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THE SPARTAN TIMES OCTOBER 2019



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Dates To Remember

Hi Spartan Families!

It is hard to believe that we have already completed the first quarter of school. Report cards will be mailed home on Tuesday October 22. Please remember in order for 8th graders to participate in the end of the year promotional ceremony, promotional dance, and end of the year trip and 7th grade students to participate in the end of the year activities the following requirements **Must** be met:

- 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA for all four quarters of school
- 2.0 or higher GPA for the fourth quarter
- No F's in the fourth quarter
- Not more than three days of suspension fourth quarter
- 95% or higher attendance rate for the entire school year

Please discuss with your son or daughter the importance of being at school on time.

The beginning of a class period sets the tone and is the building blocks for the entire lesson. Students who miss this portion of the lesson are at a learning disadvantage.

In September we partnered with the University of the Pacific to encourage students to have perfect attendance. We had 278 students with perfect attendance. University of the Pacific donated a Kindle Fire as a raffle prize. Jason Roddwig was our winner. Congratulations Jason!

Our attendance goal for each month of school is 96% or higher.

For the month of September, Sierra's attendance rate was: 96.1%

We are having a Great year! Thanks for your help and support!

With Spartan Pride,

Scott Tatum Principal

The following information has been placed on our website @ sm.lusd.net
Please review for further information.

State of California—Health and Human Services
Agency California Department of Public Health
California Department of Public Health
Health Advisory – September 24, 2019
GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor

Vaping Related Lung Illness: A Summary of the Public Health Risks and Recommendations for the Public

OCTOBER

- 21-25 Spirit Week
- 23 LUSD Board Meeting, DR, 7:30pm
- 25 Spirit Carnival
- 28 Spooktacular Band Concert, LPAC, 7pm
- 30 Orchestra Concert, 6:30pm, LPAC

NOVEMBER

- 1 Non-Student Day
- 11 Veterans Day, No School
- 13 LUSD Board Meeting, LE, 7:30pm
- 22 Rally, WGym
- 25-29 Thanksgiving Break

Lincoln High School will be enforcing the policies below at all home games starting this Friday, September 6. Many of your students attend LHS home games so I am hoping you will share the following with your 6th-8th grade students:

- **Any student wishing to sit on the home side must enter with family OR produce a current LUSD Student ID** at the gate and receive a hand stamp. The hand stamp will allow entrance on the home side.
- No backpacks, skateboards, or outside food and beverage are allowed in the stadium
- After exiting the stadium, no re-entry will be allowed
- Ticket sales will stop at the end of the 3rd quarter
- Gate entry will stop at the beginning of the 4th quarter

We want all middle school and VOHS students to know that they will have to show their current school ID or else they will be watching the game from the Visitor's side. Huge thanks in advance for helping us out so everyone can spend our Friday nights enjoying some Lincoln football!

Lora Green
Principal
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NO Spartan goes hungry!



Any Spartan who goes home to nearly-empty kitchen cupboards or an almost-empty refrigerator needs to stop by our SMS **Food Pantry**. This is a private matter and will be handled individually. You can email Miss Niah (lbrice@lUSD.net) or Mrs. Dillon (idillon@lUSD.net) to get what is needed.

Depending on the individual family:

- Small items or portions can be taken home daily if the student walks or rides a bicycle to school.
- Larger items or portions can be taken home as needed if the student receives a ride home or the parent can otherwise provide transportation.

Any Spartan who needs **school supplies** can also check in with Miss Niah or Mrs. Dillon.



The **Clothes Closet** offers a variety of sizes and styles of uniform clothing; socks, shirts, shoes, pants, jackets, and new-in-the-package underwear. If you need something, Miss Niah and Mrs. Dillon want to help you out.

If you do not know Miss Niah or Mrs. Dillon, any teacher or adult staff member can listen to your request and let us know. Whichever teacher or staff member you are most comfortable with is the one you can talk with!

The Food Pantry and Clothes Closet are open for pick-ups and donations every school day:

- Before school (7:00 A.M. - 7:45 A.M.)
- 1st & 3rd periods only (classes in session other periods)
- After school (final bell until 3:30 P.M.)

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The SMS Food Pantry is currently accepting donations of:

- Canned soup
- Canned chili
- Canned fruit
- Breakfast cereal
- Peanut butter
- Jelly
- Bread
- Macaroni & cheese
- Ramen-style soups
- Canned chicken
- Pasta
- Pasta sauce
- Shampoo / conditioner
- Body wash / soap
- Laundry detergent
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Deodorant / antiperspirant
- Feminine hygiene products
- School supplies

The SMS Clothes Closet is currently accepting donations of new or gently used (sizes appropriate to middle school range):

- Uniform jackets or hoodies
- Uniform long-sleeve shirts
- Uniform pants / sweatpants
- New socks
- New underwear (sealed packages only)



We could also use your time and would appreciate assistance from finger-printed adults to help shelve groceries, launder clothing donations, and organize clothing. Volunteer (finger-print packages) are available in the office.

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Raptor Reminder

Parents will be asked to enter through the office during office hours (7:30am-4:00pm) to ensure you get checked into our Raptor System and issued a visitor badge. Upon leaving campus, please stop by the office to return your badge and get checked out of our system.

Thank you so much for your cooperation in keeping our students safe!

