Hello everyone,

America’s Safe Schools Week was established by the National School Safety Center in 1984 and highlights ways we can take steps to ensure students and teachers are in the safest learning environment. Schools and districts can visit https://www.schoolsafety.gov/ for actionable recommendations.

Getting vaccinated and following the recommended protocols to reduce community transmission of COVID-19 is the best way to protect the health and safety of the entire family. Find a testing site: www.sccfreetest.org. Individuals who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 can be vaccinated once they have recovered and at least 10 days have passed since their diagnosis. This applies to any COVID-19 vaccination, including boosters. For more information, visit www.sccFreeVax.org. In addition, continuing universal masking regardless of vaccination status support safe learning environments.

This week is National Teen Driver Safety Week (NTDSW). This grassroots movement has brought millions of teens, parents, schools, law enforcement, advocates, and policymakers from across the country together to tackle the number one cause of death for teens in the U.S. – car crashes. The theme of the campaign is “when you see something, #SaySomething.” The campaign encourages youth to make good choices every time they get in a car as a driver or passenger. Car crashes are preventable since 75% of crashes are caused by reckless and distracted driving choices. Multitasking is tempting in this busy world, but distractions endanger everyone on the road.
Together, we can make our schools safe and help our youth make good choices to protect themselves and others. We are stronger together.

Be well,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools

Community News and Resources

COVID-19 Rent Relief is available to Santa Clara County Residents

The COVID-19 Rent Relief Program is rental assistance for tenants who have past due rent from April 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021. Up to 3 months of future rent can be applied for and granted. 100% of rent and utilities will be covered.

Who Can Apply?

- Landlords who have income-eligible renters experiencing a financial hardship due to COVID-19 past due rent.
- Renters who have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19, have past due rent or utilities, and have a household income that is not more than 80% of the area median income.

How Can You Apply?

For assistance in applying, eligible tenants/landlords: call Catholic Charities at (408) 273-7478 to set up an appointment

Attend a pop-up clinic for assistance every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday or apply directly online at HousingIsKey.com.

Review the available flyers for more information, eligibility criteria, and contact information. (Flyer is in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese).

Additional information can also be found on our website at www.catholiccharitiesscc.org/emergency-rent-relief.
The Grosvenor Teacher Fellowship (GTF) is a professional development opportunity for pre-K–12 educators made possible by a partnership between Lindblad Expeditions and the National Geographic Society. An annual competitive application process is used to select educators and host them aboard Lindblad Expeditions’ voyages for a life-changing, field-based experience.

Maimona Afzal Berta, Alum Rock Union School District Special Education Teacher, and Jorge Pacheco, Jr., Mountain View Whisman School District 4th Grade Teacher are two of the 50 educators from across the United States and Canada to receive its 2021 Fellowship Award.

Dr. Mary Ann Dewan is recognizing these Santa Clara County honorees on November 18.

To register for this event, please visit http://bit.ly/2021-Grosvenor.
Call Center

The Santa Clara County Shelter Hotline has a new home, and new number, and new services!!

Bill Wilson Center has officially taken on running the “Here4You” Call Center, which operates daily from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Call 408-385-2400 to access Emergency Shelters, Homelessness Prevention Rental Assistance, and info on other Community Resources.

Papel Picado Art

The Q Corner is excited to bring a papel picado making workshop for Dia de Los Muertos! In this workshop you will have the opportunity to create your own papel picado art. Supplies will be provided.

Monday, November 1, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m... in person at The Q Corner
SVCreates is hosting two DEI workshops featuring Beatrice Thomas that will help build more welcoming and belonging into organizations:

November 1 - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Why Equity? An EDI Mindset Shift for Predominantly White Arts Institutions

November 3 - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Creating Sustainable Equity for BIPOC-Led Organizations
https://bit.ly/3zXThvF

Design our new logo for a chance to win $5,000!

