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## “Get off to a good start” issue!

### Message from the PTSA Co-Presidents

#### Please help us help your student!

It is our pleasure to report that the 2004-2005 school opening was one of the most successful in recent history; registration and first day activities went smoothly and the September 14th PTSA meeting afforded families the opportunity to meet with their house leadership and hear a presentation by the English Department on the summer reading selection process.

Throughout the year, we will continue to reach out to all families and encourage increased parent participation. Schools with consistent, diverse parent involvement programs experience many and varied benefits for students, parents, teachers, administrators, staff and overall school quality. Please make sure you have turned in your PTSA membership dues, direct donation contribution (we are currently behind last year's pace), and communication/volunteer forms. Your prompt donation response enables us to provide support to staff and students immediately; please help us help your student.

Join us at the College Fair on October 5th, an event co-sponsored by PTSA and the Future Center and funded by PTSA. We also hope to see you at the next all-parent meeting on Tuesday, October 12th which will be all about college! (see article on this page)

We look forward to meeting and working together with you toward our common goals.

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*Samohi PTSA Co-presidents*

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

The 2004-05 school year is well underway, with close to 3500 students here at Samohi. We hope that you attended Back to School night and now have a clear understanding of our academic goals and our strategies for student support.

We are lucky to have a talented and committed instructional staff, dedicated to strong academic instruction aligned to the content standards expected by the State of California. Teachers are available for regular communication by telephone, email and in person. Our website has the most updated staffing information, telephone and email list for your reference. We have asked teachers to respond within 48 hours, and within 24 hours when possible. Email is often a preferred manner to communicate, since you can list your concern and get a response faster than with phone messages.

PINNACLE should by now have become a regular tool that both you and your high schooler use to keep track of daily and weekly  
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### Samohi's College Fair on October 5th

Samohi's annual College Fair will take place on Tuesday, October 5, in the South Gym. The fair will feature representatives of over 150 colleges and universities from throughout the country. The reps will be available to talk informally with students and parents, as well as provide written materials about their schools. The fair is a wonderful resource for our students, regardless of their grade level, and we hope your family will take advantage of it.

The College Fair, which is co-sponsored by the Future Center and the PTSA, runs from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Seniors may enter at 6:30, juniors at 7:15, and sophomores and freshmen at 8:00. Students must bring their ID cards to be admitted. Parking will be available in the Civic Center parking lot; enter from Main Street.

– Lynn Naliboff and Chris Thornton

*PTSA College Fair Co-Chairs*

*For more college information, please see pages 4 and 5.*

### October 12th PTSA Meeting will focus on college planning for students at all grade levels

On October 12th, the PTSA meeting will focus on the college application process. Clara Beard and Ada Hollie, the College Counselors, will be joined by a panel of parents with first-hand experience about the process and discuss "things I wish I had known" as they pertain to minority students, scholar/athletes, public vs. private colleges and financial aid.

**This meeting will be:**

\*\*\*\* **Very important for senior parents** to attend as there will be important information about deadlines, testing and Future Center requirements regarding the processing of any college application.

\*\*\*\* **Important for junior parents** to attend in order to adequately plan for your student's senior year.

\*\*\*\* **Informative for freshman and sophomore parents** to attend in order to get an overview of California's public system of higher education as well as the opportunities that exist for everyone at private institutions.

There will also be a monthly Principals' Update. Spanish translation is provided at all PTSA meetings. Everyone is welcome!

### 6 Week Grading Period Ends Friday, October 22!

*Please see page 6 for a full progress and report card schedule for the year and page 7 for information on how to get help for your student if needed!*

### Drop-off, pick-up and parking around Samohi's campus

Samohi and the Santa Monica Police Department are working together to promote the safety of students, families and staff.

#### Safe places to drop-off and pick-up your students are:

- Along the west side of Seventh Street (please do not double park or stop in the crosswalk or drive way)
- On Olympic (east bound) Blvd.
- The north parking lot.
- Along the curb on Michigan.

#### The Santa Monica Police Department will issue citations for the following offenses:

- Stopping on Pico Blvd. between Lincoln Blvd. and Fourth Street
- Double or triple parking on Olympic Blvd.
- Any U-Turns at Seventh and Michigan or on Seventh Street
- Stopping on Seventh Street (north bound)

### Procedures for absences and leaving early...

Please follow the guidelines below for students returning after an absence or for taking students out of school early.

**Absence from School:** Students are to return to school with a signed parent note that includes the reason for the absence, date of absence, period(s) absent (if less than the entire day), and a phone number where the parent can be reached for verification. The Attendance Office opens every morning at 7 a.m. Students should arrive earlier than usual to obtain a re-admit slip in order to make it to class on time.

**Readmits will be issued in House Offices by Student Support Advisers from 7:45-8:45 on standard days and from 9:00-10:00 on late start days.** Students needing a readmit for A period or after the time advisers stop issuing them are to go to the attendance desk for readmits.

**Leaving Early:** Parents are to write notes in advance for students who depart early from school. The note should include date and time for leaving school, the reason for leaving early, and a phone number where the parent can be reached for verification. Students are to leave the note in the Attendance Office between 7:15 a.m. and 8:15 a.m. so that a pass can be ready by the time of departure. If the student becomes ill during the school day the Health Office must release them first. Students who leave campus early without a pass from either the Attendance Office or the Health Office are considered truant even if they bring a parent note the following day. The Attendance Office or the Health Office must release students who leave campus early.

### Are you a Two Household Family?

In some families, a student may live in more than one residence, such as divorced/separated parents with shared custody. One parent should already be receiving both dialer messages and school and PTSA mailings (like this Viking Voice). However, both parents may receive them, if desired. *If you are interested, call Gloria Davis (395-3204, ext 341) to find out what documentation is needed.*

### Student Photo Day is Wednesday, October 20th

**Student Photo Day is for 9th-11th grade students who wish to purchase photos packages.** (This is not to be confused with Student I.D. photos that are taken at Registration and used in the school year-book or with Senior portraits.) Student Photo day will take place all day Wednesday, October 20, 2004 in the Student Cafeteria by appointment only. Sign up for appointments will take place in the Activities Office from Monday, Sept. 27 - Oct. 19.

### 6 Week Progress Reports will be mailed home

Samohi issues student progress reports every six weeks to help students and their families monitor student work. The first 6 weeks ends Friday, October 22nd.

**PTSA is paying to mail home the 6 week progress reports so that every family is aware of their student's progress early enough in the semester to contact staff with concerns and to improve grades.** If you have any questions about your student's academic performance, please contact your student's advisor or individual teachers. There are multiple tutoring, academic support, and emotional support services available at Samohi! (*See page 8 for how to contact Samohi staff!*)

**Textbooks reminder** Students are responsible for returning the same textbook that was checked out to them based upon the book barcode recorded by the computer at check-out. Books that are stolen, given to a teacher, left in the classroom, or exchanged with a classmate will remain the student's responsibility until returned to the textbook room. Textbooks can get exchanged accidentally in a shared locker or in the classroom, so students are encouraged to write their names in the front of their books to help with identification.

### Samohi Blood Drive on October 26

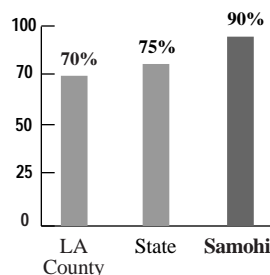
**We have two blood drives a year (October 26 & May 26) that students, faculty, staff and parents are invited to participate in.** You must be a minimum of 17 years of age, weigh 110 pounds or more, not have donated blood in the last 56 days, be in good health. The Blood Drive will take place from 8am - 1pm in the South Gym. To sign up in advance or ask question please contact **Ned Acker** (acker@smmusd.org) or **Dana Danesi** (danesi@smmusd.org)

### Samohi's API Score UP 25 Points!

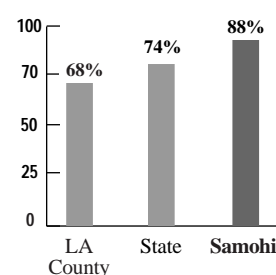
**The results from last year's API (Academic Performance Index) and state testing is in and Samohi's scores improved by 25 points! This is remarkable progress and very encouraging.** Samohi students also performed exceptionally well (and much better than in years past) on the High School Exit Exam with 90% of last year's sophomores passing English-Language Arts and 88% passing Mathematics. Samohi's students, including English learners and students from low income families outperform students in the county and state.

#### 2004 CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam)

% passing English Language Arts



% passing Mathematics



**Samohi's record of achievement is improving for all students. That's the good news.** Kudos to our students, faculty, administrators, and parents for this evidence of our hard work and commitment to education. Well done. **The bad news is that class size is up this year.** (Remember the State suspended \$2 billion in funding for public schools?) With this year's larger class sizes, students and teachers will need your support even more for everyone to have a successful school year. **Please send your direct donation, volunteer to help where you can, and most importantly, follow your student's academic progress carefully.**

# Local Election 2004

## Local Candidates Forums

There are 3 open positions for our School Board and 4 open seats on the Santa Monica City Council. PTSA is a non-partisan advocacy organization in support of children, youth, and public education. PTSA does not endorse candidates but we strongly urge you to become an informed voter. The quality of our schools depends upon the values and commitment of the leaders we elect. Please attend a local Candidates Forum.

