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Scott Tatum, Principal Cassie McLemore, Assistant Principal

Hi Spartan Families! I am very excited to be writing our first newsletter of the year. We are off to a Great start. The Sierra staff has been so impressed

with the commitment the students have had with distance learning. Thank you for the help and support as we have all learned how to navigate this new learning model.

I use the word "Great" very strategically. Our staff does not want to be a good school, our expectation is to be a Great school. This means we want to excel in academics, student/staff relationships, to have engaging lessons and opportunities for students each day, and to have a safe school environment.

Our goal is to have great communication with both our students and families. As a parent, please stay connected with what is happening at Sierra and with your child.

Get on Aeries today and check your student's grades!

Every student and parent needs to be connected with:

Aeries

Please make sure you have an Aeries account for your child. This account allows you access to see your child's grades and attendance. If you have not done this, open your internet browser and type in: https://lincoln.asp.aeries.net

All families received this information in the back to school packet. In the packet, was information specific to your child to create the account. Then follow the directions.

Google Classroom

Google classroom and google calendar will allow you access to see all class assignments and due dates. All parents have received an email requesting them to join their student's classroom. The original email is labeled google and can look like junk mail. Please accept this invitation.

• Instagram - smsspartans

Our instagram page is a quick and easy way to find out the latest information at Sierra and to see examples of students in action at our school.

- The school Must have a correct phone number and email for parents.
- Please see the handbook for teacher's email information.

Our district is lucky to have the option of using both Zoom and Google Classroom to use in distance learning. Students will only be allowed to enter on-line learning with either system by entering their correct legal name. Please make sure the first day of school packet has been completed, signed and returned to the office. There is a drop box in front of the school daily from 7:15pm to 4:00pm.

We are going to have a Great year! Families, thank you for all of the support as we begin the 2020 - 2021 school year.

With Spartan Pride,

Scott Tatum, Principal



Dates To Remember SEPTEMBER

7 Labor Day, No School
9 LUSD Board Meeting, VO, 7:30pm, Summer Graduates
14-25 Parent Conferences, Release @ 1:30pm
16 LCPTA, DR, 6pm (tentative)
23 LUSD Board Meeting, CH, 7:30pm (livestreamed)

OCTOBER

2 Quarter 1 ends 5-9 Fall Break, No School 14 LUSD Board Meeting, SMS, 7:30pm, CST/SBAC Scholars

CJSF News

Eighth grade students are invited to join CJSF. Applications are on the google classroom code: fyyfwam. Applications are due September 11th.

Requirements for this year:

- At least two A's and two B's in academic classes
- No D's or F's in any class
- Students who did not participate during 7th grade year must make up the 6 hours of community service; therefore, the student is required to complete 9 hours per semester.
- Participate in the cookie dough fundraiser
- Attend all meetings (usually every other Tuesday @ 2:45)

First meeting will be on Tuesday, September 15th after school.

Sierra Middle School PTSA Welcomes YOU!

It is time for another exciting school year to start and an important part of Sierra Middle School is our PTSA. Sierra Middle School PTSA supports critical academic needs, is an active voice on decisions that impact your child's health, safety and quality of education, and builds a stronger, more inclusive school community. We invite you to join because increasing our membership, even by one, makes it possible to: Support learning & Encourage community building.

There is no wrong or right way to be involved. And becoming a PTSA member does not mean you are signing up to volunteer. You are signing up to have a voice in our PTSA FAMILY!

We are encouraging contactless membership sign-up this year. We invite you to join because we can do more together than apart. It only takes 5 minutes!

https://jointotem.com/ca/stockton/sierra-middle-school-ptsa/join

Our 2020-2021 Goal

We understand things will look different for everyone this school year. And while we will not be holding as many fundraisers or events (if any) we will still be doing all we can to support Sierra Middle School in as many ways as we can.

Please ioin us!

Thank you for your cooperation and support! Stay Safe!

April Bacoba

President, Sierra Middle School PTSA

P.S. Stay tuned to our Facebook & Instagram pages for general school information as well as upcoming Zoom Association meetings!



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