Hello everyone,

Each of us have a crucial role in our community’s overall health and safety. Public health officials are learning more about the new COVID-19 variant “omicron” and how it spreads and infects individuals. Our existing health and safety protocols are our best tools to prevent illness. Universal masking and vaccines are the two most effective public health strategies in reducing the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and communities. Current mitigation approaches remain in place in K-12 schools. The California Department of Public Health has provided a comprehensive fact sheet about the Omicron Variant.

COVID-19 vaccines are available throughout Santa Clara County for persons aged 5 and older. Visit www.sccfreevax.org to sign up for an appointment or to find a convenient walk-in location.

Flu season is also upon us. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recognizes National Influenza Vaccination Week from December 5 to 11 to highlight the importance of flu vaccination.

We are #StrongerTogether.

Be well,

Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
Community News and Resources

Coming Spring 2022: Adult Bicycle Education Classes

VTA is partnering with the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition to offer four types of courses for at least the next two years, with help from 2016 Measure Bicycle and Pedestrian Program funds. Never too late to learn something new!

Blanket and Winter Clothing Drive
Now - December 17

Learn More: https://sccoe.to/7h4
Everyone is invited to spread cheer through donating gifts! Come out and give a gift for folks in our local LGBTQ+ community. All donations to Happy Holigays go through the VMC Foundation and are tax deductible. Supporters can donate to VMC Foundation directly through a fundraiser link and note the donation is for The Q Corner Happy Holigays. Or the QCorner’s wishlist, with options to support local stores, is available.
Traffic safety is especially crucial as the days grow shorter and more people are traveling for the holidays. To help us make San José streets safer, join us for the quarterly Vision Zero Task Force meeting on Friday, December 10 at 9:00 a.m. Register at bit.ly/vztf-december-meeting.
Santa Clara County Fire is proud to share our "Be Safe! Life and Fire Safety Video" with the community. They firmly believe that the best way to approach the next emergency is by preventing it from happening in the first place. Check out their newest video over at https://youtu.be/L7s8Z5udPkJE to learn more.
Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) is a new initiative designed to prevent and end youth homelessness through a coordinated community approach centered in equity and youth voices, led by the Youth Action Board (YAB).

These listening sessions are an opportunity for youth or young adults (unaccompanied minors and young adults 18-24), with lived experiences of homelessness, to talk about what they know and think from their own lived experience, to inform solutions.

In Person & Online Sessions

Thursday
12/9
1pm
Bill Wilson Center
693 S. Second St. San Jose

Thursday
12/9
3pm
DFCS South County
7933 Wren Ave. Gilroy

Thursday
12/9
6pm
Reentry Resource Center
151 W. Mission St. San Jose

Friday
12/10
5:30pm
Sunnyvale Community Services
1160 Kern Ave. Sunnyvale

Saturday
12/11
1pm
Blanca Alvarado CRC
408 N. Capitol Ave., East San Jose

Monday
12/13
1pm
HomeFirst BRC
2011 Little Orchard, San Jose

Tuesday
12/14
1pm
Covenant House, Santa Clara
2250 E El Camino Real

Tuesday
12/14
6pm

All youth/young adult participants will receive a $30 gift card as compensation for their time and expertise.

Sessions are expected to last 90 minutes.

$30

RSVP HERE:
tinyurl.com/yhdpls

For more information contact:
YHDP@hhs.sccgov.org

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program
Step Out of the Classroom and into School Administration

Join Our Spring Cohort! Apply Today
EPPSCHOLAR.SCCOE.ORG

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District News and Resources

Engineers make bridges.
Artists make paintings.
Scientists make rockets.
But teachers make them all.

Teachers Inspiration
The Santa Clara County Office of Education announces the 2022 Young Artist Showcase Competition. This competition is open to public school students, grades Pre-kindergarten through 12th grade, in Santa Clara County. Student winners will have their artwork accepted into the permanent exhibit of student artwork located within the SCCOE office as well as showcased at the San Jose, in-person Arts at the Emancipatory Education Conference on March 13, 2022, celebrating Arts Education Month in California and on May 19, 2022, in a virtual celebration of youth expression at the Santa Clara County Office of Education on Zoom.