### School Board Candidates Forums

**October 6, 2004, 7pm**

Roosevelt Elementary School, 801 Montana Avenue

**October 13, 2004, 7:30 p.m.**

St. Anne's Catholic Church, 2017 Colorado Avenue

**October 20, 2004, 7:00 p.m.**

John Adams Middle School Library, 2425 16th Street

### Santa Monica City Council Candidate Forums

**October 14, 2004, 7:30 p.m.**

St. Anne's Catholic Church, 2017 Colorado Avenue

**October 19, 2004**

Council Candidates Live (Live broadcast on CityTV of Santa Monica)  
City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

These forums are sponsored by the *Santa Monica League of Women Voters* in cooperation with the PTA and other local organizations. Parents and members of the public are encouraged to submit questions in advance to:

LWV Santa Monica, P.O. Box 1265, Santa Monica CA 90406 or  
Email: LWVinatsugub@aol.com; fax: 310-399-1224

## Message from the Principal

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progress in courses. Our teachers post their grade books online, and it is accessible with your child's ID number and PINNACLE code. Parents of students in grades 10-12 will use the same code as last year. New students and parents can receive your code from your student's advisor. It will also be included in the first progress report mailing in early November.

**Instructions for using Pinnacle are on page 8 of this Viking Voice. The instructions are also on our website: [www.samohi.smmusd.org](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org).** Please remember that a "Z" indicates a missing assignment, resulting in 0 points. Students and parents alike should monitor missing assignments, overdue items and progress. Using this important tool, we can support your child together.

**We will be providing tutoring twice weekly for students with UCLA student tutoring, and new this year – targeted teacher tutoring the last two weeks of each grading period.** The targeted tutoring is designed to ensure that students are catching up and learning material that may be difficult and that they are not getting too far behind without the hope of improving a grade. **An important change to know this year: with the reduction of 11 teaching positions, is that we do not have enough staffing to provide repeat courses for students who receive a D or F grade, except in the summer during summer school.** The former practice of repeat courses also disrupted year long classes for many students because we changed teachers and schedules to provide additional courses in the Spring. Students will stay with their teacher in year-long courses, just as they have done in English and History in the past. Targeted support is intended to help students from getting too far behind without being able to improve a grade later into the semester.

**Support for your high schooler will come directly from the classroom**

## PTSA encourages everyone to Register and Vote!!!

### Vote in the General Election on November 2, 2004

The deadline for registering to vote in the November 2 General Election is October 18, 2004.

Pick up a voter registration form from the Samohi Administration Building or your House Office, also available at City Hall, post offices, fire stations, libraries, the DMV or by calling (800) 481- VOTE (8683).

**Students who will be 18 before November 2nd, will be able to vote IF they register by October 18th.**

## Take this with you when you vote...

*PTA has taken positions on the following state ballot measures:*

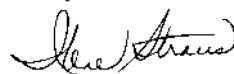
- Measure 61**, Childrens hospital projects – SUPPORT
- Measure 63**, Mental health services expansion – SUPPORT
- Measure 68**, Gaming revenue act of 2004 – OPPOSE

teacher, from the student's advisor and from the House Principal, who coordinates meetings to focus on student achievement and on effective teaching strategies. Please work with us to advise of us special circumstances or issues your child is experiencing that could affect progress. We also have group and individual counseling sessions available for students dealing with specific issues, and support for parents and students by our two full-time community liaisons.

This school year promises to be an exciting and important one for your student. We have refined our House structure to ensure good communication among the instructional staff to support your child's academic progress. Additional support through the Futures Center and the Alliance program offer specialized advice about college planning as well as current high school issues.

**Please continue to join us at monthly PTSA meetings where we provide informative presentations on issues for parents. Don't miss our College Fair and special meetings on College planning in October. Check our website weekly for updated information about what is happening at Samohi. Join us for activities, athletics, drama, concerts and exciting events where you can share the excitement of high school, our students' achievements and the positive energy of Samohi. This promises to be a great year at Santa Monica High School.**

Sincerely,



**Ilene Straus, Ed.D.**  
*Chief Educational Officer/Principal*

# About college... *Samohi class of 2004 Admissions list and SAT & PSAT information*

## ***Congratulations to the class of 2004!***

Alfred University	<i>Monterey Bay, Northridge,</i>	Lewis and Clark College	Richmond American	University of Maine
Allegheny College	<i>Poly Pomona, Poly San</i>	Los Angeles Pierce College	International University	University of Massachusetts
American Intercontinental	<i>Luis Obispo, Sacramento,</i>	Los Angeles Trade Tech.	Ripon College	University of Miami
American University	<i>San Bernardino, San Diego,</i>	Loyola Marymount University	Santa Clara University	University of Michigan
Amherst College	<i>San Francisco, San Jose,</i>	Macalester College	Santa Monica College	University of Mississippi
Arizona State University	<i>San Marcos, Sonoma,</i>	Manhattan School of Music	Sarah Lawrence College	University of Nevada
Art Institute of Los Angeles	<i>Stanislaus</i>	Marymount College	Scripps College	University of North Carolina
Auburn University	Dartmouth College	Massachusetts Institute of	Simmons College	University of North Texas
Azusa Pacific University	Dominican University	Technology	Skidmore College	University of Oregon
Bard College	El Camino Community College	Miami University (Ohio)	Smith College	University of Pennsylvania
Barnard College	Emory University	Mercer University	Southern Methodist	University of Pittsburgh
Bates College	Endicott College	Michigan State University	University	University of Puget Sound
Beloit College	Eugene Lang College	Middlebury College	Southern Oregon	University of Richmond
Boston Conservatory	Evergreen State College	Mount St. Mary's College	University	University of San Diego
Boston University	Fordham University	Muskingum College	St. Edwards University	University of San Francisco
Bowdoin College	Franklin and Marshall College	New England Conservatory	St. Mary's College	University of Southern
Brandeis University	George Washington University	of Music	Stanford University	California
Brown University	Glendale Community College	New York University	Stevens Institute of Tech.	University of St. Andrews
Bucknell University	Goucher College	Northeastern University	Swarthmore College	University of the Pacific
California Lutheran University	Guilford College	Northwestern University	Syracuse University	University of Vermont
Carnegie Mellon University	Gustavus Adolphus College	Notre Dame de Naumur	Trinity College	University of Washington
Case Western Reserve Univ.	Hamilton College	Oberlin College	Tufts University	University of Wisconsin
Chapman University	Hampshire College	Oberlin Conservatory of Music	Tulane University	Ursinus College
Claremont McKenna College	Hartwick College	Occidental College	University of California	Utica College
Clark Atlanta University	Harvard University	Ohio State University	<i>at Berkeley, Davis, Irvine,</i>	Vanderbilt University
Clark University	Harvey Mudd College	Ohio Wesleyan University	<i>Los Angeles, Riverside,</i>	Vanguard University
Colby College	Haverford College	Oregon State University	<i>San Diego, Santa Barbara,</i>	Vassar College
Colgate University	Hawaii Pacific University	Pacific Lutheran University	<i>Santa Cruz</i>	Villanova University
Colorado College	Hobart & William Smith College	Paine College	United States Air Force Acad.	Washington & Lee University
Colorado School of Mines	Indiana University	Pennsylvania State Univ.	United States Marine Corp.	Washington State University
Colorado State University	Iona College	Pepperdine University	Universal Technical Institute	Washington University in
Columbia University	Ithaca College	Pitzer College	University of Alaska	St. Louis
Connecticut College	ITT Technical Institute	Pratt Institute	University of Arizona	Wellesley College
Cornell University	Johns Hopkins University	Purdue University	University of British	Wesleyan University
California State University	Johnson and Wales University	Reed College	Columbia	West Los Angeles College
<i>at Bakersfield, Channel</i>	Julliard School of Music	Regis University	University of Chicago	Westmont College
<i>Islands, Chico, Dominguez</i>	Kenyon College	Rensselaer Polytechnic	University of Colorado	Wheaton College
<i>Hills, Fresno, Fullerton,</i>	La Sierra University	Rice University	University of Hawaii	Yale University
<i>Hayward, Humboldt,</i>	Lafayette College	Ripon College	University of Illinois	
<i>Long Beach, Los Angeles,</i>	Lehigh University		University of Iowa	



### ***Seniors!***

**Important College Application Deadline:  
Please plan ahead and turn in all your  
forms by December 10, 2004!!**

### **SAT Test Preparation Courses and Tutors**

The PTSA is contacted by many companies and individuals interested in providing SAT preparation tutoring to Samohi students. **While we want to share these contacts, we are not making any endorsements.** Please call for prices, schedules and references.

