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Message From The Principal

Greetings Chief Family,

Our students are doing well and focusing on their academic performance. This is a very important time of the school year. We are preparing for this year's upcoming state assessments: FSA, EOC AP/ AICE, and school-day SAT for our 11th graders and seniors who have not passed their reading requirement for graduation. The SAT will be administered to all 11th grade students and seniors



in need of their reading requirement for graduation on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 7:30 a.m. In preparation for the upcoming assessments, there are many extended learning opportunities for students to take advantage of. After school tutorials are underway in preparation for all assessments. In addition, Paper Tutoring is also an option for students. It is very important to encourage your student to attend and take advantage tutoring services provided by our teachers and School District.

Thank you to all of our parents who attended our Course Selection and Acceleration parent seminar. This training provided parents an overview of the acceleration programs offered as well as our course selection process. If you have any questions, please contact our school counseling office.

Here are a few important reminders to adhere to: Students are expected to arrive on time to school and attend each class every day. In addition, students are asked to follow all school-wide expectations as it relates to cell phones, dress code and tardiness. Also, parents if you drop your student off to school each day please use parent drop off on Hypoluxo Rd. Students drop off is strictly prohibited on Chief Way and Lawrence Rd. This is a safety issue if students are not dropped off and picked up at the designated location. Your cooperation with this request is appreciated. Remember to come out in support all of our spring sports and events happening around campus.

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Our Commencement ceremony for the Class of 2023 will be held on Monday, May 15th at 8:00 a.m. at the South Florida Fairgrounds. A parent meeting will be held for senior parents after spring break. More information will be shared at a later date.

For planning purposes, spring break is scheduled Friday, March 17th – March 24, 2023. Students return to school on Monday, March 27th.

Finally, Progress Reports were distributed on Friday, February 10th.

Please continue to monitor your students' academic progress and do not hesitate to contact us should the need arise.

Sincerely,

Principal Robinson



Santaluces Boys Baseball!

Come enjoy a night out at the ballpark and cheer on our Santaluces Chiefs! Below you will find the schedules for both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams.

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Pre-Season C	lassic			
Tuesday	Feb. 14	Olympic Heights	Santaluces	6:30
Thursday	Feb. 16	John I. Leonard	Santaluces	6:30
Santaluces Sl	am			
Tuesday	Feb. 21	Jupiter	Home	6:30
Wednesday	Feb. 22	Wellington	Home	6:30
Friday	Feb. 24	TBD	Home	6:30
Tuesday	Feb. 28	American Heritage	Home	6:30
Thursday	March 2	Olympic Heights	Away	6:30
Friday	March 3	Park Vista	Away	6:30
Monday	March 6	West Boca	Home	6:30
Wednesday	March 8	John I. Leonard	Away	6:30
Friday	March 10	Boca Raton	Away	6:30
Tuesday	March 14	Spanish River	Away	6:30
Friday	March 17	Forest Hill	Away	6:30
Spring Break	- 3 games - 1	Thursday, 3/23 - Sunday	, 3/26 OFF	
Monday	March 20	Lake Worth	Away	6:30
Tuesday	March 21	University School	Away	7:00
Wednesday	March 22	Coral Glades	Home	6:30
Friday	March 31	Atlantic	Away	6:30
Wednesday	April 5	Forest Hill	Home	6:30
Thursday	April 6	Seminole Ridge	Home	6:30
Saturday	April 8	Park Vista	Home	6:30
Tuesday	April 11	Atlantic	Home	6:30
Wednesday	April 12	PB Central	Away	4:30
Friday	April 14	Wellington	Away	6:00
Tuesday	April 18	Boca Raton	Home	6:30
Thursday	April 20	Lake Worth	Home	6:30
Tuesday	April 25	John I. Leonard	Home	6:30

2023 Santaluces J.V. Baseball						
Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time		
Thursday	Feb. 23	Park Vista	Away	6:30		
Saturday	Feb. 25	Forest Hill	Away	10:00		
Monday	Feb. 27	John I. Leonard	Home	6:30		
Tuesday	Feb. 28	American Heritage	Home	6:30 (Field 3)		
Wednesday	March 1	Boca Raton	Home	6:30		
Monday	March 6	Spanish River	Away	6:30		
Tuesday	March 7	West Boca	Away	6:30		
Saturday	March 11	PB Central	Away	11:00		
Monday	March 13	American Heritage	Away	6:00		
Wednesday	March 15	Boca Raton	Away	6:30		
Spring Break M	arch 20-24					
Monday	March 27	John I. Leonard	Away	6:30		
Wednesday	March 29	West Boca	Home	6:30		
Saturday	April 1	Spanish River	Home	11:00		
Tuesday	April 4	Coral Glades	Home	6:30		
Wednesday	April 5	Forest Hill	Home	6:30 (Field 3)		
Saturday	April 8	Olympic Heights	Away	11:00		
Monday	April 10	PB Central	Home	6:30		
Tuesday	April 11	Trinity Christian	Home	6:30 (Field 3)		
4/15 - 4/20	JV Tournam	ent @ Santaluce	s	TBA		

District Tournament @ TBD - May 1-5, 2023

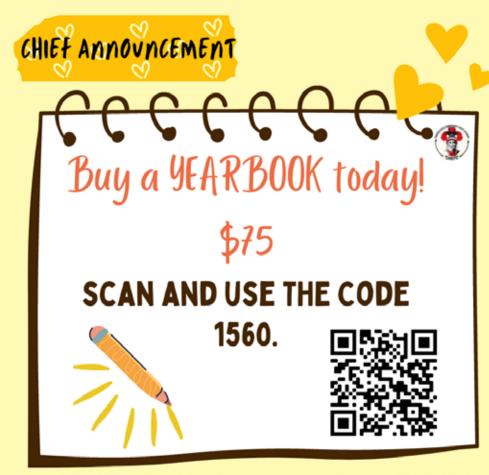
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Santaluces Celebrates 40 Years!