TRUSTED RESPONSE URGENT SUPPORT TEAM (TRUST)

Logo Contest
County of Santa Clara Behavioral Health Services Department (BHSD) Logo design contest
Award: $5,000
Deadline: November 12, 2021

1. Review the Official Contest Rules
2. Complete the contest entry form here: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7FYF6HV
3. If under the age of 18, download and complete the Minor Consent Form to submit with your design entry
Classy Toasters Virtual Open House

- **Date:** Wednesday, 10/20/21
- **Networking:** 11:50AM-12:05PM
- **Meeting:** 12:05 - 1:00PM
- **Location:** Zoom
- **REGISTER for the meeting link:** bit.ly/CTopenhouse21

Learn how Toastmasters can help you develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth.

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Bus Safety Reminders

National School Bus Safety Week
It's crucial to know when you, as a driver, need to stop for a school bus to help keep children safe and when it's legal for you to keep driving. According to California law, drivers must stop when a school bus stops in front of them and extends its stop sign with flashing lights. In addition,

- When on a two-lane road without a median, traffic on both sides of the road must stop.
- When on a two-lane road with a center turn lane, traffic must stop on both sides of the road.
- Cars can pass the school bus after the stop sign is no longer out, the school bus has begun driving, or the bus driver signals you can pass.
- When there are four lanes, the side of traffic without a stopped school bus can continue driving, preferably cautiously.
- When there is a raised divider, like a median in between the different directions of traffic, the side of the road without a stopped school bus can continue driving, preferably cautiously.
- Cars on a two-lane road with a median also do not have to stop if the bus is stopped on the other side of the road.

For safety tips, visit The National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT).

District News and Resources

51st Annual
Santa Clara County
TEACHER RECOGNITION

Dedicated to Excellence
Inspiring the Future

October 28, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Livestream
sccoe.to/fba

Santa Clara County Office of Education

Teacher of the Year Recognition
Wear and Share Orange

Show unity for kindness, acceptance, and inclusion and to send a visible message that no child should ever experience bullying. For more information, visit https://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.

I Own My Future

What tools will help me get there?

October 27, 2021

College Day 2021
The 13th Annual Marion Cilker Conference for Arts in Education will take place 8:00 am – 1:00 pm on Friday, Nov 5 and Saturday, Nov 6.

This conference is co-sponsored by Lurie College of Education at San José State University and the Santa Clara County Office of Education.

For more information: sccoe.org/arts/Cilker
Check out the many grants available for educators!

Health & Wellness

COVID-19 Vaccine Boosters

Who qualifies for a COVID-19 booster?

COVID-19 Vaccine boosters are available for the following Pfizer-vaccine recipients who completed their second dose at least 6 months ago and are:

- 65 years and older
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions
- Age 18+ who work in high-risk settings
- Age 18+ who live in high-risk settings

sccFreeVax.org

Getting a Booster Vaccine
Santa Clara County Weekly Vaccine Schedule

Week of October 17 - October 23, 2021
Vaccines are free, easy, and safe. You do not need health insurance and all immigration statuses are eligible. Staff are onsite to support language needs and disability access.

Drop-in/no appointment needed at all of the following vaccine sites:

**San Jose**
Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, Expo Hall
Sat, Sun, Mon 8:30am-3:45pm
Tues, Wed 1pm-8pm
Thurs, Fri 9am-6pm
2542 Monterey Hwy, Gate D
San Jose, CA 95111
Entrance for individuals with disabilities: 344 Tully Rd, San Jose, CA 95111

Valley Specialty Center
Mon-Fri 9:30am-5pm
751 S Bascom Ave, Building Q
San Jose, CA 95128

Emmanuel Baptist Church
Tues-Fri 9am-6pm
467 North White Rd, San Jose, CA 95127

Story Rd HUB
Sun 10/17 9am-4pm
Fri 10/22 3pm-7:30pm
Sat 10/23 9am-4pm
1775 Story Rd, San Jose, CA 95122

North East Medical Services
Mon, Wed, Fri 2:30pm-4pm
1870 Lundy Ave, San Jose, CA 95131

Sun Pharmacy
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm
Sat 9am-1pm
2559 South King Rd, San Jose, CA 95122

Advance SJ Pharmacy
Mon-Fri 9am-5:30pm
2331 Montpelier Dr, Ste A-10, San Jose, CA 95116

