

November 22, 2021

Dear Capuchino Community,

There are a great deal of things that I have to be thankful for in my life. One of the most significant is having all of our students back on campus. As school staff, we feed off of the energy, enthusiasm, and inspiration of our students. Schools need to be designed for students and I am so grateful to have those who give us purpose back on campus!

Fall, 2021 Final Assessments

High school Final Assessments include a variety of skill and content based student evaluations. This includes exams, projects, assignments which provide students the opportunity to demonstrate their learning in core course components. <u>Linked here</u> is our modified schedule for Final Assessment Week (12/13/21 - 12/17/21).

Capuchino Homework Center & Tutor.com

Capuchino offers two different types of academic support outside of the school day:

- (1) Homework Center (In-Person)

 This is available after school each day. The end of the semester is a particularly great time to utilize this resource, getting help in studying for exams, and/or support in completing projects. Please click on the link here to learn more about hours and services.
- (2) Tutor.com (Online)
 All Capuchino students have free access to Tutor.com. Please click on the <u>link here</u> to learn more and gain access. Tutor.com provides Cap students virtual access to well vetted tutors in almost all of our courses.

Extended Winter Library Hours

Beginning on Monday, 11/29 our library will open at 7:15 am to offer extended winter hours for students who arrive to school early. Students will be able to head to the library and find a quiet, warm location to work, if arriving at school in advance of their first class. These extended hours will run through Friday, March 4th.

SMUHSD Vaccination Policy

On October 28, our Board of Trustees passed a <u>policy</u> requiring unvaccinated students to participate in weekly COVID testing in order to participate in extracurricular activities that take place outside of the school day. This policy took effect Monday, November 15.

Free weekly testing is offered at CHS and there are additional free testing resources in the community. Learn more on our SMUHSD <u>website</u>. You can also visit the SMUHSD <u>website</u> to read a list of frequently asked questions.

Capuchino and the District continue to encourage all eligible individuals to be vaccinated. Vaccines are free and readily available to any Californian aged five and older regardless of insurance or immigration status. Visit myturn.ca.gov to find a vaccine near you today.

Substance Use Prevention Programs

As a school community, the health and well being of our students is a primary responsibility. Health and safety includes the prevention of substance use and abuse. <u>Linked here</u> are a number of CHS and SMUHSD learning opportunities to prevent the use of alcohol, drugs, and/or vaping. These learning experiences are available for students and parents/guardians. Most importantly, if you would ever like support regarding substance use prevention please reach out to an administrator directly as a student or parent/guardian. We have different support programs which can span 2-6 weeks in duration.

Growth Fund

If you are able, we hope that you will consider donating to our school Growth Fund. Your donations will be used to support important school initiatives. Our annual 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.

Go Mustangs!

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