This year’s artwork theme of “Contact Zones: Places Where We Meet” encourages students to show experiences of places and/or events in which differences meet and interact. Contact zones can be any place where humans are! They include places such as schools or neighborhoods.

The submission deadline is February 25, 2022. Eligibility, Key Dates, and Submission requirements can be found on the Artspiration website at: https://www.sccoe.org/arts/yas
The Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) is excited to introduce a brand new online resource for kids – Weston Woods Plus.

This vast database of children’s literature classics and modern favorites bring stories to life with interactive videos and resources. Patrons can read a variety of materials for toddlers and school age children including classics and modern favorites. You can easily find your next great read with filters like grade, age, theme, and Lexile level.

Many of these resources have study guides that can help educators create lesson plans and curriculum around these books. New readers will be able to utilize the read along feature that highlights the words being spoken in the video. Closed captions are also available to help assist in learning and to develop language recognition. Finally, translations are available on some materials in both Spanish and Mandarin.

Try it out: https://sccld.org/kids-online-library/
The SCCLD invites patrons aged 12-18 to participate in our Winter Traditions Photo Contest and Gallery.

Share photographs of what winter traditions look like to you for a chance to win a prize. Perhaps it is an end of year celebration, taking a trip, making a cup of tea – let us know! We request the photo NOT include people’s faces.

The deadline is Friday, December 31, 2021. Enter your submission here: [https://sccld.org/teen-winter-traditions-contest/](https://sccld.org/teen-winter-traditions-contest/)
Earlier this year, we asked teens to vote on the Top Ten Teen Books of 2021. Thank you to everyone who voted.

The results are in!
Check out the top titles here: https://bit.ly/3oRFZNq
The SCCLD monthly Online Bookshare is on Tuesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. Let us know what you are reading and get recommendations from others. We aren't limited it to one genre, so anything goes! Register here: https://bit.ly/3xmQgW4
Inclusive and Respectful School Community
Student Design Challenge

*Attention Students*

The Santa Clara County Office of Education invites students to work in teams to complete a Student Design Challenge for creating a welcoming and safe classroom or community.


Submissions due December 10, 2021.
The Q Corner has received more new and gently used gc2b binders right in time for the holidays. These chest compression garments are available in half and full length, sizes XS thru 5X. The Team is thrilled to be able to get the binders out to folks in Santa Clara County who otherwise don’t have access to one. If you are in our local area and are in need of a binder, click the link to request one: tinyurl.com/qcbinders.
The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) Artspiration department is now accepting grant applications! The SCCOE in partnership with SVCreates is pleased to announce arts education grants through the generosity of the County of Santa Clara and the Warmenhoven Family Foundation. The ArtsEdConnect program awards grants to classrooms in Santa Clara County to support and encourage arts education in schools.

Apply now through December 17: [https://www.artsedconnect.org/educator-grants/](https://www.artsedconnect.org/educator-grants/)
Health & Wellness

You can't pour from an empty cup.

Take care of yourself first.

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs for Parents and guardians

sccFreeVax.org

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs for Parents and Guardians
Does the vaccine have any side effects?

Some people feel mild side effects after vaccination.

Common side effects are redness where the shot was given, muscle aches, and fever, and usually gone in a day or two.

Are COVID-19 vaccines linked to heart health problems?

Heart health problems are very rare.

COVID-19 disease causes more serious health problems than the vaccine. The vaccine is the best protection against COVID-19 heart health problems.

Free Tdap Shots for 6th - 12th Graders

Through December 30, 2021

Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-5 p.m.

Public Health Travel and Immunization Clinic

976 Lenzen Avenue, San José, CA 95126

Call 408-792-5200 to schedule an appointment today. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available.
Prepping for a safe holiday

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/ffx.
Announcements

News Release:

- The Santa Clara County Office of Education Wins Distinguished Golden Bell Award

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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