



July 2018

Dear Samohi Student:

Welcome to the 2018-2019 school year at Santa Monica High School. This past spring, you had an opportunity to plan your schedule with your adviser. In August, you will have a chance to confirm that schedule before the opening of school. ***See the Registration Schedule and Instructions included in this document.*** We want to encourage you to take advantage of all Samohi has to offer. This coming year will be academically challenging and you will gain knowledge and refine skills that will help you with your academic and career goals.

**Class of 2019, this will be a memorable year for you,** filled with many challenges as well as fun and exciting milestones. It is important that you make sure your graduation requirements will be met by June of 2019. Remember, in order to participate in the graduation ceremony, attend prom, Grad Nite, and other special senior activities, you must be clear of all obligations. We want every senior to be able to participate fully in senior activities, so please stay on top of your attendance, grades, and obligation status. Welcome to your senior year! (Be sure to check out the “Senior Alert”)

**Class of 2020, you are now juniors.** For many of you this will be a challenging academic year as you tackle the courses that colleges look at for admission. Stay on task, make sure to register for the PSAT and SAT exams, and stay actively involved in school and community activities. You need to concentrate on your studies while making plans for your future. Contact your college counselors and begin planning for post-graduation in the spring. You have a lot of excitement coming your way!

**Class of 2021, you are finally sophomores!** You are now seasoned Samohi students, and you should know how Samohi can best serve your academic and career goals. Plan carefully and make sure to actively involve yourself in our school community. If you did not become involved in a club last year, this is the year to do it! Remember to check Illuminate periodically to be sure all of your assignments are posted correctly. Be sure to stay current with all assignments, as this year will set your path for high school, college, and career success.

**Class of 2022, welcome to Samohi!** If you do not know by now that Samohi is an excellent school, you soon will know that from your own experiences. You will get much more out of your time here if you become involved immediately in school activities. Make sure to get off to a positive start by doing all your assignments well! Getting to class on time, as well as completing all your assignments on time will ensure your success. I encourage every freshman to get involved with a campus club. (Be sure to check out the “New Student and Freshmen Orientation Day” information)

**School Pictures:** Students will take their school pictures (ID card and yearbook photos) on your Registration Day. You may order a school picture package by submitting a completed order form with payment at Registration Day (order forms are available) or on line at: <http://www.Whites-Studios.com/k-11photos>.

**Summer Reading:** Do not forget to complete your summer reading assignment which will be part of the curriculum during the first two weeks of the school year in all English classes. This year’s all grade level book is, Born a Crime by Trevor Noah. The second book is a free choice. (See “General Information for Summer Reading” in this general information packet as there may be additional requirements for some students.)

**Registration Day:** It is important that you attend your Registration Day to be fully prepared when school begins. During Registration Day you will pick-up your required ID card and Binder Reminder, check-out your math and science textbooks, and receive your fall schedule of classes and more.

**The first day of school is Thursday, August 23, 2018 with Period 1 beginning at 8:15 am. There is no Period A on the first day of school.** Enjoy the rest of your vacation and be ready to get off to a great start on August 23<sup>rd</sup>!

Looking forward to a great year!

## **Registration Day Schedule**

In early August, you will have an opportunity to pick up your class schedule, get your student ID card, school pictures, and handle other important items for the fall. It is highly recommended that students attend registration rather than having to take time to do all these tasks once school has started.

Your assigned day is based on your grade level and time based on your birthday. Please refer to the schedule below:

### **MAKE SURE TO BRING A COPY OF YOUR ONLINE REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION EMAIL**

#### **12<sup>th</sup> Grade**    **Thursday, August 9**

8:30 am – 10:00 am    *January - March*

10:00 am – 11:00 am    *April - June*

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm    *July - September*

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm    *October - December*

#### **10<sup>th</sup> Grade**    **Monday, August 13**

8:30 am – 10:00 am    *July - September*

10:00 am – 11:00 am    *October - December*

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm    *January - March*

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm    *April – June*

#### **11<sup>th</sup> Grade**    **Friday, August 10**

8:30 am – 10:00 am    *April – June*

10:00 am – 11:00 am    *July - September*

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm    *October - December*

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm    *January - March*

#### **9<sup>th</sup> Grade**    **Tuesday, August 14**

8:30 am – 10:00 am    *October - December*

10:00 am – 11:00 am    *January - March*

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm    *April – June*

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm    *July - September*

#### **Fall Schedule Changes:**

When you pick up your schedule, it will show your assigned classes. You may submit a schedule change form only under the following circumstances:

- Missing graduation or college admission requirements
- Incomplete or no schedule
- Error in classes requested
- Changes needed due to summer course work

#### **Important Scheduling Information:**

- You will not be permitted to pick up your schedule before the date and time assigned for your grade level. Schedules for your grade level will not be available until the assigned date.
- If you are not available at your assigned date, your parent or guardian may pick up your schedule. Someone other than a parent may also pick up your schedule if he or she brings your registration confirmation email.

