



# San Gorgonio High School

## Spring Newsletter

### January 2018



### ***Principal's Message***

*Dion Clark, Principal*

Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Spartan staff and I are looking forward to a successful second semester at San Gorgonio High School!

Our school continues to be a top high school in San Bernardino City Unified School District. We strive to excel in all areas: academics, athletics, band, drama, clubs... You name it!

We have many opportunities on campus for you, as parents/guardians, to grow and learn as well. Become involved with our H.O.P.E. (Highland Organizations Pursuing Excellence) Parent Center. We have many activities designed to meet your needs. Just call the front office and we will get you connected.

Please continue to encourage and support your student in attending school every day and completing his/her daily assignments. Remember, regular attendance is mandatory and important for academic success. We have exciting monthly and semester attendance awards for our Spartan students who have perfect attendance.

It is important to stay informed of your student's academic progress. Please continue to utilize our Parent Portal to access your student's schedule, grades, class assignments, and attendance. If you do not have a Parent Portal account, please stop by the school to get one established. The Parent Portal is a great way to help you support and monitor your student's progress towards graduation.

San Gorgonio Spartans continue to strive towards the Summit of Excellence! Our Spartan parents are an integral part of our team and we appreciate you! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the school at (909) 388-6524. I wish you a successful second semester at San Gorgonio High School!

Expect Excellence!  
Everyone, Everywhere, Every Time

### ***Important Events and Dates***

- January 15 – Dr. M. L. King day (no school)
- January 16 – **Parent Project class** begins in the library from 5 to 8 p.m.
- February 12 – Lincoln's Birthday (no school)
- February 19 – Washington's Birthday (no school)
- March 2 - FAFSA application deadline
- March 26 to April 6 – Spring Recess (no school)
- May 28 – Memorial Day (no school)
- June 7 – Last Day of School/Graduation at 6 p.m.

#### **Coffee with the Principal**

Meetings are held in the library at 9 a.m.  
February 15, April 26

#### **School Site Council**

Meetings are held in the library at 5:30 p.m.  
January 22, February 26, April 16, May 14

#### **English Learners Advisory Committee**

Meetings are held in room B13 at 4:30 p.m.  
January 22, February 26, April 16, May 14

#### **African-American Parent Advisory Council**

Meetings are held in room B14 at 4:30 p.m.  
January 22, February 26, April 16, May 14

#### **School-wide Testing Calendar**

- **District Benchmark test** (Reading and Math)  
2021 to 2019 grads– January 23 and 24
- **CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress)**  
Class of 2018 – April 12  
Class of 2019 – April 17, 18, 24, 25
- **AP Testing** – May 7 to 18
- **ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery)** – March 6

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## ***San G Counseling Corner***

Stephen Barkley, Head Counselor

With another Fall semester behind us, we now look forward to new beginnings and senior celebrations as the class of 2018 becomes our latest graduating class.

The Spring semester shows no signs of slowing down from the fall craziness. Juniors will start to take their SAT's for the first time in late April (a tip for the SAT's: students can now guess on questions and not be penalized for wrong answers). AP students are studying hard for their tests in May, and seniors are becoming excited as Graduation 2018 quickly approaches. When teachers submit their grades in January for the fall semester, it is important to remember that these grades determine credits. Students earn 5 credits for every class they pass, and credit is issued for grades A, B, C, or D. No credit is earned for a grade of F. Registration for the fall of 2018 will begin in February. Students will choose their classes for the 2018-2019 school year by meeting with their counselors and designing a class selection that best meets the student's graduation and college needs.

Currently we are organizing meetings with parents of students in the class of 2019 to help those who are behind in credits to lay out the best plan of action for credit recovery and support in meeting the district requirements to receive a diploma. Juniors should begin exploring colleges during the spring to narrow down their choices. College applications open up in October; however, it is never too early to prepare. One of the best ways to determine which college to attend is a visit to a college campus. Each college generally has tours available for students and parents to see all the campus has to offer to help students make informed decisions about where to spend the next four years of their lives. In addition, juniors planning on attending a four-year college after high school should plan on taking the SAT in the spring and the ACT in the summer. These are the only two tests required for college acceptance. Registration information can be found at [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org) for the SAT and [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) for the ACT. Fee waivers to take both tests for those students who qualify can be obtained from the Counseling office before school, at lunch, and after school.

