

**Sierra Middle School**  
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**THE SPARTAN TIMES**  
**FEBRUARY 2019**  
*Scott Tatum, Principal*  
*Cassie McLemore, Assistant Principal*

Hi Spartan Families!

I would like to congratulate Spartan students who represented our school in a Math Counts competition at UOP. Students representing Sierra included: Sohyun Ahn-Team, Samantha Yang-Team, Thomas Park-Team, Elyse Fujii-Team, Matthew Zhu, Kyle Loth, Kaiden Kerby, Joseph Sanchez, Anthony Thaka, Ethan Loth. Thomas Park took 3rd place in the individual rounds and will be representing Sierra in the state competition at Stanford!!!! Congratulation!

February becomes a very big and important month for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students as they prepare for high school. On February first, our eighth-grade students toured Lincoln High School. The LHS counselors will come to Sierra and present information on course selections for next year on February 13. Students will bring home the enrollment data and will select their classes for high school. In March, students will have the opportunity to meet individually with their high school counselor.

We have had a successful start with issuing Chromebooks to our students. Please help us by making sure the Chromebook is charged nightly and brought to school every day. Students do not need to bring the chargers to school.

**Eighth grade promotional and seventh grade end of the year activity requirements are:**

- **Fourth quarter GPA of 2.0 or greater**
- **Cumulative GPA of 2.0 for the year**
- **No F's in the fourth quarter**
- **95% attendance throughout the school year**
- **Three or fewer days of suspension in the fourth quarter**

If students have questions regarding promotional clothing, we encourage them to bring a picture of the clothing and ask us directly if it is appropriate.

Please have your son or daughter take advantage of the before school and after school interventions. This includes Homework Club, math Infusion, and STEM.

Please make sure your son or daughter is at school. Student attendance is one of the top indicators for student success. In January, our attendance rate fell to 95.39%. Our goal is to be above 97% for the school year. Please make every effort for your child to be at school on time. We are having a Great year! Thanks for your help and support!

With Spartan Pride,

Scott Tatum

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Information Nights**  
**February 2019**

February 12, 2019 6:00 PM **John McCandless Charter School** 1700 Porter Way

February 19, 2019 6:00 PM **Mable Barron School** 6835 Cumberland Pl

February 21, 2019 6:00 PM **Sierra Middle School Library** 6768 Alexandria Pl

February 25, 2019 6:00 PM **Tully C Knoles School** 6511 Clarksburg Pl

February 26, 2019 6:00 PM **Brookside School** 2962 Brookside Rd

February 28, 2019 4:00 PM **Sierra Middle School Library** 6768 Alexandria Pl

School Accountability Report Card (SARC)

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is now posted on our school web site;

[www.sm.lusd.net](http://www.sm.lusd.net)

or you can find it at the LUSD home web site;

[www.lusd.net](http://www.lusd.net)

You may also request a hard copy through the school office.

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2019**

**6:00 pm – 8:30 pm**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade families & Class of 2023**

Please join us for our **Open House** at Lincoln High School

- Attention 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Day, Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Where: Sunsplash, Roseville
- Cost: \$50
- Includes: Transportation, Entrance, and Lunch
- First payment of \$25 due by February 27<sup>th</sup>
- Second payment of \$25 due by March 27<sup>th</sup>
- Payment due to your homeroom teacher.

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## FEBRUARY

Feb 7 Dance, 3-5pm, MUR, \$6  
Feb 7 LCPTA Reflections Receptions, 6pm, Brookside  
Feb 11 Lincoln's Day, No School  
Feb 12 LLL, 6pm, DR  
Feb 13 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, TCK  
Feb 18 President's Day, No School  
Feb 20 David's Pizza Fundraiser  
Feb 21 Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade information meeting, 6pm, Library  
Feb 26 Chipotle Fundraiser  
Feb 27 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, CL  
Feb 28 Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade information meeting, 4pm, Library

## MARCH

Mar 4-22 Priority Open Enrollment Registration for 2019-2010  
Mar 11 District Choir Night, 7pm, LPAC  
Mar 12 LLL, 6pm, CL  
Mar 13 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, LPAC  
Mar 20 LCPTA, 6pm, End Zone  
Mar 20 David's Pizza Fundraiser  
Mar 22 Rally, 1:30pm, WGym  
Mar 27 LUSD Board Meeting, 7:30pm, Brookside