IVY WEST  
310/821-4343  
www.ivywest.com

REVOLUTION PREP  
1/877/REV-PREP  
www.revolutionprep.com

SCHOLARS in  
PROGRESS  
310/679-2133  
www.scholarsinprogress.com

ACE  
310/282-6420

PRINCETON REVIEW  
310/473-3423  
www.princetonreview.com

EUREKA  
1/877/GO-EUREKA  
www.EurekaReview.com

TAMING THE SAT  
1/800/761-3086  
www.use.edu/org/SAT

KAPLAN  
1/800/KAP-TEST  
www.kaplan.com

### **9th, 10th and 11th grade students encouraged to take the PSAT on October 16th at Samohi**

The PSAT is the practice test for the SAT I and is administered by Samohi. 9th, 10th and 11th grade students are encouraged to take the test and can register for the test at Samohi. **Please note that scores from PSAT tests taken during students' junior year are used to qualify students for National Merit Scholarships.** (Students must register for the SAT I and/or SAT II tests on their own and select a testing center - they are not given at Samohi.)

**The PSAT will be given at Samohi on Sat., October 16th, 8:00-11:30 am.** Students can register for the PSAT in the Vikes' Inn during lunch and after school from now until Friday, Oct. 8th. The fee is \$20 and checks should be made out to Santa Monica High School. **We will have a table at Back to School Night to register in H118.** Students on free or reduced lunch automatically qualify for financial assistance and can make arrangements with Ms. Leslee McGee in the M House Office. The testing room number will be printed on your registration receipt. For further questions about the PSAT, call **Tristan Komlos** at 395-3204, ext. 336, [tristan.komlos@mail.smmusd.org](mailto:tristan.komlos@mail.smmusd.org). For questions in Spanish regarding the PSAT, please call **Tere Viramontes** at ext 375, [viramontes@smmusd.org](mailto:viramontes@smmusd.org). **Please note: students need to bring their student ID and #2 pencils on the day of testing.**

# College/Future Center Q&A

Center open to all parents and students  
Monday-Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Clara Beard, ext 324 & Ada Hollie, ext 328

We asked Ada Hollie and Clara Beard, Samohi's College/Future Center advisors a few questions. Here's what we found out!

**1. What is the College/Future Center?**

It is a resource for students, parents and staff to explore all postsecondary options. The official title is the Future Center.

**2. Where is it located?** It is located in the Administration Building on the north side.

**3. Is it open to students and parents?**

Yes, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**4. Is an appointment required?**

It is best to make an appointment if you want to meet with a college advisor as we already have classroom presentations, appointments already scheduled and some off campus commitments.

**5. Does it matter which college advisor we contact?**

Clara Beard, 395-3204, ext. 324, advises students in the alphabet A-K and Ada Hollie, ext. 328, advises students from L-Z.

**6. What kind of materials are available in the Future Center?**

College catalogs, college view pamphlets, college videos and CDs, reference books on colleges and related topics, SAT, ACT, and AP preparation materials that can be checked out, career information, reference books and videos. Fee waivers for qualified students.

**7. Are materials available to take home?**

All of our test preparation material can be checked out. Catalogs and videos usually are not checked out because of the limited supply.

**8. What are the tests, ACT, SAT I, SAT II and PSAT?**

These are college entrance exams. The ACT and SAT I are college entrance tests needed for most college admissions. Either test can be utilized. We recommend that students take both. The SAT II is a subject matter test used as an additional college entrance test at many selective colleges. The PSAT is a preliminary or practice

SAT that helps students prepare for taking the SAT I and in addition, their junior score may qualify them for the National Merit Scholarship.

**9. When does my student need to take them?**

Take the ACT, SAT I and SAT II in the spring of the junior year. SAT II subject tests may be taken when the student completes the relevant class (for example, after taking Biology, a student could take the Biology SAT II). The PSAT can be taken in the freshman and sophomore year but should be taken in the junior year. (see page 4 for "More about the PSAT.")

**10. How does a student sign up for the ACT, SAT I and SAT II?**

The preferred way is on line but registration material is also available in the Future Center. To sign up online, go to [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for SATs and [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) for ACT. (see chart below for registration deadlines and test dates)

**11. Where are these tests given?**

The PSAT will be given at Samohi on Saturday, October 16. The other tests are given at various locations around the area. A list of available test locations is available on line or in the registration booklet. Samohi is not a site for SAT I, SAT II or ACT.

**12. Please explain the College Visits to Samohi/College Hosts program.**

Many colleges and universities make daytime visits to Samohi to meet with students. These are scheduled throughout the school day. In order for a student to participate, they must come to the Future Center and fill out a call slip which they can show their teacher. This is an ideal opportunity for students to obtain specific information and hear first-hand about the application process and student life at a variety of colleges. A listing of Visiting Colleges is posted via email weekly and also at the Future Center. Parent volunteers are needed to attend the sessions. Parents interested in attending or volunteering, please contact Joyce Smith [sheilajs@aol.com](mailto:sheilajs@aol.com) 581-3134.

**13. What is a college community visit and how do I find out about it?**

Many colleges and universities come to our local area and meet with students and parents to inform them about their institution. When we receive notice about these visits, we post them on the Future Center bulletin board. In addition, we receive information about college preview days and college open houses and various college onsite admissions. These are also posted on the Future Center bulletin board.

**14. What happens at Samohi's College Fair and who should attend?**

At the college fair on October 5, 2004 starting at 6:30 p.m. for seniors, over 150 colleges will participate. Each school will have its own table where a student can obtain materials and meet with the representative. This is a great opportunity to get an overview of what a school has to offer. Students should keep an open mind and explore different schools. (See page 1 for more College Fair info.)

**15. How can I obtain information about SMC and other community colleges?**

Please contact Ms. Beard, Ms. Hollie or Ms. Flores in the Future Center or go to SMC's website at [www.smc.edu](http://www.smc.edu).

**16. What do I need to know about financial aid?**

We will conduct three financial aid meetings. On Tuesday, October 26, we are hosting "Financing a College Education", (see box below.) Our first Financial Aid Workshop will be Monday, January 10, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. The second is Tuesday, February 22, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the library. These workshops will inform parents about how to fill out the mandatory FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) that must be filed between January 1 and March 2. Scholarship information will be disseminated periodically by the Scholarship Coordinator, Ada Hollie.

## College Entrance Test Dates & Registration Deadlines

You can find PSAT and SAT information and register online at: [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenefees.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenefees.html)  
SAT I & II tests: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) ACT test: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)  
The Future Center has practice materials and paper applications and can help you determine which tests to take.

Upcoming Tests*	Test Date	Registration date ends	Late Registration with late fee by
SATI & SAT II	Nov. 6, 2004	Oct. 1, 2004	Oct. 13, 2004
SATI & SAT II	Dec. 4, 2004	Oct. 29, 2004	Nov. 10, 2004
ACT	Oct. 23, 2004	Sept. 17, 2004	Oct. 1, 2004
ACT	Dec. 11, 2004	Nov. 5, 2004	Nov. 18, 2004
SATI & SAT II	Jan. 22, 2005	Dec. 20, 2005	Dec. 29, 2005
New SAT I only*	Mar. 12, 2005	Feb. 7, 2005	Feb. 16, 2005

\* more information about the new SAT I & II is available at [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/newsat/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/newsat/about.html)

### "Financing a College Education" meeting

Tuesday, October 26th, at 7 pm in the Samohi cafeteria

The Future Center invites you to a special meeting focusing on the planning and presentation of family financial resources as parents begin the college application process and search for financial aid. Please contact Ada Hollie in the Future Center at ext. 328, ([hollie@smmud.org](mailto:hollie@smmud.org)) for more information.

### Los Angeles Performing and Visual Arts College Fair

Wilshire Grand, 930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90017  
Saturday, October 30th, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

This National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) College Fair is especially designed for students interested in music, dance, theater, visual arts, graphic design and related disciplines. It is open to the public with no admission fee. For more information and directions, please go to [www.nacac.com/exhibit/exhibit.cfm?code=04PLA](http://www.nacac.com/exhibit/exhibit.cfm?code=04PLA)

# You can help! *Support Samohi by volunteering and making a donation*

## Volunteers are needed!

### **Volunteers needed in the Nurse's Office**

There will be hearing and vision testing for all 10th graders from October 25 -29. If you are able to help, please contact **Lora Morn**, School Nurse, at 395-3204, ext 374, morn@smmusd.org

### **The Library is looking for volunteers**

who can commit to working on a regular basis. Please contact **Ann McKechnie**, 395-3204, ext 437 mckechnie@smmusd.org  
**Dana Bartbell**, ext 262 bartbell@smmusd.org  
*Samohi Librarians*

## Volunteers are needed!

### **Free Course: Tutor Children in Reading Taught by SMMUSD Reading Teacher**

This free course is offered to the community in order to make more tutors available to children who are falling behind in public schools. The class is taught by a Santa Monica Malibu Unified reading specialist and covers strategies for tutoring reading and writing skills to children grades K-5. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to enroll.