## ***College and Career Center News***

Marianne Davari, Career Development Resource Teacher

Summertime is a perfect opportunity for teenagers to seek part-time employment. Here is a list of helpful tips to keep in mind when applying for a job:

**Dress for success** – When going to fill out an application, dress better than the position you are applying for. First impressions are lasting impressions.

**Be prepared** – Make sure you have everything with you when filling out applications. This includes: student ID card or driver's license, a black pen, work history and the names and addresses of at least three references. You can get a sample application to use as a guide from the College/Career Center (room B-44). It is also a good idea to have a resume' handy, just in case an employer would like one in addition to the job application.

**Honesty is the best policy** – Make sure your application is neat, accurate and that you have answered each section honestly. If something does not apply to you, answer it with "N/A," which stands for "Not Applicable". Never leave blank spaces. It can look like you have overlooked the question or that you do not know how to fill out an application properly.

**Be prepared in case the employer would like to interview you right away.** Practice interview questions and answers. It is always best to be prepared beforehand.

**Follow up** – Follow up on the application you submitted. If you don't hear from an employer within five to seven days after filling out an application, give them a call and ask if they need any further information. This demonstrates how much you desire the position and can only benefit you.

If a student is hired for a summer job and they are under 18 years old or do not have a high school diploma, they will need to get a work permit. If an employer indicates that they would like to hire a student, the student will need a work permit application from the College/Career Development Center in Room B-44. In order to obtain a valid

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work permit, students must have at least a 2.0 grade point average, a valid identification card and their birth certificate.

Once the request is properly filled out, the student needs to return it to the College/Career Center to get a work permit. If a work permit is needed and schools are closed, then students will have to go to the SBCUSD Professional Development Center, College and Career Readiness Department at 4030 Georgia Blvd. San Bernardino, CA 92407. If you bring the work permit request to the College and Career Readiness department, make sure that you have all of your documentation: proof of at least a 2.0 GPA, a valid identification card and your birth certificate. They will not issue a permit without them. The work permit remains valid until the first week in August 2018.

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## ***College Scholarship Update***

Emily Jeffries, Scholarship Counselor

Students attending junior colleges can apply for admission as soon as the campus allows. Apply as early as possible since many campuses are impacted; however, some campuses have students apply as late as March or April 1<sup>st</sup>, so check the college's website.

Seniors will receive information regarding scholarships through our Scholarship Bulletins as we receive it; the information can be obtained in, the Career Center or the Counseling Office or on the San Gorgonio website. The scholarship bulletin is a good resource for researching scholarships, but [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com), [www.zinch.com](http://www.zinch.com), and [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) have even more. Beware of scholarship scams—you should not have to pay an application fee to apply for a scholarship.

To compete for locally sponsored scholarships through the San Bernardino Community Scholarship Association during 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, a Senior Scholarship Notebook is required, along with a mock interview, which should have been completed by the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester in the student's senior English class. The information required for the notebook is submitted on templates available on the school's website. The notebooks were due to senior English teachers back in October 2017. The local scholarship interviews will take place February through May, 2018. The

scholarship celebration will be held in San Gorgonio's theater at 6pm on Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Students will be notified ahead of time if they are receiving a scholarship. If seniors wish to purchase the cover of the senior portfolios, they can pay \$15 to Mahealanie in the finance office.

Should you have any questions regarding scholarships, please contact Mrs. Jeffries or Mrs. Boughan at (909)388-6524.

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## ***ASB and Student Activities***

Jeff Juhnke, ASB Advisor & Activity Director

The Winter Semi-Formal dance "Happily Ever After" will be an enchanting night giving students a chance to dance and socialize with their friends. It will be held at the San Bernardino Elks Lodge on Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, the location is nice and close to home providing students the opportunity to get dressed up and enjoy an elegant night of fun. All grade levels are invited and encouraged to attend. Cost is \$20 with an ASB Card and \$35 without.

