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**THE SPARTAN TIMES**  
**DECEMBER 2017**  
**Scott Tatum, Principal**  
**Jennifer Heck, Assistant Principal**



Hi Sierra Families! The first two quarters of the year are coming to a close. It has been a wonderful first half of the year.

Over the past month there have been a number of items that have occurred to help with over all school safety at Sierra. The Stanton Way and Harrisburg Place gates are closed to traffic from approximately 8:30 to 1:50 daily. Cars and people will no longer have access to our campus during the middle of the day. We have also taken some steps to insure our front and back gates are locked down in a more efficient manner. Sierra now has eight working cameras located around campus for us to use to help monitor activities happening throughout the school day or after school. These updates are in place for us to help improve student safety.

Starting in January, after school library use will be used for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities. Each week we will have different STEM projects and activities for the students to explore and investigate. Students must sign up in advance for these STEM classes. The library will not be open for general use, unless students are involved with the STEM activities. We believe this will allow students to have a great opportunity to learn about STEM. The Summit homework help and math infusion rooms will still open for students to complete assignments and get additional help.

Have a wonderful Holiday!

Scott Tatum, Principal

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**DECEMBER**

- 4 Winter Band Concert, 7pm, LPAC
- 7 Decades Dance 3-5pm, MUR
- 12 LLL, CH, 6pm
- 13 David's Pizza Fundraiser
- 13 LUSD Board Meeting, VOC, 7:30pm
- 14 ELAC meeting, Conference Room, 2:45pm
- 15 LLL Posada, 6pm
- 19 Choir Concert, 7pm, LPAC
- 22-Jan 5 Winter Break, No School

**JANUARY**

- 8 Return from Winter Break
- 9 LLL, SMS, 6pm
- 10 LUSD Board Meeting, JRW, 7:30pm
- 15 Martin L. King Jr. Day, No School
- 17 LCPTA, Claudia Landeen, 6pm
- 24 David's Pizza Fundraiser
- 26 Rally, WGym, 1:30pm

**UNIVERSITY OF THE PACIFIC**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Faraday Lecture**

Honoring a tradition that was started in the 1820s at the Royal Institution, two Pacific chemistry professors dressed as 19<sup>th</sup> century chemists will carry out experiments that explode, change colors and delight an audience of all ages. The event is free and open to the public and no tickets are needed for admission

Chemistry is Orange & Black....and many other colors!

December 8  
6-7:30pm

Alex G Spanos Center



**SIERRA FOOD PANTRY/CLOTHES CLOSET**

We are officially open. Students in need of food or uniform clothing should come to The Summit before school, at lunch or after school to get supplies/materials. We would also like to ask for donations for this cause. We have many students/families that are living below the poverty line and we try and assist/accommodate all of them. We need non-perishable food items and girls sizes small to extra large in blue, grey and tan. If you have any questions or want to coordinate drop-off or pickup feel free to email [noregan@lUSD.net](mailto:noregan@lUSD.net) or [cmclmore@lUSD.net](mailto:cmclmore@lUSD.net)

**CJSF NEWS**

We would like to thank all of the students who donated for the KCRA Canned Food Drive.

Seventh Grade students will be able to join CJSF in January. Listen for the announcements when applications will be due. Second quarter grades will need to be attached to the application. Applications will be available in the office, Room 7 (Mrs. Rehbein) or Room 3 (Ms. Miller).

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day**  
**Friday, February 2, 2018**

All 8th grade students within the district will visit the Lincoln High School campus from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on February 2, 2018.

The day will begin with a tour of the campus. During an orientation assembly, students will meet our counselors and administrators, and be given the opportunity to learn about the various programs that are available on campus with a tour to follow. Areas that will be highlighted include: choir, drama, Cadet Corps Program, cheer, athletics, auxiliary, band, orchestra, government, Career and Technical Education, peer mediation and LINK Crew.

We welcome students who live in the district and are not currently attending a LUSD school. If a Parent/Guardians would like to sign their child up to attend that day, we ask that you come to the High School Administration office and fill out an emergency card the week prior to the event. Parents need to drop their students off in front of the school, by the flagpole at 9:00 a.m., and pick them up promptly at 12:00 p.m. We will request that students sign in at the Administration office and receive a Visitors pass prior to participating in the day's activities. An Assistant Principal/teacher will supervise the student during their visit to our school.

This will be a fun and informative day for the incoming freshman class.

Any questions, please contact Cathy @ 953-8934.

Attention all English Learner Parents:

We will be having our second ELAC Meeting on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:45pm in the conference room in the office. We will be meeting this month to discuss the school plan and assist in getting everyone logged into AERIES. We would also like to discuss what types of topics you would like to see in our upcoming meetings. A Spanish translator will be in attendance. Hope to see you there!

Atención a todos los Padres Aprendiendo Inglés como Segundo Idioma:

Tendremos nuestra segunda reunión de ELAC el jueves, 14 de diciembre a las 2:45 p.m. en la sala de conferencias en la oficina. Nos reuniremos este mes para hablar del plan de la escuela y ayudar a todos a iniciar su cuenta en AERIES. También nos gustaría hablar de qué tipos de temas les gustaría ver en nuestras próximas reuniones. Un traductor de Español estará presente. Esperamos verte allí!

**Sierra Clothes Closet**

We are officially open. We are currently low on UNIFORM clothing for girls. We need gently used or new clothes for girls sizes s-xl in blue, grey and tan. We also accept gift cards to clothing stores. Please email [noregan@lusd.net](mailto:noregan@lusd.net) or cmclemore with any questions.

**Lincoln High School is looking for nominations for its Hall of Fame.**

The nominee to the LHS Hall of Fame must have graduated 10 years prior to the nomination.

The nominee must have achieved one of the following:

- excellence in one or more recognized field of cultural endeavor such as the arts, music, theater, dance, writing, film/television, etc.;
- excellence in a recognized profession such as law, education, medicine, journalism, etc.;
- exceptional performance in a professional sport or amateur sport;
- outstanding leadership, character, and service to the community.

Applications are available on the Lincoln High School website ([www.lincolnhigh.org](http://www.lincolnhigh.org)) and must be submitted to the Lincoln High School Administration Office no later than December 21, 2017.

All unclaimed lost and found items will be donated to charity at the end of December. Last day to pick up any lost and found items will be 12/21/2017.

Congratulations to the following students for making the San Joaquin County Honor Orchestra!

**Violin 1**

Alana Holdaway

Ryan Valencia

Michael Joo

Sohyun Ahn

Elyse Fuji

**Viola**

Thomas Park

Roxanne White

**Cello**

Kaiden Imada (made 1st chair!)

Quoc An Dang

Josiah Wiesner

**Bass**

Tucker Yeley

Aiden Estrada