4-6 pm on Tuesday October 5, Thursday October 7, Tuesday October 12  
Thursday October 14

Offered by WISE America Reads

For more information (enrollment and location), call 394-9871, ext 452

## Donations are needed!

### **Samohi's Teen Parenting Program needs diapers and toy donations**

The on campus Teen Parent Center promotes academic achievement and parenting skills for enrolled expectant/parenting students and provides a quality on-site childcare and development program for their children during school hours.

**Diapers, toys, clothing and gift certificates are needed for the infants and toddlers in this program. Also needed are food gift certificates that promote healthy eating for pregnant teens.**

Please deliver your donation to the Nursery in "H" House Room L117. Volunteers to help teens with homework are also needed.

If you would like to tutor or make a donation, please contact:

**Melissa McRitchie**, Teen Parenting Social Worker, 395-3204 ext 167, mcritchie@smmusd.org

## Thank you to staff and volunteers

### **No one is in the Greek!**

**In years past, hundreds of students have spent long, hot, useless days in the Greek until their schedules were ironed out. This year, the Greek was almost empty by 2nd period on the very first day of school.** We would like to thank everyone who made that happen – administrators, counselors, PTSA, and parents. Great job and a huge improvement for Samohi students and teachers.

Likewise, getting 5 or 6 textbooks distributed to each of 3,500 students has in the past taken weeks – meaning students were often without textbooks for way too long. This year a team of dedicated parents led by parent Chris Thornton helped staff to distribute more than 15,000 books in a timely manner.

**Parent involvement and support is essential for Samohi to run smoothly. Please get involved!**

# Thank you *to these Samohi families* (a partial list as of 9/12/04)

## **Your "Direct Donation" makes a difference**

**Direct Donation letters were mailed to all families at the end of August. Thank you to the many families who have already responded. If you have not sent in your direct donation, it is not too late!!** 100% of all direct donations are tax-deductible, and benefit every Samohi student. Donors will continue to be thanked individually in the Viking Voice.

With direct donation funds, we plan to fund classroom supplies for every teacher, give grants to many departments, keep the library

open after school, send home seven issues of the *Viking Voice* (this is the second issue) and much more. Please remember that every donation, regardless of size, is important and will help make a difference to students, staff and families at Samohi.

We hope that 100% of our families will participate in our direct donation campaign!

*Please make checks payable to: Samohi PTSA and mail to: Santa Monica High School, attn: PTSA 601 Pico Boulevard, Santa Monica, CA 90405*

Adami	Cameron	Feldman	Huble	McGuire	Parise	Schmidt	Thomas
Alexander	Campbell	Fleiss	Ilves	Medina	Persky	Castellanos	Tramer
Atchison	Carr	Foran	Jaffe Casey	Meyer	Peterson	Scott, S.	Tulchin
Benjamin	Chaidez	Forman	Jellen	Miles	Piatt	Scott, N.	Wacht
Bailis	Cohen	Friedman	Jones	Miller	Prado	Shina	Warner
Baumgarten	Cohn Sheehy	Fuller	Jui	Mintzer	Richker	Siegel	Waterhouse
Bennion	Colver	Gelfand	Kendall	Miyade-Weaver	Richwine	Goldstein	Webb
Black	Cooke	Geragty	Khoury	Mkitarian	Roark	Silverman	West
Bonney	Corrigan	Getz	Kim	Moore	Goldberg	Simonovic	Whittenburg
Borden	Crane	Goalen	Koning	Moss	Roberts	Krumpak	Yaghoubian
Born	Darvish	Goldwyn	Kronovet	Munoz	Schwartz	Smith, M.	Yamashiro
Bracey	Einstein	Greenberg	Kuenzli	Naliboff Pettit	Roseborough	Smith, C.	Youngerman
Brookman	Elander	Greene	Kunstler	Neuman	Levy	Sohaili	
Brown	Engel	Guild	Landon	Newell	Rosner	Solig	
Sandberg	Benjamin	Harris	Lawrence	Niami	Gayhart	Solomon	
Buchsbaum	Epstein	Hartman	Leonard	Nudelman	Rossi	Solter	
Buell	Escarce	Held	Lim	Nussbaum	Rossy	Steinberg	
Abramowitz	Feder	Ho Bloch	Mangir	Ross	Rothschild	Tannen	
Burkenroad	Navazesh	Holland Stern	Markus Weir	Palacios	Rothstein	Shields	
Cai	Feiger Moss	Horn	Matsunaga		Sadgat	Thais	

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## PTSA Meetings (Parent Teacher Student Association)

All meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Student Cafeteria. These meetings provide information that we and the administration believe is of interest and use to all families. They also include a report from Dr. Straus. Simultaneous Spanish translation is provided and so are refreshments! Everyone is welcome!

October 12	February 8	May 10
November 9	March 8	June 14
January 11	April 12	

## AAPSSSG Meetings

(African American Parent Student Staff Support Group)

The AAPSSSG focuses on the concerns of African American students within the Samohi community and welcomes all parents to participate. Meetings are at 7 pm in the Staff Cafeteria. Please call for update on meeting times:

Contact: Barry Snell, 621-0061 or Robbie Jones, 399-8575

October 19	January 18	April to be determined
November 16	February 15	May to be determined
	March 15	

## SOL/ELAC Meetings

(Spirit of Love/English Learners' Advisory Committee)

The SOL/ELAC, a Latino parent group, meets on the fourth Monday of the month, at 7 pm in the Samohi Cafeteria. Parents are provided with support and resources that make for a better understanding of their role in the educational process. Meetings are conducted in Spanish and all Samohi community members are invited to attend. Contact: Margarita Gonzalez, 395-4335 or Consuelo Perez, 450-8018

October 25	January 24	April 25
November 22	February 28	May 23
December 13	March 14	

## Samohi Bell Schedule

### Horario de las campanas

Standard Schedule: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

Period	Time	Minutes
A	7:12 – 8:08	(56)
1	8:15 – 9:11	(56)
Homeroom	9:18 – 9:28	(10)
2	9:28 – 10:24	(56)
Break	10:24 – 10:29	( 5)
3	10:36 – 11:32	(56)
4	11:39 – 12:35	(56)
Lunch	12:35 – 1:10	(35)
5	1:17 – 2:13	(56)
6	2:20 – 3:16	(56)

Late Start Schedule: Wednesday

A	8:45 – 9:30	(45)
1	9:36 – 10:21	(45)
2	10:28 – 11:13	(45)
3	11:20 – 12:05	(45)
Lunch	12:05 – 12:40	(35)
4	12:47 – 1:32	(45)
5	1:39 – 2:24	(45)
6	2:31 – 3:16	(45)

## Holidays throughout the year

**Veteran's Day:** November 11th  
**Thanksgiving Holiday:** November 25th - 26th  
**Winter Break:** December 20th - 31st  
**Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday:** January 17th  
**President's Day:** February 21st  
**Spring Break:** March 21st - April 1st  
**Memorial Day:** May 30th

**Pupil Free Day: Semester Break:** January 31, 2005

## Other important dates:

**Open House:** March 1st  
**Graduation and Grad Nite:** June 23rd  
**Last Day of School:** June 24th

## Schedule for progress reports and semesters:

### Calendario de las notas de progreso del semestre:

#### 1ST SEMESTER

**6th week ends Oct. 22, 2004**  
 Progress report mailed home  
 week of October 25th

**12th week ends Dec. 3, 2004**

Progress report mailed home  
 week of December 8th

**1st Semester ends Jan. 28, 2004**

Semester Report Card mailed  
 home week of January 31st

#### 2ND SEMESTER

**6th week ends March 11, 2005**  
 Progress report mailed home  
 week of March 14th

**12th week ends May 6, 2005**

Progress report mailed home  
 week of May 9th

**2nd semester ends June 24, 2005**

Semester Report Card mailed  
 home week of June 27th

## Free Tutoring is available at Samohi

- Many teachers provide additional help after school or during lunch. Have your child ask their teacher if extra help is available.
  - Math Tutor, volunteer Warren Orloff, is available every day after school until 4:30 in Room H100.
  - Tutors from UCLA will be on campus Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:16 -5:00. The beginning date will be announced in the Blue Bulletin.
  - Additional tutoring services will be announced when available.
- For more information, please check with Wendy Wax Gellis, Academic Support Services, ext 472, gellis@smmusd.org

## Samohi Library Hours and Databases

Thanks to PTSA funding, the library will be open before and after school, Mon.-Thurs., 7 a.m.-5 p.m. and Fridays, 7 a.m.-4:30 p.m. There is always a certificated teacher on hand to help students.

