Hello everyone,

The holidays celebrated this month are centered on light. As we reflect on 2021 and mark our goals for 2022, I encourage you to think about moments that brought you light and how you can be a light for others in the new year. The Santa Clara County Office of Education continues to shine as a premier service organization in the realm of equitable and high quality education for youth. You have all shone brightly in our community and I am grateful to have the privilege of working with you for the success of our students.

I encourage you to prioritize your physical, emotional, and mental health during the winter months. The holiday season can be difficult to navigate emotionally and mentally for adults and children. If you are in need of mental and/or emotional health support, please know resources are available to you through the Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Services Department.

It is also important that we continue to utilize the health and safety protocols to reduce COVID-19 in our schools and communities. Universal masking, testing, vaccinations and boosters continue to keep our community safe. If you are traveling during the holiday season, I encourage you to get vaccinated/boosted so that we may all return from winter break healthy and ready to learn in 2022. Visit www.sccfreevax.org to find a vaccination site. Vaccinations are free, do not require insurance, and immigration status is not asked.

I look forward to all that we can accomplish together in the new year.
We are #StrongerTogether.

Be well,

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

Community News and Resources

Join Librarians Rachel, Lorena, and Jackie for a festive holiday-themed storytime! We’ll have a blast singing, rhyming, reading, and learning together. This program is recommended for children ages 2-5.

Watch live using Zoom https://zoom.us/j/91827216576... (Webinar ID: 918 2721 6576, passcode: storytime) or YouTube https://www.youtube.com/CityofSantaClaraLibrary.

You can find this storytime and others on the City of Santa Clara Library's YouTube page.
Families and community members are invited to Bascom’s Candy Cane Lane on Saturday, December 18. This is a free, safe and socially distanced walk-thru event with giveaway goodies, activities, resources and raffles! The event is for all ages and abilities.

Come and enjoy the life-size decorations and art. Take pictures with Santa and San Jose Fire Department fire truck. Receive stocking stuffers, goodies, community resources and raffle prizes. Say hello to the community members and volunteers. Listen to live music.

Families can meet Santa starting at 12:30 p.m.

The event will be located in the front patio and front parking area of Bascom Community Center and Library.

Candy Cane Lane will continue rain or shine. Face coverings required.
If someone you know stops breathing, do you know what to do? Learn CPR...you can save a life! #SCCFD offers AHA Heartsaver® CPR/AED blended learning course (online learning and in-person skills testing) and includes:

- Adult, Child & Infant CPR
- How to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)
- How to assist someone who is choking
- And receive a 2-year Heartsaver® CPR/AED AHA course completion card with CPR mask and gloves kit

REGISTER TODAY at sccfd.eventbrite.com
Info: bit.ly/3laS9iS

*Fee associated with this event
Light up the holidays safely! Opt to use battery-operated candles instead of flame candles. According to National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), more than one-third (35 percent) of home decoration fires are started by candles each year. This jumps to almost half during the month of December when candles start almost 45 percent of such fires. Be safe...use battery-operated candles instead!

For more holiday safety information, visit www.sccfd.org and www.nfpa.org

More rain and cooler temperatures are expected, dipping overnight below 40 degrees in some places. Now is a good time to check in on anyone you may know who is a senior or who might not have access to reliable heating.

The County's Office of Emergency Management has created a website with advice about how to avoid negative health impacts from the cold. All Santa Clara County libraries (except Campbell Express) are listed as official warming centers during operating hours: www.PrepareSCC.org/ColdWeather.
It's the most NUMBERFUL time of the year. You can COUNT on us to provide your child with a MATH-Y holiday season. Participants will practice counting shapes, animals, and holiday items from one to ten.

For Ages 3-5
Eventbrite registration is required at: https://nsnumberfuldec2021.eventbrite.com.

Registration will end on Friday, December 17 at 3 p.m. PST.
If you have questions about the program, please contact Northsidelibrary@santaclaraca.gov

The Youth Space is excited to announce their call for artists for an upcoming Artist Spotlight series! Every week we will be sharing a different artist’s work as well as their uniquely navigated journeys as creatives in the LGBTQIA+ community.

The Youth Space invites artists between the ages of 13-25 who identify as a part of the LGBTQIA+ community to reach out for this opportunity to share their work in our platform!

To participate or if you have any questions contact Youth Space staff intern, León at: Lhernandez@fcservices.org.
Blanket and Winter Clothing Drive
Now - December 17

Learn More: https://sccoe.to/7h4

We have even more Binders!
The Q Corner is able to provide new and lightly used gc2b binders to folks in Santa Clara County at no cost!
REQUEST A BINDER AT:
tinyurl.com/qcbinders
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/gcbinders.

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**Holiday Free Virtual Paint Class**

Moya Art Gallery And Studio Presents: Holiday Virtual Paint Party
Paint with me on Thursday, December 16 at 5 p.m. PST

Be ready to be creative! You will need:

- Canvas (any size)
- Paint brushes (one inch brush, medium and small)
- Cup of water
- Pastic plate
- Napkin
- Acrylic paint (red, yellow, blue, green, purple, black and white or you can use more colors if you like)

Art supplies available for purchase. Curve side pick up only. Extra fee for shipping.

Get ready everyone and let’s have a creative evening!

This class will be free for everyone!!
Tips and donations are appreciate!!
I celebrate teaching that enables transgressions - a movement against and beyond boundaries. It is that movement which makes education the practice of freedom.
- bell hooks
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Places where we meet

2022 Young Artist Showcase Competition

My Name, My Identity Student Design Challenge

Inclusive and Respectful School Community
Student Design Challenge
Over 6,000 free ebooks for kids!

GRANT OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATORS

Click the Picture for Available Grants
Arts Grants for Santa Clara County Teachers

Due by: December 17, 2021

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/
# Santa Clara County Weekly Vaccine Schedule

Week of December 12 - December 18, 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:*

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*Vaccines for 5-11 not available  **Pop-up site with limited drop-in availability*  

Booster shots are available at all sites for everyone ages 18 and older 6 months following the last Pfizer or Moderna vaccination, or 2 months following the Johnson & Johnson vaccination.

☎ 2-1-1  sccFreeVax.org

COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs for Parents and Guardians
SCCPHD has expanded their services to make sure all 6th-12th graders are up to date on their vaccinations. Tdap is required to attend school. Let’s keep our students healthy so they can focus on their education. Drop by or schedule an appointment: scctravelclinic.org

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**Announcements**

**News Release:**

- Pfizer COVID-19 Booster Dose Approved for 16- and 17-Year-Olds

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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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