#### **Samohi PE Clothes:**

Students in Physical Education (PE) classes are required each day to change into attire appropriate for safe participation in the PE activities they are engaging in. The uniform consists of a grey T-shirt and navy blue shorts with a yellow Samohi or middle school logo or grey sweatshirt and navy blue sweatpants with a yellow Samohi or middle school logo. Athletic shoes with rubber soles must be worn each day in PE. Students are not required to buy a PE uniform (although most do). Students may wear similar clothing (without logos) which they already have at home. Regular school clothing such as jeans or tight clothing are not appropriate for PE. The Vikes' Inn Student Store sells approved uniforms at registration and all year. They will also need to purchase a lock for the PE lockers. Freshmen participating on a Samohi athletic sports team do **not** need to purchase PE clothes at Registration.

### New Student and Freshmen Orientation:

Welcome to Samohi! Our student leaders will be busy this summer preparing to welcome you! We have learned through the years that the first day of school at Samohi can be a little stressful for incoming freshmen, new students, and their parents. Recognizing that we can help alleviate those first day jitters, our student leaders and staff have planned an orientation so that you can begin the process of getting to know your new campus, peers, some upper classmen, some of your teachers, as well as your advisor and house principal. We will also provide you with your class schedule so you will know what to expect on the first day of school. Basically, throughout this day, we hope to begin forming the bonds of a true team and to provide you with the information you will need to meet the challenges of your first day with calm confidence. Please reserve this date to join other students and staff for this great opportunity to have fun together, meet members of your House, and make new friends.

***Friday, August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.***

### Summer 2018 Reading:

#### ALL STUDENTS MUST READ BOTH:

- Born a Crime by Trevor Noah
- *ONE FREE CHOICE BOOK*

#### HONORS/AP ALSO READ:

Incoming 9HP:

Incoming 10HP:

Incoming 11AP:

Incoming 12AP:

Spanish 5AP:

***KINDRED*** Octavia E. Butler

***SLAUGHTERHOUSE FIVE*** Kurt Vonnegut

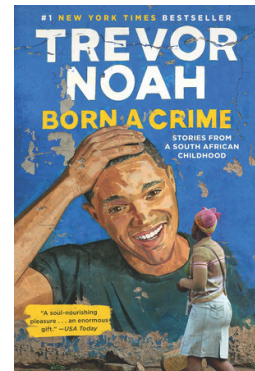
***THE BOYS IN THE BOAT*** Daniel James Brown

***CANDIDE*** Voltaire

***OTHELLO*** William Shakespeare

***HOW TO READ LITERATURE LIKE A PROFESSOR*** Thomas Foster

***EL ALQUIMISTA*** por Paulo Coelho



### Textbooks

In order to have a strong beginning to the school year, you will be able to pick up some of your textbooks before school starts. Remaining textbooks for other subjects will be distributed once school starts. Bring your backpack!

Have a problem with your textbooks? If there is a discrepancy or damage, please contact Ms. Thrower in the Textbook office by Friday, **September 7, 2018**. Any problem not resolved by then will be permanent and you will be responsible for the books on your account. All textbook records are **locked** on this day!

Do not leave your books in the classroom, even if your teacher tells you to do that! YOU are responsible for your books, not your teacher. Teachers have been told to not allow or require students to leave textbooks in the classroom.

## First Day of School Instructions

**School begins on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>**, Period 1 at 8:15 am. (There is no Period A Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>). We hope to make the first day of school as smooth as possible for all students. Please read these instructions carefully and plan to arrive at school early to locate your classes.

**For those students who are new to Samohi**, volunteers will be posted around the campus to help you locate your classrooms.

**Schedule Distribution:**

Please arrive at least 15 minutes before Period 1 (8:00 am). ALL students must look at the grade level lists posted at the Fourth Street Gate, Seventh and Michigan Gate and the Main Quad Breezeway to find their Period 1 classroom number. Proceed to that classroom (which may be different than stated on the schedule you received during Registration Day). Updated schedules will be distributed in Period 1 class.

It is best to copy your updated schedule into your Binder Reminder in case you lose the schedule. If you arrive after the end of Period 1, you should report to your House Office.

**Have a great first day of school!**

***Bell Schedules******Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday***

Period A	7:12 – 8:06	(54 min)
1	8:15 – 9:10	(55 min)
Homeroom	9:19 – 9:27	( 8 min)
2	9:27 – 10:22	(55 min)
Break	10:22 – 10:24	( 2 min)
3	10:34 – 11:29	(55 min)
4	11:38 – 12:33	(55 min)
Lunch	12:33 – 1:08	(35 min)
5	1:17 – 2:12	(55 min)
6	2:21 – 3:16	(55 min)

***Late Start Wednesday Schedule***

Period A	8:45 – 9:29	(44 min)
1	9:38 – 10:21	(43 min)
2	10:30 – 11:13	(43 min)
3	11:22 – 12:05	(43 min)
Lunch	12:05 – 12:40	(35 min)
4	12:49 – 1:32	(43 min)
5	1:41 – 2:24	(43 min)
6	2:33 – 3:16	(43 min)