Welcome to the new school year! There’s a lot that’s new at South this year as we continue working to better not only our teaching and learning, but student safety and the campus itself. First off, welcome to our new Assistant Principal Jackie Ryan! Jackie is a proud product of Torrance schools both as a student, a teacher, and an instructional coach. We couldn’t be more excited by her addition and know that she will become an exceptional part of our administrative team!

We are off to a great start with a very successful 9th grade Parent Night and Back to School Night this past Wednesday. Many of you saw our new Performing Arts Center for the first time and I heard comment after comment about what a beautiful addition this building is to our campus. I hope you will all join us for its official dedication on Monday October 14th at 4:30!

Research shows that school facilities impact student achievement and sense of belonging. As you walk around South you will notice several projects that are adding to our amazing campus. PTA has generously donated close to $20,000 over the last two years to jumpstart our library refurbishment to make it a more welcoming and usable space for our students. We will be working with TEF and the Skechers Pier to Pier Friendship Walk to raise funds to complete this really important project, so stay tuned. But that’s not all! Thanks to your generous bond measures, T and U, Y and Z, we are almost done with our new softball field, have completely updated our Pavilion and installed new lights in the gymnasium! We look amazing!

The implementation of the new Raptor check-in system has gone very well. Thank you for supporting us as we make changes to keep our students safe. And along those same lines, the long line of outside food companies like Grub Hub dropping off at lunch has stopped. We appreciate your help and support in keeping our students healthy, and the number of outside visitors to a reasonable number.

And finally, we are working extra-hard this year to make our website as informative and easy-to-navigate as possible. You will now easily find links for ASB purchases, the SHS calendar and athletics on our website. We will also be featuring a “Photo of the Week” throughout the school year taken by students and posted on the website! Let the year begin!!

**Road Map to College**

Sat. Sept. 28, 8:00 - 11:00 am

Room R4

Testing, financial aid, common app, choosing the right college and more!

RSVP to [https://forms.gle/tDqF2vtbrRQ1n9wz7](https://forms.gle/tDqF2vtbrRQ1n9wz7)

**Parent Education Night**

Wed. Nov. 13, 6:45 pm

Vaping & Marijuana Use by Teens

Parents and students are invited to this informative presentation by the South Bay’s Thelma McMillen Center for Alcohol & Drug Treatment.

Free Admission
National Merit Scholarship Program
Commended Students

The following students have been recognized as Commended Students based on their 2018 PSAT scores, which “demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success.” They placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2020 competition by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Qualifying Test.

NOLAN ANDERSON  EVAN M. LIM
ANNE CHEN      RYAN Y. LIOU
LAUREN CHOI     AIDEN J. LUDKA
SAMUEL S. CHOI  CALEY H. MA
YUSEI FUKUKURA  SHUKA J. MORINAGA
HALLE D. HOLZBAUER  NICHOLAS M. PIROTTO
KATHRYNE A. KEENAN  GARRETT D. SCHUEHLER
JUSTIN KIM      YUKO E. WILSON
ANDREW T. KWON  ASHLEY H. YUAN
JACOB H. LEE

Official Rules and Entry Forms can be found online at https://capta.org/resource/participant-forms/

Due date for entries is October 11th.

AP NEWS

All Advanced Placement students should be registered for AP Tests on Total Registration and College Board. Payments are due by Nov. 1. Any unpaid exams will be cancelled on Nov. 2.

PARENTS WANTED!
JOIN SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

This committee is made up of members of the community, faculty, and student body. Meets quarterly to set goals and determine direction for our school. If you are interested in serving, please contact the office as soon as possible at: cordova.teresa@tusd.org

SOUTH HIGH AGENDAS

$10 EACH we still have a few left!
Dear South High Community,

It is with great sadness that I share the tragic news, Susan Saddler, our French teacher passed away suddenly on Saturday, September 7, from an ongoing health condition. Ms. Saddler was an extraordinary teacher who loved coming to school everyday and working with her students. She will truly be missed. We are a Spartan Family, and together we will mourn the loss of one of our own, but take comfort in our memories of her.

New Performing Arts Center

Dedication

Monday October 14
4:30 pm