking forward to introducing myself to your student and helping them make the **R.I.G.H.T.** choices. My first priority is to ensure all students have an environment where they feel safe and comfortable to make responsible choices in order to achieve their personal goals. As Dean of Students, I will do my part to be fair and consistent.

I am reaching out to parents to ask you to review and discuss South High's behavior expectations with your child. The PBIS Parent Student Handbook is located on our website. Also, discuss your expectations for them. Throughout the school year, check in with them to make sure they stay on track. Remind them to have **Respect** for themselves, teachers, and peers. They should also maintain their **Integrity** by conducting themselves properly and displaying good character. Help them set clear **Goals** for the year and for the years to come. Encourage them to have **Heart** and to never give up. Remind them to take pride in being a Rebel and to appreciate the strong **Traditions** here at South High. Parent involvement plays a key role in ensuring student's academic success and helps to prevent unnecessary trips to the Dean's office. Thank you in advance for working with me to ensure your student's academic and personal success.



Cell Phone & Electronics Policy

Use of cell phones or other personal electronic devices during class time is prohibited, unless specifically allowed by an instructor for an educational purpose. Teachers have the discretion to regulate cell phone use in their class on a daily basis. Cell phones will be confiscated for off-task use of their electronic device. Once a cell phone is confiscated, teachers will send cell phone to the Dean's Office, along with a referral for cell phone violation.

If a student is in violation of this cell phone policy, they will be subjected to the following:

- 1st Offense** – Device will be confiscated and available for student pick up in the Dean's office at the end of the school day.
- 2nd Offense** – Device will be confiscated and available for **parent or guardian** pick up in the Dean's office at the end of the school day.
- 3rd Offense** – Device will be confiscated and available for **parent or guardian** pick up in the Dean's office at the end of the school day. Student will be assigned detention.

*OCI will be recommended. Any further offenses-Device will be confiscated and available for parent/guardian pick up in the Dean's Office at the end of the school day. Appropriate discipline or intervention will also be assigned by the Dean of Students.

*South High School is **not responsible** for any cell phones or other personal electronic devices that are lost on school property. If you have any questions regarding this policy, please contact Taiasha Alvarado, Dean of Students

Clear Your Student's Absences

If your student is absent from school, you must call the attendance office **within 72 hours of the absence** in order for it to be excused. Any absence not cleared within the 72 hours will be considered an incident of truancy. All truanancies will be subject to the Truancy Reduction Plan above. Please call 831-3680 and press #1 for the Attendance Office to clear absences between the hours of 7:15 am and 3:30 pm.

Dress Code and Hat Policy

1. Clothing must cover the body with no undergarments exposed. Unacceptable clothing that distracts the learning environment may include but is not limited to the following:

- a. Exposed midriff and/or cleavage
- b. Pajama pants and/or lounge wear
- c. Backless, strapless, tube tops and/or halter tops
- d. Pants that hang below the waistline
- e. Sunglasses
- f. Only South High hats are allowed on campus. Any other headwear that is not considered a SHS hat is prohibited. (Note: the wearing of headwear for religious and medical reasons is permitted)
- g. Accessories such as chains, spikes, etc.

2. Shoes or sandals must be worn at all times. Slippers are not acceptable.

3. Any clothing or accessories that display or promote the use of alcohol, tobacco, drugs, racial or ethnic slurs, gang affiliation or identity, violence, sexually suggestive or profane are not allowed.

S.H.S. Truancy Reduction Plan

Truancy STEP Policy

It is imperative that every student be at school everyday. The following STEPS are a series of escalating interventions in place at South High School. These STEPS are meant to reduce truancy and therefore, increase student achievement.

Step 1 – Student contacted and counseled by attendance specialist or Administrator. Parent notified.

Student is classified as a truant.

Step 2 – Student contacted and counseled by attendance specialist or Administrator. Parent notified.

Intervention strategies may be implemented.

