Family Engagement Series: Student Success in Distance Learning

Tuesday September 1st 6pm
Welcome from SMUHSD Superintendent

Theme of this School Year!

“Equity, Flexibility and Choice”
Overview of the Agenda for the Evening

- Overview of Family Engagement Series
- Supporting your students in Virtual Classroom
- Where should I look in Canvas
- Getting technical support for your students
- Instructional Technology Coordinators
- Professional Development

Please email questions to comments@smuhsd.org
Introduction of Future Topics

- Spanish Speaking Town Halls
- Mental Health & Social Emotional Health
- College Application Support
- Special Education Family Engagement
- Dual Enrollment & Concurrent Enrollment
**Town Halls for Spanish speaking families**

- Monthly Series conducted in Spanish
  - The first two covered synchronous/asynchronous learning; bell schedules; academic expectations of students; and how to connect with various personnel on campus
  - The third will be on September 21st and focused on Mental Health and Wellness

- Attendance has been 140+ families

- Future topics will align with the family engagement series
Mental Health & Wellness Services

**Student Support**
- Drop-In
- Individual Counseling
- Student Groups
- Crisis Response & Postvention
- Stanford Teen Mobile Health Van
- TUPE: Tobacco-Use Prevention & Education
  - VAPE
  - Substance Use Program
  - Alternative to Suspension (ATS)

**Family Support**
- Care Solace
- Stanford Teen Mobile Health Van
- Parent Education:
  - Parent Connect
  - Masterclass Series; *Parenting in Place* (additional information coming soon)

April Torres, LMFT- Manager of Mental Health Services; atorres@smuhsd.org
College Application Support

- 12th Grade College Application Town Hall: Tuesday, September 15th at 6 pm via Zoom plus site based nights.
- Individual Senior meetings with School Counselor and/or College and Career Adviser
- UC Application Workshop - October 20th at 2 pm via Zoom
- CSU Application Workshop - October 16th at 2 pm via Zoom
- Site Based Workshops: Common Application, Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), California Dream Act Application, Essay Writing
- Virtual College Representative visits started on 8/31
- College Fair - October 15th, Time To Be Determined
- Updating School Profiles for all 4 year colleges to include Credit/No Credit grades from Spring 2020, Fall distance learning and limited availability of SAT/ACT testing dates and sites
- Community College Application Support
- Scholarship Resources and Support
12th grade College/Career Planning
Family Nights:

AHS: September 30th at 6 pm via Zoom
BHS: October 1st at 6:30 pm via Zoom
CHS: October 1st at 6:30 pm via Zoom
HHS: September 30th at 6 pm via Zoom
MHS: October 1st at 6:30 pm via Zoom
PHS: Pre-recorded Webinar available on August 31st
SMHS: September 17th at 7:00 pm via Zoom
Department of Special Education

- We continue to monitor the needs of students and families through outreach and the Individualized Education Planning process
- Topics will be offered to support the needs of our students to participate on a distance learning platform and maintain social emotional health/balance
- Site and support specific Townhalls will continue to be convened to address questions and concerns as needed
- Parent series for Spanish speaking families to address the IEP process and how to get support
Dual Enrollment & Concurrent Enrollment

Fabian Morales, MA

- Email: fmorales@smuhsd.org
- Appointments: https://go.oncehub.com/mcacademic2020
- Available to meet to discuss how Community College Courses can be embedded and compliment high school courses
- Community College Workshop regarding Dual Enrollment and Concurrent Enrollment Workshops in October and November for Spring 2021 enrollment
- Additional outreach will be conducted via PTO, Latino and other parent groups.
Themes from our Thought Exchange

- Balancing Workload and Homework
- Supporting students’ social needs in the virtual world
- Learning Schedule Structure
- Providing brain breaks & zoom fatigue
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Virtual Learning: Supporting your Student

- Instructional Learning Schedule provides synchronous 75 learning periods
- Students main access platforms include the following:
  - Canvas is our Learning Management System where students can access assignments, Zoom class links and gradebook
  - Zoom is the video conferencing platform
Homework

- The district is committed to following our Homework Board Policy which outlines the following:
  - Homework is limited to 15% of a Student’s Grade
  - Holiday Free Breaks
Online “Zoom” Fatigue”

- Many parents and students commented on the amount of screentime
- We will reassess the synchronous vs asynchronous time for learning to ensure there are more breaks for students
Supporting Students’ Social Needs

- There are also clubs that students may join and will continue to meet in the virtual environment.
- Teachers will continue to consider ways to provide students with opportunities to get to know their classmates.
Supporting Your Student’s Online “Etiquette” or “Netiquette”

- Each teacher will set forth classroom norms for what is expected for students during the virtual class.
- In general, students are encouraged to follow similar expectations as they do at in-person school.
- Teachers will let students know when/if they are video recording and students may turn off the camera at that time.

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/teens
Getting support to your students & family

For Student Hardware & Login Support

- Phone: 650-558-2480 (M-F, 8 a.m. to 9:00 pm) email: help@smuhsd.org.
- Students may also contact their Library Media Technicians for technical help.
- Students who need devices or wifi hotspots are provided with access.
- All students will be provided with a district-issued Chromebook once supply is available.

FAQs about Chromebooks Spanish Version
NEED TECHNOLOGY HELP?
A Quick Guide for Students

Having Canvas ACCESS trouble?

Did you use the web address https://smuhsd.instructure.com?

YES

NO

Are you using your @stu.smuhsd.org email?

YES

NO

Canvas can only be accessed with your @stu.smusd.org email.

Make sure you are signed out of all other Google accounts.

Use an incognito browser window.

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Something NOT WORKING?

Is the issue within Canvas?

YES

NO

• Student Center Canvas Orientation module
• Canvas Dashboard > Help

Is the issue with a district issued Chromebook or Hotspot?

YES

Call 650.558.2480
Text 650.554.8431
e-mail help@smuhsd.org
Daily Attendance

- Teachers are taking attendance
- Attendance is different in a distance learning environment as students are not marked “present” or “absent”
- Students will be either marked
  - *Distance Learning Engaged* (DLE)
  - Or
  - *Distance Learning Not Engaged* (DLN)
- Monitoring Attendance
  - Teacher contact, evening autocalls, messaging, and home visits
Canvas How To

- Canvas is the learning management system (LMS) where students access Zoom links, course work and submit assignments.
- Through your Canvas Observer account, you can view your child’s coursework and upcoming assignments.
- If you need help with your observer account, go to smuhsd.org -> Families -> Family Portal -> Canvas or bit.ly/canvasobserveraccount
Instructional Technology Support

Jessica Valera

District Instructional Technology Coordinator

- Collaborates with Professional Development Coordinator.
- Works with school site Instructional Technology Coordinators to support teachers.
Professional Learning for Teachers

VOCAL Framework Professional Development Course

- Based on the work of John Savery and Catlin Tucker.

Canvas Common Teacher Practices

- Developed by teacher leaders to create guidelines for consistent practices to support the student Canvas experience.

Ongoing Reflection and PD Opportunities

- What are we learning about effective and engaging distance learning?
- How can we support teachers and students?
Conclusion

- We are committed to offering family engagement events during this time
- We will continue to have opportunities to gather input from our community and respond to the needs of our families
- Thank you!