Did you know Santaluces Community High School is celebrating its 40th Anniversary! We are so proud of our school and school community. In honor of our 40th Anniversary we have been fundraising for a digital marquee. A digital marquee will help us spread the word to our community about all the amazing events happening at our school. Please consider donating to this great cause!



March 1- School Day SAT Test!

All juniors and seniors in need of a concordant score will be taking the SAT on Wednesday, March 1 at 7:30 am. Please note there will be an altered schedule for students that are not testing. This is a great opportunity for students! More information to follow.



All students currently taking Algebra 1 will be given the opportunity to participate in an Algebra 1 boot camp on Wednesday, March 1. This will be a fun opportunity for our students to get some extra Algebra practice and be prepared for their upcoming EOC test!



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Seven Best Test-Taking Tips for Successharvard.edu/blog/14-tips-for-test-taking-success/

You have gotten a good night's sleep, eaten a healthy breakfast, arrived early, and done your positive test-day ritual. You are ready to start the test!

Different types of tests require different test taking strategies. You may not want to approach a math test the same way you would an essay test, for example. And some computerized tests such as SATs require you to work through the test in a specific way.

However, there are some general test taking strategies that will improve your chances of getting the grade you want on most, if not all, tests.

1. Listen to the Instructions

Once the test is front of you, it's tempting to block everything out so you can get started right away.

Doing so, however, could cause you to miss out on critical information about the test itself.

The teacher or proctor may offer details about the structure of the test, time limitations, grading techniques, or other items that could impact your approach. They may also point out steps that you are likely to miss or other tips to help improve your chances of success.

So be sure to pay close attention to their instructions before you get started.

2. Read the Entire Test

If possible, look over the entire test quickly before you get started. Doing so will help you understand the structure of the test and identify areas that may need more or less time.

Once you read over the test, you can plan out how you want to approach each section of the test to ensure that you can complete the entire test within the allotted time.

Do a "Brain Dump"

For certain types of tests, remembering facts, data, or formulas is key. For these tests, it can be helpful to take a few minutes to write down all the information you need on a scrap paper before you get started.

Putting that important information on paper can relieve stress and help you focus on the test questions without worrying about your ability to recall the facts. And now you have a kind of "cheat sheet" to refer to throughout the test!

4. Answer the Questions You Know First

When possible, do a first pass through the test to answer the "easy" questions or the ones you know right away. When you come to a question that you can't answer (relatively) quickly, skip it on this first pass.

Don't rush through this first pass, but do be mindful of time-you'll

want to leave yourself enough time to go back and answer the questions you skipped.

*It's important to remember that this technique is not possible on some tests. Standardized computer-based tests often do not allow you to skip questions and return to them later. On these types of tests, you will need to work through each problem in order instead of skipping around.

5. Answer the Questions You Skipped

Once you've done a first pass, you now have to go back and answer the questions you skipped.

In the best case scenario, you might find some of these questions aren't as challenging as you thought at first. Your mind is warmed up and you are fully engaged and focused at this point in the test. And answering the questions you know easily may have reminded you of the details you need for these questions.

Of course you may still struggle with some of the questions, and that's okay. Hopefully doing a first pass somewhat quickly allows you to take your time with the more challenging questions.

6. **Be Sure the Test is Complete**

Once you think you've answered all the questions, double check to make sure you didn't miss any. Check for additional questions on the back of the paper, for instance, or other places that you might have missed or not noticed during your initial read-through.

A common question is whether you should skip questions that you can't answer. It's not possible to answer that question in a general sense: it depends on the specific test and the teacher's rules. It may also depend on the value of each individual question, and whether your teacher gives partial credit.

But, if you're not penalized for a wrong answer or you are penalized for leaving an answer blank, it is probably better to put something down than nothing.

7. Check Your Work

Finally, if you have time left, go back through the test and check your answers.

Read over short answer and essay questions to check for typos, points you may have missed, or better ways to phrase your answers. If there were multiple components to the question, make sure you answered all of them. Double check your answers on math questions in case you made a small error that impacts the final answer. You don't want to overthink answers, but a doublecheck can help you find—and correct—obvious mistakes.



Fiesta de Pueblo, Greenacres FL

Latinos in Action!

Latinos in Action at Santaluces High School (SHS) provides the opportunity for students to meet others with distinct ethnic backgrounds. We collaborate cohesively to support and strengthen our community. In the last few months of 2022, Santaluces LIA executed a toy drive to donate to Speak up for Kids. This is an organization that helps kids who have been abused, abandoned, and neglected. We also organized a food drive that amassed more than 1000 pounds of canned foods for Thanksgiving. There are three committees that cement the foundation of this class: social, professionalism, and service. The social committee conducts events to promote social interaction. For instance, recently, Santaluces LIA participated in the 'Fiesta de Pueblo' held in Palm Beach County. The professional committee promotes college and career readiness; meanwhile, the service committee serves to promote lifelong volunteerism. For the rest of the 22-23 school year, Santaluces LIA plans to learn how to build professionalism, establish leadership and learn about college and career readiness through school tours and guest speakers.



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Prom 2023

Already thinking about prom? We will be hosting a Sweetheart Special on February 14 and February 15! 2 prom tickets for \$140.00 (or \$75.00 dollars each). Tickets will be available for purchase at lunch only. Take advantage of this great offer!











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