

July 23, 2021

Dear Capuchino Students and Families,

To describe the most recent year as uniquely difficult is an understatement. We know that many in our school community suffered tremendous hardship(s). As we open our doors for the fall semester, we'll be here for our students, families, and staff to heal together, learn, and connect. For 2021-22, we plan for a full re-opening with all of our students and staff returning to campus, along with health and safety measures to protect our community. These safety practices will include universal masking indoors, physical distancing when eating indoors, enhanced ventilation systems, updated signage/markings, and continued support for individual health/hygiene practices (more information can be found here). A district-wide SMUHSD virtual Town Hall will be held on Monday, August 9 at 6:30 pm to share the most current information and review reopening plans. Please stay tuned as we will closely monitor health and safety conditions, while also following the guidance of our school district office and San Mateo County Health. In addition, if your student has not yet been vaccinated for Covid-19, I encourage you to click here for vaccination resources. Vaccinations help protect the individual, along with further safeguarding our entire community.

As an IB School, Capuchino is a unique, comprehensive high school. This includes a rigorous and coherent set of academic expectations, intentional social/emotional support, along with an immensely talented staff who will foster community in a variety of contexts, most importantly in each classroom on campus. It also means a commitment to <u>International Mindedness</u> and <u>racial justice</u>. We are incredibly proud of our CHS Black Student Union (BSU), who created <u>this mural</u> which will launch in August, 2021 on campus. Their work was endorsed by our School Site Council (SSC) and will hang outside of the 'D' Building for the 2021-22 school year. For the coming year, and beyond, we will continue to revise our curriculum, reflect on interactions, and challenge assumptions to ensure that each of our students is well supported for a successful future. There is no more important responsibility than providing each of our students with an equitable school experience. To learn more about our school and the IB Programme, please <u>click here</u>. Finally, more information regarding our school values and the IB Learner Profile can be <u>found here</u>.

I have never looked forward to a school year as much as this one! To our students, we can't wait to see and welcome you (back) to Cap in August. To our parents/guardians, thank you for entrusting us with your students. It's a great honor to work with such wonderful young people. If you have any questions or feedback, I hope that you will reach out to a <u>staff member</u> or myself directly so that we can help you navigate our return to school for the fall.

Go Mustangs!

Jesse Boise

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Brunch/Lunch Service

We are very excited to share that for the 2021-22 school year, all students will be able to receive meal service while on campus at no cost. Students will show their School ID at a cart or the cafeteria to receive brunch/lunch.

CHS Student/Family Welcome Webinar

We will hold a Webinar for all CHS students and families to provide updates and respond to questions for the coming school year. The event will take place on **Monday, August 2nd from 6:00 - 7:00 pm**. We hope that you will make time to ioin!

Zoom Link: https://smuhsd-org.zoom.us/j/99690753016

Webinar ID: 996 9075 3016

Construction

The majority of our CHS Athletic Fields will be under construction for the 2021-22 school year. We are grateful for the community's support of Measure L. Upon completion, Capuchino will have one of the finest athletic complexes on the peninsula. We anticipate completion of the full athletic complex in 2022.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We seek to engage each of our students in at least one extracurricular activity. This includes <u>athletics</u>, <u>music</u>, <u>drama</u>, <u>dance</u>, <u>leadership</u>, and <u>clubs</u>. If we don't yet have a Student Club for which you are passionate, let's help you start one!

Growth Fund Donations

If you are able, we hope that you will consider a donation to our school Growth Fund. Your donations will be used to support important school initiatives. Our 2021-22 fundraising goal is \$30,000. If you are able, we ask that each family donate \$200 per student, but of course any amount is greatly appreciated. The link to donate can be found here.

Learning Schedule & School Calendar

<u>Linked here</u> is our school district calendar, along with our new <u>CHS learning schedule linked here</u>.

Please note that the learning schedule has changed to include an 8:30 am start time.

Parent/Guardian Participation

A big part of the CHS community includes parent/guardian participation. <u>Linked here</u> you will find information on each of the various groups. We hope that you will consider joining one or more of the various parent/guardian organizations!

Student Data Confirmation (Required)

The San Mateo Union High School District (SMUHSD) requires that each family complete the summer data confirmation.

Each family receives a letter in the mail that includes a code. Please utilize your Aeries portal to enter the code and complete the data confirmation. If you have any challenges or did not receive a letter, please contact

enrollment@smuhsd.org.

Student Orientations & Registration

Student orientation and registration will take place on the dates/times listed below. Additional information on these events will be published through the Daily Bulletin during the first week of August.

Required for Registration

- Complete District Online Enrollment (Data Confirmation through Aeries Parent Portal)
- 10th-12th Graders: Return overdue textbooks & pay outstanding school fees

Optional for Registration

Cash or check(s) for ordering school items and/or for school donations (p. 54 of <u>Student/Family Handbook</u>)

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- All students must complete the registration process prior to the first day of school, Thursday, 8/12/21
- Yearbook and ID pictures will be taken for all grades at Registration and students will receive their Capuchino ID card. Attire consistent with the dress code and for a school photo is expected.
- Senior Portrait appointments occur through the summer and into September. The deadline for Senior Portraits to be included in the yearbook is 10/31/21. At the end of May, 2021, appointment postcards were sent to our Class of 2022 to the address on file. More information can be found at prestigeportraits.com
- **10th-12th graders only:** Please make sure that all library materials (overdue books, Chromebooks) and prior bills are paid so that your child can receive their class schedule.

The dates for each grade level are listed below. Please come at your designated time*

The date for each grade level are noted believed to the at your designation time			
Grade	Date	Time	Location
Family Webinar	Monday, August 2	6 pm - 7 pm	Zoom
11th Grade Registration	Thursday, August 5	9 am - 11 am	Starts @ Main Office
12th Grade Registration	Thursday, August 5	12 pm - 2 pm	Starts @ Main Office
9th Grade Registration	Friday, August 6	9 am - 11 am	Starts @ Main Office
10th Grade Registration	Friday, August 6	12 pm - 2 pm	Starts @ Main Office
Transfer Students and Make-Ups	Wednesday, August 11	10:30 am - 12:30 pm	Starts @ Main Office
Welcome Day for 9th/10th Grade & Transfer Students	August 10 -11	TBA (split by alpha)	Main Gym

^{*} If you are not able to attend during your designated time, your student may pick up their schedule in the Library at 8:00 am on the first day of school. District Online Enrollment (Aeries Data Confirmation) must be completed before students may attend classes.