When conducting research, most students will be using our databases: eLibrary (Bigchalk), Newsbank, SIRS, World Book Online, Magill on Literature, and Galenet. These can be accessed from home with the following passwords:

**ELibrary:** User name: 74-5866 Password: Bigchalk  
**Newsbank:** User name: 7948 Password: 7948  
**Magill on Literature:** User name: samohi Password: Viking  
**Galenet:** User name: Sant86396 Password: Sant86396

Using databases is preferable to search engines (like Yahoo and Google) because information is reviewed by experts and geared to scholarship.

### **Want to know how your student is doing?**

#### **Check "PINNACLE" online**

**Pinnacle, an electronic rollbook, is used by all Samohi teachers to calculate student grades.** Parents, students, administrators and advisors can monitor student progress in every class by going online. To check your student's progress via Pinnacle you will need their Student ID number and PIN code. (PIN codes are printed on progress reports and have not changed since last year. Freshmen students may get their PIN code from their advisor.)

#### **To use Pinnacle:**

1. go to [www.samohi.smmusd.org](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org)
2. click on the tab labeled **Parent info**, then click on **Student Grade Access** and then follow the directions given.

Pinnacle is a wonderful tool for parents and students. Make a habit of reviewing your student's progress every week.

### **How to contact teachers or staff members**

**If you need to contact one of your student's teachers, we ask that you first attempt to do so through voicemail or email – all Samohi staff have both.**

#### **To leave a message by voice mail:**

Dial 395-3204. If you know your party's 3 digit extension\*, enter it. For staff member's extension by name, dial 8, For other options, dial 51. To reach the operator at anytime, dial 0.

#### **To leave a message by email:**

Most staff email addresses are their last names, followed by @smmusd.org (All new employees this year are being assigned addresses that consist of first name dot last name at smmusd.org (ie: tristan.komlos@smmusd.org)

\* You can find phone extensions for voicemail and email addresses in the *Samohi Information Handbook* that the PTSA will be mailing home in October, or the Samohi website at [www.samohi.smmusd.org](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org)

### **Teen Health Clinic on campus**

*Samohi Teen Clinic, Samohi Nurse's Office, Thursdays, 9 am-12 pm*

**Venice Family Clinic is at Samohi on Thursday morning from 9am-noon. They provide confidential and free health care services, including physical exams, immunizations, medications, diagnosis and treatment, and reproductive health exams and treatment.**

**Their mission is to provide health care to students whose families are low income and do not have health insurance.**

Parental consent is required. For more information, please contact: **Lora Morn, School Nurse**, 395-3204, ext 374, [morn@smmusd.org](mailto:morn@smmusd.org) or **Stephanie Savage**, ext 310

### **Counseling and support**

**Counseling is available on campus for students experiencing problems which are interfering with their ability to be successful at school.** Speak with your child's House Advisor if you would like your son or daughter to receive such services.

**The Alliance Program**, beginning its 11th year at Samohi, offers a range of services – including counseling, tutorial, outreach and first-time job internships – for eligible students. These are students experiencing two or more of the following: low GPA, frequent truancy, frequent disciplinary referrals and/or self-destructive behaviors. If you believe that your child meets these criteria or needs emotional crisis counseling, call

**Kathy McTaggart, Alliance Coordinator**, 395-3204, ext 322 [mctaggart@smmusd.org](mailto:mctaggart@smmusd.org)

**Tiffany Tyler, Outreach Specialist**, ext. 330, [tyler@smmusd.org](mailto:tyler@smmusd.org)

### **What's happening at Samohi? The best and most up-to-date source of information is our website – updated daily!**

- **Samohi Website/ Sitio de Samohi**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/)
- **Blue Bulletin - daily school announcements**  
*Boletín Azul- Anuncios diarios de la escuela*  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Calendars/bulletin.htm](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Calendars/bulletin.htm)
- **Staff Directory/ Directorio del personal**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Admin/staff\\_directory.htm](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Admin/staff_directory.htm)
- **Calendar of Samohi Events/ Calendario de Eventos**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Calendars/calendar.htm](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Calendars/calendar.htm)
- **Student Activities/ Actividades de estudiante**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Activities/](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Activities/)
- **Library/ Biblioteca**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/library/](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/library/)
- **Samohi Course Catalog/ Catálogo de cursos**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Admin/Course\\_Catalog.pdf](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Admin/Course_Catalog.pdf)
- **ROP (Regional Occupational Program)/ Programa Regional de Ocupación**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/rop/](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/rop/)
- **Course Offerings for Fall - Tentative/ Cursos ofrecidos en el Otoño**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Students](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Students)
- **Graduation Requirements/ Requerimientos de Graduación**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Future/requirements.htm](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Future/requirements.htm)
- **College Requirements/ Requerimientos para la Universidad**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Students/sample\\_plan.htm](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Students/sample_plan.htm)
- **Future Center-college information/ Información para la Universidad**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Future/](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Future/)
- **Application & Test Information/ Información para solicitar y exámenes**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Future/info.htm](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Future/info.htm)
- **Schedule of College Visits/ Horario de las visitas de las universidades**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Calendars/visits.html](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Calendars/visits.html)
- **Freshmen - transition information/ Información de transición para los estudiantes nuevos**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Students/freshmen/](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Students/freshmen/)
- **Senior Information/ Información para estudiantes en el último año**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Students/seniors/](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Students/seniors/)
- **Grad Nite/ Noche de graduados**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Grad\\_Nite/passenger.htm](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Grad_Nite/passenger.htm)
- **PTSA Homepage/ Sitio de la PTSA**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/PTSA/](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/PTSA/)
- **SMMUSD Website/ Sitio del SMMUSD**  
[www.smmusd.org/](http://www.smmusd.org/)
- **Pinnacle Instructions/ Accessing Student grades/ Instrucción para Pinnacle**  
*(see top of this page for more information about Pinnacle)*  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/Students/freshmen/grade\\_instructions.htm](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/Students/freshmen/grade_instructions.htm)
- **Access Pinnacle/ Acceso a Pinnacle**  
[www.samohi.smmusd.org/scripts/piv.exe](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org/scripts/piv.exe)

#### **More ways to receive information about Samohi:**

**To sign up for the PTSA email list and/or SamohiPALS, email:** [samohi-pta@yahoo.com](mailto:samohi-pta@yahoo.com) and/or [Samohi-PALS-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:Samohi-PALS-owner@yahoo.com)

**If you would like to receive email communications from your house, please contact your house office (via email) to be added to their address book.**

**Two Community Liaisons**, Pam Allen and Tere Viramontes, are on campus every day to support parents and families in their efforts to connect with the many resources of the high school in ways that support their children, most particularly African American and Latino students, to achieve high academic and personal goals. **Pamela Allen-Jones**, 395-3204, ext 482 [allen@smmusd.org](mailto:allen@smmusd.org)  
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# Samohi Administrator responsibilities & contact information

Keep this list for future reference, Samohi phone: 395-3204

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# En Español: Es el tome de "empecemos bien el año"!

## Mensaje de las Presidentas de la PTSA

### ¡Ayúdenos a ayudar a su estudiante!

Es nuestro placer divulgar que la apertura de la escuela 2004-05 fue un gran éxito; la matriculación y las primeras actividades del día fueron sin problemas y la reunión de septiembre 14 de la PTSA le ofreció la oportunidad a las familias de reunirse con los líderes de la casa y de oír una presentación por el departamento de inglés en el proceso de selección de la lectura del verano.

Durante el año escolar trataremos de aumentar la participación de las familias. Por favor esté seguro de enviar las cuotas para hacerse miembro de la PTSA, al igual que la contribución a la donación directa (actualmente estamos atrasados en comparación al año pasado) y envíen la forma de comunicación/voluntarios. Necesitamos su donación lo más pronto posible para poder apoyar al personal y a los estudiantes.

Los invitamos a la Feria de Universidad el 5 de octubre, un evento patrocinado por la PTSA, y la próxima reunión de todos los padres será el martes 12 octubre y hablaremos de la universidad.

Karen Dickerson, 216-6723, akiwwest2000@yahoo.com  
Cheri Orgel, 451-1938, clorgel@aol.com, *Presidentas de la PTSA*

### **La reunión del 12 de octubre de la PTSA se enfocará en cómo planear para la universidad en todos los niveles grados**

**La reunión del 12 de octubre de la PTSA se enfocará en cómo planear para la universidad en todos los niveles grados**

El 14 de octubre, la reunión de la PTSA enfocará en el proceso de las solicitudes a las universidades. Clara Beard y Ada Hollie, los consejeros universitarios, serán parte del panel de padres con experiencia del proceso y hablarán de "las cosas que hubieran querido saber" referente a estudiante perteneciente a grupos de minorías, becas/atletas, universidades privadas o públicas y asistencia de finanzas. **La reunión será importante para:**

\*\*\*\* **Esencial para los padres con estudiantes en el último año** ya que habrá información sobre fechas cuando se cumplen las solicitudes, exámenes y requerimientos.