**YEARBOOK** Attention 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents! Express friendship, love or congratulations to the special student in your life with a personal ad in the 2019 yearbook. Select the desired size and personalize the ad with your own message and photo(s). Ad order forms with instructions on how to submit were sent home with your student's homeroom teacher, but can also be found in the office. The deadline to submit your student's yearbook ad is February 15<sup>th</sup>. Please email Mrs. Bauer for questions at [cbauer@lUSD.net](mailto:cbauer@lUSD.net). Space is limited and provided on a first come first serve basis.

Thanks, The Yearbook Team

### May 28 @ 6pm

The promotional ceremony will be held on the South lawn between Sierra and Lincoln High School. A limited amount of parking is available on Stanton Way with overflow parking available in the Lincoln High School Parking Lot. There are a limited number of chairs set up for students and guests. No ticket is needed to enter.

### Photography

**Parents are asked to refrain from taking photographs during the ceremony.** A professional photographer has been hired, and will take a photograph of each promotee as he/she receives his/her certificate. These will be provided (free of charge — courtesy of PTSA) to each student on the last day of school.

### Rehearsal A Must!

**Promotional rehearsal will be held the day of promotional, May 28, 7:50 - 2:30. It is important that your student be present for the entire rehearsal. Please do not schedule outside appointments during this time.**

### Dance Information

Immediately after the ceremony, all promoted 8th grade SMS students are invited to a dance/party to be held in the Sierra Multi-Purpose Room. The dance ends at 9:30P.M. No students will be released prior to that time unless parents have made arrangements in advance with Mr. Tatum and have proper ID at the time of pick up. We regret that students who do not meet the promotional requirements will not be eligible to participate in the ceremony or the dance. It is the hope of the promotional committee that all students feel comfortable participating in these celebrations.

### Restrictions

Culminating ceremonies at the end of high school and college are true graduations and should be kept special. With this in mind: formal dresses, including strapless dresses, tuxedos and limousines are inappropriate for our promotional. **Students not adhering to dress standards will not be permitted to participate.** If in doubt, ask well before the day of the promotional, so you don't spend money on clothing which is inappropriate for the ceremony.

### Dress Requirements

You must adhere to the Promotional Dress Requirements in order to participate.

#### Boys

- Dressy sport clothes (not formal — no tuxedos)
- Long pants — preferably slacks (no Jeans or shorts)
- Shirt with a collar (ties optional)
- Shoes closed (no sandals)

#### Girls

- Dressy clothes (no formals)
- Blouse/skirts, dresses or slacks/dress pants.
- **No** shorts, mini skirts, formals (including floor length) or strapless, spaghetti strap, or off-the-shoulder dresses (will be asked to change)
- Dress shoes (low heels) (no more than 2 inches will be permitted. It is difficult to walk on grass in heels!)(Students will be asked to change)

#### Dinner

At the dance, dinner will be served to all students in attendance (vegetarian option will be available).

#### Volunteers

Volunteers to chaperone the dance and help set-up are also needed (7<sup>th</sup> grade parents normally fill this role). Please contact Mrs. Lewis @ [rlewis@lUSD.net](mailto:rlewis@lUSD.net) to volunteer.

#### Donations

Gift cards to Smart/Final are appreciated. Please send gift cards to the office. Attn: Mrs. Lewis

### **CJSF would like to welcome the following seventh grade students:**

Molly Grupe, Ethan Loth, Caleigh Moss, Eric Ruiz-Garcia, Matthew Young, Hailey Gaines, Michael Cecchini, Carleigh Soriano, Sophia Papaqui, Madison Vongkaeo Elisha Pangan-Kennedy, Skylar Macias, Milanya Marchesotti, Briseis Vang Emma Parkinson, Gavin Garces, Emily Fujiwara, Nathan Del Carlo, Shiva Anne, Hannah Redman, Noah Velo, Carly Nelson, Rhiann Setness, Angie Rodriguez, Sydney Lewis, Keira Imada, Emily Wong, Kathryn Gonzalez, Rachel Lim, Emma Pengilly, Kaylee Gerard

