

Dear Seraph Families:

In this time of COVID-19 Saint Bonaventure High School is committed to bringing students safely back to campus for in-person instruction as we plan to transition from remote learning to a flexible-hybrid platform. Students will be given the opportunity to continue to learn remotely if they choose until the County of Ventura and the Archdiocese authorize a complete return without any restrictions.

Our faculty and staff have been working on campus since August, meeting, collaborating, and conducting remote learning sessions with our students. Faculty will transition to plan for hybrid learning to meet the needs of our students and to uphold our educational standards. SBHS is taking this shift in learning seriously and will keep consistency in learning, grading and assessing to help students achieve academic excellence.

For your interest, our recent Parent Survey reflected the following regarding returning to school using hybrid learning: 70% of parents would like to see a “blended learning” model, combining in-person instruction with remote learning (Hybrid Learning). An additional 30% of parents expressed that, regardless of which model of learning was followed, safety was the highest priority and would balance the need for in-person instruction with the need to protect the health and safety of students, staff, and faculty, while following the latest guidelines from the State of California, the County of Ventura, and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Exploring all options and planning the timeframe to present a solid and healthy plan for return, Saint Bonaventure High School is offering the following for students who wish to return to campus. Student Orientation will consist of a “walk through” of the entry into campus, health check, direction of campus movement and an end of the day protocol. The Student body will be divided into cohorts (Green & Gold) by zip codes. Students will be notified which cohort they are in as this will pertain to their orientation day. We will also provide a list of things students should have with them while on campus.

**Student Orientation: Nov 12- 9th & 12th Grade Green Cohort**

**Nov 13- 9th & 12th Grade Gold Cohort**

**\*\*Time for Orientation TBD**

**Nov. 16- Flex Day**

**Nov 17th- First day of in class instruction**

**To accommodate for this transition, faculty will utilize asynchronous learning the week of Nov. 10-13, and we will observe Nov 11th, Veteran’s Day, holiday, no school.**

**The following are in-service dates for faculty as we make this transition to hybrid learning. This time is needed for the finalization of our return to school plans, keeping everyone on campus safe and to prevent the transmission of COVID 19.**

**Faculty Dates:                    Hybrid Learning In-Service Oct 26, Nov 2, Nov 9.**

**Faculty Orientation: Nov 10**

**Students will be divided into 2 groups to allow for smaller classes, social distancing and to practice proper COVID-19 protocols. Grouping information will be emailed home. If you have not completed our Parent Survey, please email Mrs. Folger- [dfolger@sbhsvta.org](mailto:dfolger@sbhsvta.org). SBHS will need to know if your student will be returning on November 17th.**

Please take some time to read through the attachments in the email. These documents will answer many questions you may have with the reopening protocol. Keep in mind there will be additional direction given as information becomes available from the county. Thank you for your patience and support as we continue to work through these preparation days for planning a safe and healthy return to school.

God bless you and your family and stay well,

Mrs. Christina Castro, Principal

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