Medical Offices of Dan Hopner, MD,
Rom Romero, PA
Mon-Fri 10am-2pm
2060 Aborn Rd, Ste 100, San Jose, CA 95121

Los Alamitos Pharmacy
Mon-Fri 9:15am-5:30pm
1150 N Jackson Ave, Ste 3, San Jose, CA 95116

**San Jose (continued)**
Roosevelt Center
Sun 10/17 10am-5pm
901 E Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95116

Allen at Steinbeck
Mon 10/18 3pm-7:30pm
820 Steinbeck Drive, San Jose 95123

Bay Area Community Health
Tues 10/19 2pm-6pm
1066 South White Rd, San Jose, CA 95127

Emma Prusch Park-Multicultural Center
Tues, Wed*, Thurs* 12pm-7pm
647 S King Rd, San Jose, CA 95116
*grocery gift cards available (not available for boosters)

Tully Medical Clinic Pharmacy
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm
Sat 10/23 9am-1pm
1693 Flanagan Dr, Suite 104
San Jose, CA 95121

Robert F Kennedy
Wed 10/20 1pm-6:30pm
1602 Lucretia Avenue, San Jose CA 95122

Muwekma Ohlone Middle School
Wed 10/20 3pm-7:30pm
850 North Second Street, San Jose 95112

August Boeger Middle School
Thurs 10/21 12:30pm-6:30pm
1944 Flint Avenue, San Jose 95148

Franklin Elementary School
Fri 10/22 3pm-7pm
420 Tully Rd, San Jose, CA 95117

Grace Baptist Church
Sat 10/23 12pm-7pm
484 E San Fernando St, San Jose, CA 95112

**Gilroy**
Gavilan College
Wed 10/20 12pm-6pm
5055 Santa Teresa Blvd, Gilroy, CA 95020

**Livermore**
San Antonio Valley
Sat 10/23 12pm-4pm
47365 San Antonio Valley Rd, Livermore, CA 94550

**Morgan Hill**
DePaul Health Center
Wed, Fri 9am-6pm
Sat-Sun 9am-5pm
Mon 9am-6pm
1855 DePaul Dr, Morgan Hill, CA 95037
(Enter on DePaul Drive, near conference center/old hospital building)

**Mountain View**
Mountain View Community Center
Tues-Fri 11am-6pm
201 S Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View, CA 94040

**Santa Clara**
Montague Elementary School
Wed 10/20 1:30pm-7pm
750 Laurie Ave, Santa Clara, CA 95054

**San Martin**
San Martin Vaccination Center
Tues-Sat 8:30am-3:45pm
90 Highland Ave, San Martin, CA 95046

**Sunnyvale**
El Dorado Mobile Home Park
Sat 10/23 10am-4pm
600 E Weddell Dr, Sunnyvale, CA 94089

Booster shots are available at all listed sites to those who received Pfizer for their second dose at least 6 months ago and meet CDC and FDA eligibility criteria.

3rd doses available to immunocompromised individuals. 3rd doses are different than booster shots. Find eligibility criteria at www.sccFreeVax.org

Vaccine Sites
COVID-19 testing for education sector employees and their family members.

**Tuesdays and Fridays at Ridder Park**
- 7:00 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.
- or
- 12:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m

Education sector employees can drop in, with your patient ID, for an observed self-administered nasal swab LHI/ OptumServe test at Ridder Park.

For more information, visit [https://sccoe.to/ffb](https://sccoe.to/ffb).
No Announcements this week.

About the Santa Clara County Office of Education
Working collaboratively with school and community partners, the Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is a regional service agency that provides instructional, business, and technology services to the 31 school districts of Santa Clara County. The County Office of Education directly serves students through special education programs, alternative schools, Head Start and State Preschool programs, migrant education, and Opportunity Youth Academy. The SCCOE also provides academic and fiscal oversight and monitoring to districts in addition to the 22 Santa Clara County Board of Education authorized charter schools. For more information about the Santa Clara County Office of Education, please visit www.sccoe.org.

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