



HILLTOP HIGH SCHOOL
"A California Distinguished School"
SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
"The Focus At Hilltop Is Academics"

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Dear Parents:

On behalf of the Hilltop High School faculty and staff, I wish you and your family a safe, healthy and productive new year. In order to provide a smooth transition to the second semester, I want to provide you with an update of events and activities that will occur over the next several weeks.

- **Jan. 18** - Deadline for students to clear attendance/tardy issues for Jan. 27 semester report card.
- **Jan. 19** – Senior Financial Aid Night: **6:30 PM – Library and Cafeteria** (The FAFSA filing period is Jan. 1- March 2, 2006.)
- **Jan. 25** – Deadline for students to meet with counselors to make second semester schedule changes.
- **Jan. 24, 25, 26** – (Minimum Days/ 7:30AM – 12:05PM) – Lunch available 12:10 – 12:25 PM
Final Exams
 - ✓ **Jan. 24** – *periods 3 and 6; 0 or 7* (Period 0 or 7 final ends at 2:30 PM.)
 - ✓ **Jan. 25** – *periods 4 and 5*
 - ✓ **Jan. 26** – *periods 1 and 2*
- **Jan. 27** – Final day of semester; students attending school on Jan. 27 will receive hand-carried report cards. All students will receive computer-generated cards in the mail by Feb. 8, 2006.
- **Jan. 28** – ELM (Entry Level Math) testing @ SDSU for Compact for Success Seniors **Contact the Counseling Center for details (691-5650).**
- **Jan. 30** – (**Regular Schedule Day**: 7:30 AM – 2:36 PM; period 0 does **not** meet) - First day of second semester

Also, please note these important March dates:

- **March 21-22** – Minimum Days for California High School Exit Exam Testing for ALL members of the class of 2008. Please make sure that all sophomores attend school on these days because there is no make up for this testing. Additional testing opportunities for students who do not pass or do not take the exam will be available in 2007 and 2008.
- **March 27 – 31** – Pro Hour days for Senior Portfolio presentations (**Note that March 27 is an additional Pro Hour day replacing the June 1 Pro Hour date.**)

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In addition to these important dates, I want to remind parents that we continue with our effort to reduce student tardies to all classes. Period 1 *Lockouts* occur daily, and random *Lockouts* to other classes occur throughout the school day. Students who are locked out have at least three 20-minute detention opportunities to make up the tardy. Failure to attend one detention for each *Lockout* automatically converts to Saturday School assignment. Students who are tardy to period 1 on Pro Hour days are assigned Saturday School.

Attendance Office personnel remind parents to make sure that we have current emergency card information including accurate phone numbers and release information. Remember, we **cannot** release students to anyone who is not listed on the emergency card. Also, *Off Campus Permits* will only be issued through receipt of notes or faxes with valid parent signatures. Parents may come to the office to check out students but are reminded that ***your advance, written notice to us allows us to serve you better. Off campus requests made within the last hour of the school day are difficult to complete on short notice due to limited student aide and staff availability at that time.*** Students who are ill and contact parents via cell phone for permission to leave campus must still check out through the nurse and attendance office. As described above, school officials must confirm that a parent is giving permission for a student to leave campus for any reason.

Parents of all Sweetwater Union High School District students are being notified in a separate mailing about the district contract with Contraband Interdiction and Detection Services (K.I.D.S., Inc.). In an effort to deter students from possessing illegal substances at school, K.I.D.S., Inc. provides dogs trained to detect odors of illicit drugs and alcoholic beverages or the residual odors of drugs and alcohol. For the remainder of the school year, K.I.D.S. personnel will supervise the friendly, non-aggressive, passive-trained canines in conducting unannounced visits to our campus.

Finally, construction on our new 18-classroom building continues on schedule. We anxiously anticipate completion of this addition by August 2006 so that refurbishing of existing facilities can begin. I hope that during your visits to Hilltop High School, you note the progress on this project.

We invite you to visit hilltoplancers.org for current information about our school and activities. The daily bulletin, up-to-date sports information and access to faculty email are available on our website.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve your students. We are committed to providing standards-driven, challenging educational opportunities for all Lancers on a safe and secure campus.

Sincerely,

Jerry R. Rindone
Principal

Enclosure: Revised School Calendar

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