The Annual Prom will be held at a beautiful location on the beach in San Pedro on Saturday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-10:30 p.m. The cost will be only \$75 for students holding a valid ASB card, \$100 without. Students are invited to enjoy a great night of food, music, dancing, pictures, caricature artists, and so much more. It really will be a special night for the Spartan students.

Last semester the Spartans held a successful blood drive, raised money for hurricane victims in their Pennies for Puerto Rico drive and donated over 1000 pounds of food items during their Thanksgiving Food Drive. The Spartans will continue giving back this semester; we have 2 blood drives this spring, the first on January 19<sup>th</sup> and the second on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Spartans are encouraged to get in the giving spirit by donating blood and volunteering to help. Students are required to get a permission slip signed by parents in order to participate.

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Academic Awards Assembly will be held in the spring. The evening's event honors students who maintain a 3.3 grade point average for two consecutive semesters. Principal Dion Clark will send out a letter to the parents inviting them to this  
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assembly. In addition, Mr. Juhnke will send a second letter to the student's classroom reminding them of the event.

Students making payments on their Senior Packets are reminded that the final payment must be made by March 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have not purchased your student's cap and gown yet, you may go online to [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) for your senior's needs.

For more information on any of these events, contact the Director of Activities, Jeff Juhnke at 388-6524 extension 089.

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## ***Senior Class Graduation Events***

Manuel Gonzalez, Senior Class Vice Principal

Congratulations seniors! You've made it to your last semester, and graduation will be here before you know it. Our San G staff and student body are all working very hard to make sure every one of your senior activities is an awesome experience. We want your last year on our campus to be a memorable one. If you have any questions on senior events, please contact Ms. Escarrega in C-19 at 388-6524 extension 200. Here are the important dates for you to remember.

- Ring Ceremony- Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m., in the theater.
- Senior Celebration – Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, in the gym.
- Grad Night at Magic Mountain – Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup> (Tickets are \$125, \$110 with ASB. Tickets will be on sale in the finance office until Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup>).
- Senior Picnic – Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m., Yucaipa Regional Park. (ticket prices and additional information will be provided at a later date).
- Senior Breakfast – Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.
- GRADUATION – Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Phil Haley Stadium.

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## ***Gear Up at SGHS***

Meagan Muschara, Gear Up Mentor

Bringing the future into focus with California State University, San Bernardino GEAR

UP and San Bernardino City Unified School District have been working together over the past four years to provide exclusive services to the class of 2020. GEAR UP works to increase academic performance and preparation for postsecondary education (college), in addition to increasing the rate of high school graduation and participation in postsecondary education, and finally to increase students' and their families' knowledge of postsecondary education options, preparation and financing. GEAR UP measures college readiness by improving the academic achievement of students, by raising the academic aspirations of students, families and community, and to increase awareness of the higher education options and enrollment process. Our college access initiatives are early intervention, academic support, family engagement and community partnerships.

To put it simply, GEAR UP works with the sophomores throughout the San Bernardino District. GEAR UP also works with school counselors, teachers and parents to foster student success in high school. Services provided by GEAR UP include tutoring, college field trips, college entrance exams preparation, college application assistance, financial aid information, FASFA assistance, mentoring, academic advising, dual enrollment opportunities, parent/family workshops and activities, and summer programs.

The Site Coordinator and Mentor at San Gorgonio High School is Meagan Muschara. Ms. Muschara provides GEAR UP tutoring at San Gorgonio on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays after school to 4:00 PM. Tutors from CSUSB work with sophomores on a one on one basis and in groups, tutoring all school subjects. GEAR UP is also planning a 2018 summer program, which will be a two-week program. The summer program will be free to selected participants that complete the posted requirements. Contact Ms. Muschara for further information about services that will be offered in 2018 by calling (909) 273-5521 or by e-mail [Meagan.Muschara@csusb.edu](mailto:Meagan.Muschara@csusb.edu). You can also stay informed by joining the Remind app by texting to 81010 and in the message section add @famSGen. You can find us on Instagram at gearup\_sang.