Step 3 – Parent conference with Administrator. Intervention strategies may be implemented. Probation contract must be signed. Student may be placed on a behavioral agreement. Student is classified as habitually truant.

Step 4 – Student and parent required to meet with SHS Truancy Team (SART). Community and/or school service will be assigned.

Step 5 – Student and parent are required to meet with the Student Attendance Review Board (SARB) at the KHSD Office.

Step 6 – Student and/or parent may be issued a citation. Student and parent will be required to appear in court. Fines and community service may be imposed.

*Note: If these school STEPS fail, the school may refer the student/guardian to the District Attorney for prosecution.

Entering a classroom after the Tardy Bell is very distracting to both teachers and students. Tardy students can and will be classified as truant students for repeat offenders. Frequently tardy students will be subject to appropriate discipline and the STEP Policy mentioned above.

SENIOR Truancy Policy

Truant Seniors will NOT participate in graduation ceremonies

Each time a senior incurs (10) period cuts, they will be subjected to the following consequences:

- 1st ten period cuts – conference with truancy officer and Parent contact
- 2nd ten period cuts – conference with the counselor and Parent contact
- 3rd ten period cuts – parent and student conference with Dean of Students
- 4th ten period cuts – parent and student conference with Assistant Principal



PBIS-It's not what you think...

School-wide PBIS is...

A systems-based, multi-tiered framework for establishing the social culture and behavioral supports needed for children in a school to achieve both behavioral and academic success. The framework is evidence-based and data-driven.

PBIS is not...

A packaged curriculum, or one size fits all program. Instead, it offers an approach that defines core elements that can be achieved through a variety of strategies.

This allows districts to have some continuity for the purposes of monitoring, supporting, and evaluating effectiveness at all sites.



REBEL Counseling Staff

Irene Lopez-Ramey - Head Counselor, CJA and MS3

Russ Geer- 9th Grade

Lisa Schimnowski - 10th Grade

Elizabeth Rocha - 11th Grade

Theresa Rubio - 12th Grade

Alfredo Chavez- Intervention

Mirka Lopez- Early Academic Outreach Counselor

Anabel Cisneros- Guidance Technician

Javier Cervantes - Interventionist

Marisela Ibarra - Counseling Secretary

Student Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures!!



To relieve traffic congestion before and after school, we ask that you **DO NOT** use the front office parking lot as a drop off or pick up location.

Please drop off your child in a time efficient and safe manner, in the STUDENT DROP OFF located on Planz Road.

All students will enter and exit campus, through the PAC gate or West Parking lot gate!

Student ID Cards

All students must carry an ID card at all times while on campus.

If your student has not taken a picture for a school identification card, they may do so before school, after school or at their lunch, in the Activities Office.

Senior Pictures

InMotion.pro has been selected as the photographer for senior yearbook pictures. Seniors are encouraged to contact the company right away to make an appointment for a yearbook picture. There is no charge for the yearbook picture.

Call (661) 472-1269

InMotion.pro offers picture packages to students for their personal pictures and students are welcome to discuss sitting fees and package costs with a representative. Students however, are not required to purchase personal pictures from InMotion.pro.

In Motion will be on campus September 12th to take a yearbook photo of all Seniors.

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Home of the REBELS

South High School Bell Schedules

**School
Starts at
7:37 am!**

REGULAR SCHEDULE

0	6:30	7:28		
1	7:37	8:35		
2	8:41	9:43		
3	9:49	10:47		
4	10:53	11:50	LUNCH	10:47 - 11:26
5	11:32	12:29	LUNCH	11:50 - 12:29
6	12:35	1:32		
7	1:38	2:36		

PLC/DEPARTMENT MEETING EARLY OUT SCHEDULE

0	6:30	7:28		
1	7:37	8:25		
2	8:31	9:23		
3	9:29	10:16		
4	10:22	11:10	LUNCH	10:16 - 10:55
5	11:01	11:49	LUNCH	11:10 - 11:49
6	11:55	12:43		
7	12:49	1:36		