\*\*\*\* **Importante para los padres de estudiantes en el tercer año** para que puedan planear.

\*\*\*\* **Informativo para padres con estudiantes en el primer y segundo año** para que comprendan el sistema público de California y las oportunidades que existen en las instituciones privadas.

También tendremos el reporte mensual de los directores. **Habrá traducción al español en todas las reuniones de la PTSA.** ¡Todos están invitados!

### **Feria de la Universidad el 5 de octubre**

El evento anual de la Feria de la Universidad vendrá a Samohi el martes, 5 de octubre en el gimnasio sur de la escuela. La Feria tendrá más de 150 universidades de diferentes partes del país. Los representantes hablarán con los padres y estudiantes y le darán información sobre sus universidades. La feria es un buen recurso para los estudiantes no importa el nivel de grado.

La Feria de la Universidad es una asociación entre el Centro Futuro y la PTSA y será de 6:30 p.m. a 9:00 p.m. Los estudiantes en el cuarto año pueden entrar a las 6:30, los de tercer año a las 7:15, y los del segundo y primer año a las 8:00. Los estudiantes tienen que traer su número de identificación para poder ser admitido. Habrá estacionamiento en el Centro Municipal (Civic Center) entre por la calle Main.

– Lynn Naliboff and Chris Thornton  
Coordinadoras de la PTSA de Feria de la Universidad

## **Mensaje de la Directora, Dr. Straus**

Estimados padres:

El año lectivo 2004-05 ha comenzado con casi 3500 alumnos aquí en Samohi. Esperamos que hayan asistido a la noche "de vuelta al colegio" (Back to School night) y que ahora tengan un entendimiento claro de nuestras metas académicas y de nuestras estrategias de apoyo escolar. Somos afortunados en contar con un personal académico talentoso y responsable, dedicado a una educación sólida, conforme a los estándares de contenido exigidos por el estado de California. La comunicación periódica con los maestros es factible por vía telefónica, por correo electrónico o en persona. Nuestro sitio Web cuenta con la información más actualizada acerca del personal; el teléfono y lista de correos electrónicos, como referencia. Les hemos solicitado a los maestros que respondan dentro de las 48 horas, y dentro de las 24 horas cuando sea posible. El correo electrónico es, en general, la forma preferida de comunicación ya que ustedes pueden citar lo que les preocupa y en breve obtienen una respuesta más rápida que si se comunicaran mediante mensajes telefónicos.

**A esta altura, PINNACLE debe haberse convertido en una herramienta común que ustedes y su alumno secundario ya utilizan para estar al tanto del progreso diario y semanal de los cursos.**

Nuestros maestros publican sus libretas de notas en línea y se puede acceder a ellas mediante el número de identificación de su hijo (ID number) y el código de PINNACLE. Los padres de alumnos en los grados 10 a 12 utilizarán el mismo código del año pasado. Los alumnos nuevos y sus padres pueden solicitar su código a su consejero estudiantil. También se lo incluirá en el envío del primer informe de evolución a principios de noviembre. En el Viking Voice que enviamos recientemente incluimos las instrucciones de uso. Las instrucciones también se encuentran en nuestro sitio Web: [www.samohi.smmusd.org](http://www.samohi.smmusd.org). Sírvanse recordar que una "Z" indica que se ha omitido una tarea, en consecuencia, 0 puntos. Los alumnos, al igual que los padres, deben controlar las tareas omitidas, las tareas atrasadas y la evolución. Mediante el uso de esta importante herramienta podemos juntos brindar apoyo a su hijo.

**Un cambio importante a conocer este año, con la reducción de 11 puestos docentes, es que no tenemos personal suficiente para proporcionar cursos repetidos a aquellos alumnos que reciben una calificación D o F, excepto durante el verano, en la escuela de verano.** Esa práctica anterior de realizar cursos repetidos también afectó, durante todo el año, las clases de muchos alumnos debido a que cambiábamos maestros y de horarios a fin de proporcionar cursos adicionales en la primavera. Los alumnos conservarán el mismo maestro en aquellos cursos anuales, del mismo modo en que lo hicieron en Inglés y en Historia en el pasado. El apoyo orientado intenta evitar que los alumnos se atrasen demasiado sin poder mejorar una nota más adelante en el semestre.

El apoyo para su hijo en la secundaria provendrá directamente del maestro en el aula, del consejero y del Director de la escuela, quien coordina reuniones para mantener el enfoque en los logros del alumno y en estrategias académicas eficaces. Sírvase colaborar con nosotros avisándonos acerca de cualquier circunstancia especial o cuestiones que su hijo esté pasando, que pudieran influenciar en su evolución. También contamos con sesiones de asesoramiento individual y grupal para alumnos que se encuentran viviendo situaciones especiales y apoyo para padres y alumnos, a cargo de nuestros dos enlaces comunitarios de tiempo completo.

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### **!El periodo de calificaciones de las primera 6 semanas termina el viernes, 22 de octubre!**

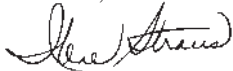
Por favor vea la página 6 para el horario de las notas de calificaciones para este año y la página 7 para información de cómo ayudar a su estudiante si lo necesita.

## Mensaje de la Directora, *continúa de la página 10*

Sírvanse continuar asistiendo a nuestras reuniones mensuales de la Asociación de padres y maestros (PTSA), en las que proporcionamos presentaciones informativas acerca de cuestiones de interés para los padres. En octubre, no se pierdan nuestra Feria Universitari (College Fair) y nuestras reuniones especiales sobre planificación para la universidad (College). Visite nuestro sitio Web semanalmente para obtener información actualizada acerca de lo que sucede en Samohi. Acérquense para compartir con nosotros actividades, deportes, drama, conciertos y emocionantes eventos donde ustedes pueden disfrutar de la emoción de la escuela secundaria, de los logros de nuestros alumnos y de la energía positiva de Samohi.

Esto promete ser un año genial en Santa Monica High School.

Cordialmente,



Ilene Straus, Ed.D., Chief Educational Officer/Principal

## Las dejadas, recogidas y el estacionamiento alrededor de la escuela Samohi

La escuela Samohi y el Departamento Policiaco de Santa Mónica están trabajando juntos para promover la seguridad de los estudiantes, las familias y el personal.

### Áreas seguras para dejar a los estudiantes y recogerlos:

- En la parte oeste de la calle Siete (por favor no estacione doble o se pare en el cruce del peatón)
- En el bulevar Olympic (hacia el este). Al oeste de la salida del Circulo.
- El estacionamiento del norte.
- En la calle Michigan.

### El Departamento de Policía de Santa Mónica estará dando multas a todos los que cometan estas infracciones:

- Pararse en el bulevar Pico entre Lincoln y la calle Cuatro
- Pararse en el bulevar Olympic (hacia el este). Al este de la salida del Circulo
- Estacionarse doble o triple en Olympic
- Todos los dobles U en las calles Siete y Michigan o en la calle Siete
- Pararse en la calle Siete (hacia el norte)

## Procedimientos para las ausencias o salidas tempranas...

Por favor siga las siguientes guías para los estudiantes que regresan después de una ausencia o si va a recoger al estudiante temprano.

**Ausencia de la escuela:** Los estudiantes tienen que regresar a la escuela con una nota firmada por los padres que incluye la razón, la fecha y los periodos (si es menos de un día), al igual que el número de teléfono donde se pueden llamar a los padres para verificar. La oficina de la asistencia abre a las 7:00 a.m. todas las mañanas. Los estudiantes deben llegar antes de lo usual para obtener el papel de admisión y llegar a la clase a tiempo.

El papel de admisión será otorgado en la oficina de la Casa por el consejero de apoyo de 7:45-8:45 en los días regulares y de 9:00-10:00 los días que se comienza tarde. Los estudiantes con un periodo A pueden ir a la oficina de asistencia.

Para salir temprano: Los padres tienen que escribir una nota con la fecha, la hora y la razón de la salida temprano por adelantado para los estudiantes que van a salir temprano de la escuela. La nota debe de dejarla en la oficina de asistencia 7:15 a.m. y 8:15 a.m.

**Es una familia con dos hogares?** Si el estudiante vive en dos hogares ya uno de los padres recibe la información de la PTSA. Pero ambos padres pueden recibirla. Si está interesado llame a Gloria Davis (395-3204, ext 41) para ver las documentaciones que necesitan.

## Reuniones SOL/ELAC

(Espíritu de Amor/Comité Consejero para los que Aprenden Inglés)

El grupo de padres latinos SOL/ELAC, se reúnen en el cuarto lunes del mes a las 7pm en la cafetería de Samohi. A los padres se les ofrece apoyo y recursos que le provee con mejor entendimiento de su papel en el proceso académico. Las reuniones son conducidas en español y toda la comunidad de Samohi está invitada a participar. Contacte:

Margarita González, 395-4335 o Consuelo Pérez, 450-8018

## Centro de los Padres y Comunitarias

El centro con las comunitarias animan a las familias a desarrollar relaciones de apoyo para ayudarse uno al otro y aprender del uno al otro mientras sus preocupaciones e intereses se resuelven. Las comunitarias están disponibles para ayudar a las familias y a los estudiantes en tiempo de necesidad. El Centro de Padres está localizado en el edificio administrativo en el salón 103.

Pamela Allen-Jones, 395-3204, ext 482 allen@smmusd.org

Tere Viramontes-Gutierrez, ext 357 viramontes@smmusd.org

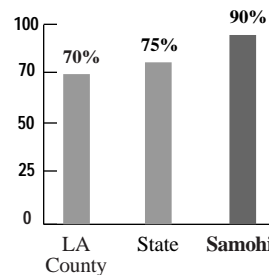
**Recordatorio de Textos** Los estudiantes son responsable de regresar los textos que han tomado prestado. Los libros perdidos o robado siguen siendo la responsabilidad del estudiante.

## !Los resultados de los exámenes de Samohi en el API subieron 25 Puntos!

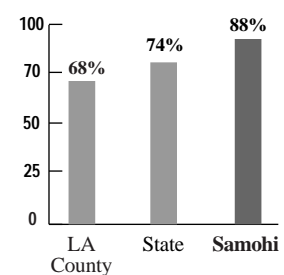
El resultado del año pasado en el API (Índice de Rendimiento Académico) y los del estado han llegado y la escuela Samohi ha mejorado 25 puntos! Este progreso es muy significativo. También en los Exámenes de Salida de la Escuela Superior los estudiantes hicieron mejor que el año anterior. 90% de los estudiantes pasaron la clase de inglés y el 88% la parte de matemáticas. *són loThis is remarkable progress and very encouraging. Samohi students also performed exceptionally well (and much better than in years past) on the High School Exit Exam with 90% of last year's sophomores passing English-Language Arts and 88% passing Mathematics. Los estudiantes de Samohi incluyendo los que están aprendiendo inglés y los estudiantes de bajo recursos hicieron muho mejor que los estudiantes en el condado y el estado.*

### 2004 CAHSEE (California High School Exit Exam)

% passing English Language Arts



% passing Mathematics



Esta es la buena noticia. Todo indica que los rendimientos en Samohi están mejorando para todos los estudiantes. Felicitamos a los estudiantes, la facultad, administradores, y padres por esta evidencia del trabajo que se ha hecho. La mala noticia es que necesitamos dinero. Las clases están muy grande debido a los \$2 billiones que cortaron a las escuelas públicas. **Por favor envíe su donación directa, hagase voluntario, y lo más importante supervise el progreso académico de su estudiante.**

## Foro de Candidatos

Hay 3 posiciones abiertas para nuestra Junta Directiva Escolar y 4 para la Junta Directiva de la ciudad de Santa Monica. La PTSA una organización independiente que aboga por el apoyo de los niños, la juventud y la educación pública. La PTSA no endosa a candidatos pero urge fuertemente que sea un votante informado. Por favor asista a los Foros de Candidatos.

**Foro de Candidatos para la Junta Directiva Escolar**  
**6 e octubre 6, 2004, 7pm**

Roosevelt Elementary School, 801 Montana Avenue

**13 de octubre, 2004, 7:30 p.m.**

St. Anne's Catholic Church, 2017 Colorado Avenue

**20 de octubre, 2004, 7:00 p.m.**

John Adams Middle School Library, 2425 16th Street

**Foro de Candidatos para Junta Directiva de la Ciudad de Santa Mónica**

**14 de octubre, 2004, 7:30 p.m.**

St. Anne's Catholic Church, 2017 Colorado Avenue

**19 de octubre, 2004**

Candidatos para la Junta Directiva de la Ciudad en vivo

(En vivo en el canal CityTV de Santa Monica)

City Council Chambers, Santa Monica City Hall, 1685 Main Street

Los Foros están patrocinados por la *Liga de Mujeres Votantes* en asociación con la PTA y otras organizaciones. Se les anima a los padres que hagan preguntas por avance y las envíen a: LWV Santa Monica, P.O. Box 1265, Santa Monica CA 90406 or Email: LWVinatsugub@aol.com; fax: 310-399-1224

## Sobre las universidades...

### Felicitemos a la clase de 2004!

Vea la página 4 para la lista de admisión de la clase 2004 de Samohi

## Estudiantes en el último año!

### Fechas importantes para las solicitudes a universidades:

El Centro Universitario/Futuro estará serado desde el 10 de diciembre al 10 de enero para aceptar papeles que necesitan ser procesados. Por favor planee adelantado traigan sus formas antes del 10 de diciembre, 2004!!

## Cursos de preparación para los Exámenes SAT y asistencia

La PTSA está contactando a muchas compañías e individuos para proveer preparación y queremos compartir con ustedes esta lista. No le estamos recomendando a ninguna compañía simplemente es para su información. Llame para obtener precios, horario y referencias.

Vea la página 4 para ...

## Reunión "Financing a College Education"

Martes 26 de octubre a las 7 pm en la cafetería de Samohi El Centro del futuro (Future Center) lo invita a una reunión especial que abordará la planificación y presentación de los recursos financieros familiares al momento en que los padres comienzan el proceso de solicitud de ingreso a la universidad y la búsqueda de ayuda financiera. Para obtener mayor información, sírvase comunicarse con Ada Hollie en el Centro del futuro (Future Center), ext. 328, (hollie@smmusd.org).

## !La PTSA anima a todos que se registren a votar!

**Vote en las elecciones Generales el 2 de noviembre, 2004**

**El último día para registrarse para votar es el 18 de octubre, 2004**

Puede obtener las formas de registrarse en la oficina de administrativas de Samohi, también están disponibles en la municipalidad, oficinas de correos, estaciones de bomberos, bibliotecas, el DMV o llamando a (800) 481- VOTE (8683).

**Los estudiantes que tendrán 18 años antes del 2 de noviembre pueden votar si se registran antes del último día 18 de octubre.**

## Llévese esta información cuando vote...

La PTA ha tomado una posición en las siguientes medidas del estado:

**Medida 61**, Proyecto hospital de niños – APOYA

**Medida 63**, Expansión de los servicios para la salud Mental– APOYA

**Medida 68**, Acto de ganancias de juegos 2004 – OPUESTO

## Esperamos que los estudiantes de 9º, 10º y 11º grados tomen el PSAT el 16 de octubre en Samohi

La PSAT es el examen de practica para el SAT I y es administrado por Samohi. Los estudiantes del 9º, 10º y 11vo se le animan a tomar el examen y pueden matricularse para el examen en Samohi. Las calificaciones del PSAT son usada ara qualificar National Merit Scholarships.

El PSAT se dará en Samohi el sabado, 16 de octubre de 8:00-11:30 am. Los estudiantes pueden inscribirse para el PSAT en el Vike's Inn durante el almuerzo o después de escuela desde ahora hasta el 8 de octubre. Hay una cuota de \$20 y pueden hver un cheque a nombre de: Santa Monica High School. Tendremos una mesa para la Noche de Regreso a la Escuela (Back to School Night) para que se inscriban. Los estudiantes con almuerzo gratis o reducido automaticamente qualifican para asistencia financiera si están interesados hablen con Ms. Leslee McGee en la Oficina de la casa M. El salón del examen será imprimido en el recibo de inscripción. Para más información o preguntas sobre la PSAT, llame a Tristan Komlos al 395-3204, ext. 336, tristan.komlos@mail.smmusd.org.

**Para preguntas en español del PSAT, por favor llame a Tere Viramontes a la ext 375, viramontes@smmusd.org.**

## Fechas de los exámenes de ingreso a la Universidad y plazos límites de inscripción

Puede encontrar información acerca del PSAT y el SAT e inscribirse en línea en: [www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenefees.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenefees.html)  
**Exámenes SAT I & II** : [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

**Examen ACT**: [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)

El Centro del futuro (Future Center) cuenta con material de práctica y solicitudes, y el personal puede ayudarlo en decidir qué examen tomar. Ver página 5 para la tabla de exámenes SAT y las fechas de inscripción.

*El centro está abierto para todos los padres y alumnos*

*Lunes a viernes de 7:30 am a 4:30 pm*

*Clara Beard, ext 324 y*

*Ada Hollie, ext 328*

**Le preguntamos a Ada Hollie y a Clara Beard, consejeras del Future Center de Samohi's College, algunas preguntas.**

**Esto es lo que descubrimos:**

**1. 1. ¿Qué es el College/Future Center?**

Es un recurso que tienen los alumnos, los padres y el personal para explorar todas las opciones posteriores al secundario. El nombre oficial es Future Center.

**2. ¿Dónde está ubicado?** Está ubicado en el Administration Building en la zona norte.

**3. ¿Está abierto a alumnos y a padres?**

Sí, de 7:30 a.m. a 4:00 p.m.

**4. ¿Es necesario hacer una cita?** Si quiere reunirse con un consejero, lo mejor es hacer una cita ya que tenemos presentaciones en las aulas, y citas ya programadas además de otros compromisos externos.

**5. ¿Tiene importancia a qué consejero del colegio contactar?**

Clara Beard, 395-3204, ext. 324, se encarga de los alumnos con apellido de la A a la K y Ada Hollie, ext. 328, de los alumnos que van de la L a la Z.

**6. ¿Qué tipos de materiales se hallan disponibles en el Future Center?**

Catálogos de las universidades, folletos con fotos de las universidades, vídeos de las universidades y discos compactos (CDs), libros de referencia sobre las universidades y temas relacionados, SAT, ACT, y materiales de preparación del AP disponibles para retirar, información sobre carreras, libros de referencia y vídeos. No se les cobra a aquellos alumnos calificados.

**7. Los materiales, ¿pueden llevarse a la casa?**

Todo nuestro material para la preparación para la prueba puede ser retirado, excepto los catálogos y vídeos que generalmente no pueden prestarse debido a su limitada cantidad.

**8. Qué son las pruebas: ACT, SAT I, SAT II y PSAT?**

Estas son exámenes de ingreso a la universidad. El ACT y el SAT I son exámenes de ingreso necesarios para el ingreso a la mayoría de las universidades.

Nosotros recomendamos que los alumnos rindan los dos. El SAT II es un examen

respecto a un tema que se utiliza como prueba adicional de ingreso en muchas universidades selectivas. El PSAT es un examen preliminar o de práctica del SAT que sirve de ayuda a los alumnos para tomar el SAT y además la nota del mismo (junior score) puede hacer que califiquen para la beca nacional por mérito (National Merit Scholarship).

**9. ¿Cuándo necesita el alumno tomarlos?**

Los ACT, SAT I y SAT II se toman en la primavera del tercer año (junior year). Los exámenes por tema SAT II suelen tomarse cuando el alumno completa la clase correspondiente (por ejemplo, luego de hacer Biología, el alumno puede tomar el Biology SAT II). El PSAT puede rendirse en el primer año (freshman) y en el segundo año (sophomore) pero debe rendirse en el tercer año. (Ver la página 4 para "Más información acerca del PSAT".)

**10. ¿Cómo hace el alumno para inscribirse para el ACT, SAT I y SAT II?**

La forma que se prefiere es en línea, pero La forma que se prefiere es en línea, pero hay material de inscripción disponible en el Centro del futuro (Future Center). Para inscribirse en línea diríjase a [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) para el SAT y a [www.act.org](http://www.act.org) para el ACT. (Ver la tabla más abajo para hallar información sobre los plazos de inscripción y fechas de los exámenes)

**11. Dónde se toman estos exámenes?**

El PSAT se toma en Samohi el sábado 16 de octubre. Los otros exámenes se toman en distintos lugares de la zona. Una lista de los lugares en que se toman los exámenes se halla disponible en línea o en el folleto de inscripción. Los exámenes SAT I, SAT II o ACT no se toman en Samohi.

**12. Sírvase explicarme acerca de las visitas universitarias al programa Samohi/College Hosts program.**

Muchas universidades y colegios visitan Samohi durante el día para conocer a los alumnos. Estas visitas se programan a lo largo del día escolar. Para que un alumno participe, debe acercarse al Future Center y llenar un cupón de llamado (call slip) que pueden mostrar a su maestro. Una lista de las universidades que visitan Samohi se envía semanalmente por correo electrónico y también puede encontrarse en el Centro del futuro (Future Center). Aquellos padres interesados en asis-

tir o ser voluntarios, por favor comuníquense con Joyce Smith [sheilajs@aol.com](mailto:sheilajs@aol.com) 581-3134.

**13. Qué es una visita a un colegio de la comunidad (college community visit) y como averiguo al respecto?** Muchas universidades y colegios vienen a nuestra área local y se reúnen con nuestros alumnos y a sus padres para informarlos acerca de sus respectivas instituciones. Cuando recibimos un aviso acerca de estas visitas, lo publicamos en el tablón de anuncios del Centro del Futuro (Future Center).

**14. ¿Qué sucede en la Feria Universitaria de Samohi (Samohi's College Fair) y quién debe ir?**

En la feria del 5 de octubre de 2004, que comienza a las 6:30 p.m. para los del último curso, participarán más de 150 universidades. Cada escuela tendrá su propia mesa donde el alumno podrá obtener materiales y encontrarse con el representante. Esta es una fantástica oportunidad para adquirir una perspectiva general de lo que una escuela tiene para ofrecer. Los alumnos deben mantener su mente abierta e intentar conocer distintas escuelas. (Ver página 1 para mayor información acerca la Feria Universitaria.)

**15. ¿Cómo puedo obtener mayor información acerca de SMC (Santa Monica College) y otros colegios comunitarios (community colleges)?**

Sírvase comunicarse con Ms. Beard, Ms. Hollie o Ms. Flores en el Centro del futuro (Future Center) o visite el sitio Web de SMC website: [www.smc.edu](http://www.smc.edu).

**16. ¿Qué debo saber acerca de la ayuda financiera (financial aid)?**

Llevaremos a cabo tres reuniones para tratar el tema de la ayuda financiera. El martes 26 de octubre presentaremos "Financing a College Education" (Cómo financiar la educación universitaria), (ver tabla abajo). Nuestro primer taller de ayuda financiera (Financial Aid) se realizará el lunes, 10 de enero de 2005 a las 7:00 p.m. en la biblioteca. El segundo taller será el martes, 22 de febrero de 2005 a las 7:00 p.m. en la biblioteca. Estos talleres brindarán a los padres información acerca de cómo completar la solicitud obligatoria FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), la cual debe completarse entre el 1 de enero y el 2 de marzo. La información correspondiente a las becas será distribuida periódicamente por la Coordinadora de becas (Scholarship Coordinator), Ada Hollie.

**Feria Universitaria de Artes Visuales y Teatral de Los Angeles (Performing and Visual Arts College Fair)**

*Wilshire Grand, 930 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90017*

**Sábado 30 de octubre de 1:00 a 3:00 pm**

Esta Feria Universitaria de la National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) está especialmente diseñada para alumnos interesados en la música, la danza, el teatro, las artes visuales, el diseño gráfico y otras disciplinas relacionadas. Está abierta al público y no se cobra entrada. Para obtener mayor información y direcciones, sírvase dirigirse a: [www.nacac.com/exhibit/exhibit.cfm?code=04PLA](http://www.nacac.com/exhibit/exhibit.cfm?code=04PLA)

**El report del progreso de las calificaciones de Seis semanas fueron enviados a la casa**

La escuela Samohi tiene un reporte de progreso cada seis semanas para ayudar a los estudiantes y a su familias a supervisar su trabajo. El reporte de la primera seis semanas termina el viernes, 22 de octubre. La PTSA paga for el correo del progreso de las primera seis semanas. (Vea la Pg. 6 para contactar a los maestros y demás personal)

This issue is full of lots of important information to help you "get off to a good start"!

October 2004

# WIKING VOICE

Parent Teacher Student Association



## Save this Calendar!

### October

- 1 SAT I & SAT II Registration Deadline for Nov. 6 test  
Last day to drop classes with review
- 5 **College Fair, 6:30 - 9pm, South Gym**
- 9 SAT I & SAT II Test given at various local sites
- 12 **PTSA Mtg., (College Information Night), 7pm, Student Cafeteria**
- 13 SAT I & SAT II Registration Deadline for Nov. 6 test, *with late fee*
- 16 PSAT test given at Samohi, 8 am, Student Cafeteria (*see p. 4 for more info*)
- 19 Governance Mtg., 5pm  
**AAPSSSG Mtg., 7pm, Staff Cafeteria**
- 20 Student Photo Day (*see p. 2 for more information*)
- 22 **End of First Grading Period**
- 25 **SOL/ELAC Mtg., 7pm, Student Cafeteria**
- 29 SAT I & SAT II Registration Deadline for Dec.4, 2005 test

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- 8 **SOL/ELAC Mtg., 6:30pm, Student Cafeteria**
- 9 **PTSA Mtg., 7pm, Student Cafeteria**
- 10 SAT I & SAT II Registration Deadline for Dec.4, 2005 test, *with late fee*
- 11 No school – *Veteran's Day*
- 12&13 Play It Again Sam, 8pm, Humanities Center
- 13 SAT I & SAT II Registration Deadline for Nov. 6 test, *with late fee*
- 15 Grad Nite General Mtg, 7pm, Student cafeteria
- 16 Governance Mtg., 5pm  
**AAPSSSG Mtg., 7pm, Staff Cafeteria**
- 19&20 Play It Again Sam, 8pm, Humanities Center
- 22 **SOL/ELAC Mtg., 7pm, Student Cafeteria**
- 25&26 No school – *Thanksgiving Holiday*

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