



THE TROUBADOUR EXPRESS

*SCHOOLS OF ACADEMICS, VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS,
& TECHNICAL ARTS*

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CHOICE MONTH



SSHS continues to have a steady stream of interested new students, but things are really warming up for “Choice Month.” During the month of February, Santa Susana High School hosts performances, Open House, and Campus tours for eighth graders considering Santa Susana. Interested students should try to connect to one of our Schools (Academics, Visual & Performing Arts, and Technical Arts) in preparation for their application.

The Road Show - As part of Choice Month, Santa Susana High School performs “Road Show” at Sinaloa, Hillside, and Valley View Middle Schools beginning January 31st. The Road Show consists of brilliant performances by students in dance, choir, instrumental music, and theater. Videos presenting other school programs also highlight the show. There is no doubt that the Road Show inspires middle schoolers to enroll in our special programs.

Open House - In addition to the Road Show, many incoming freshmen and their parents attend Open House, which will be February 1st. This is also the first day that parents can pick up and return applications to enroll their students at SSHS. The theme of this year’s Open House highlights the school of Academics, while our overall program focuses on displaying student works. Incoming parents link with PTSA parents at an opening meeting and get to meet the principal for the first time. They will witness the Law Academy’s *Mock Trial* and get to check out Alumni testimonials in the Library. We do ask that everyone please be patient with us this year, due to continued construction involved with the recent bond work.

Choice Tours - We welcome incoming freshmen and their parents to see Santa Su in action during Choice Tours which begin the week of February 6th. Student-guided tours will introduce incoming freshmen to our school community, facilities, classrooms, and school-wide culture. They will visit classes in session and receive an introduction from Principal Peplinski. Families wishing to participate in the action should call the school (805-520-6800) or come to the Main Office to sign up.

Santa Susana High School is an excellent school for an academic, artistic, and technological education. Therefore, eighth graders considering Santa Susana High School programs (Dance, Instrumental Music, Musical Theater, Theater, Vocal Music, Animation, Digital Graphics & Publication, Television & the Art of Film, Stagecraft Technology, Visual Arts, Accelerated Academics, Law & Society, Web Design, Computer Programming and Business) should submit their applications and attend SSHS events.

KUDOS FROM THE SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL ARTS

Congratulations to the yearbook staff of 2010-11, specifically returning students from last year's class: Editor-in-Chief *Ashley Sabatino*, staff members *Zahraa Tirmizi*, *Karen Hong*, *Isabelle Mackay*, and this year's Coeditors-in-Chief *Jonathan Bowen* and *Cassidy Cooper*. The results are in from all the competitions we entered and we were recognized for a number of awards again for this year.

American Scholastic Press Association National Yearbook Competition

(New York) – Santa Susana High School's Yearbook placed 1st out of 75 entries from around the nation for schools with an enrollment of 1001 – 1700 students. We also won the Special Category Award of ***MOST OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOK FOR 2011***, and ***1st place with Special Merit***.



California State Fair – 2nd Place.

Ventura County Fair – Best Yearbook in Ventura County and a 1st place ribbon.

Thank you to the Santa Susana administration and staff for your continued support of our annual program. You aid in this success through your work with our students and for allowing us access to your students, rooms, and offices so that we can comprehensively represent our school in a positive way!

WINTER FORMAL

This past Friday, students relaxed on semester break and then attended the annual Winter Formal, held at the Odyssey in Granada Hills. Attendees were greeted by photos of Audrey Hepburn, Elvis, and Marilyn Monroe as students walked the red carpet to the Old Hollywood themed dance. Elegant young ladies were adorned with bright red lipstick and large pin curls, and gentlemen were in pin-striped suits. A delicious dinner of chicken marsala, fettuccini alfredo, grilled vegetables, Caesar salad, and desserts such as tiramisu cake. Parents would have been proud to see the beautifully dressed quirky teens jumping up and down to a wide variety of music after drinking Cokes, Sprites, and Shirley Temples from the Open Soda Bar. Finally, this year's King and Queen went to Jacob Young and Natasha Sill. Congratulations!

SIMI VALLEY YOUTH SUMMIT

Do you want to learn how to make your dreams come true and at the same time make a difference in the world? Do you have the courage to share your opinions on issues you care about? Then come to the Simi Valley Youth Council's Annual Youth Summit! The Summit will be held on Tuesday, February 28th from 8:00 AM – 2:45 PM. It is considered an approved absence with your teachers' prior approval. The day will be filled with activities and fun presenters and you'll have the opportunity to speak with community leaders about the issues YOU care about! The application due date is Friday, February 3rd, so hurry to the Santa Susana High School Main Office and pick up your application today!

PARENT, TEACHER, STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Correction: Thomas Kohlmeier won a Kindle participating in the **PTSA Membership Drive**. Congratulations Thomas!

FROM THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY - The Angel Dolphin Scholarship is designed for students who have lost one or both parents. I had the pleasure of meeting the founder of the Angel Dolphin Scholarship, Brandon McLean, this past summer. Since then I have been working with him to spread the word about this wonderful opportunity because I relate to this scholarship on a personal level. My mother died a tragic death when I was 15 and I had to pay for college completely on my own. I know that if this opportunity had been around when I was still in college, it would have really helped my financial struggle. This is the first year that the Angel Dolphin Scholarship is giving out an award so if you know any students who this could help please encourage them to apply, and spread the word about this opportunity. Contact Wendie Charles via www.angeldolphinscholarship.org.

CAHSEE QUESTION:

Do Special Education students for the class of 2013 and after now have to pass CAHSEE? What about seniors in the class of 2012?

ANSWER: The rule of exemption expires this July. Seniors in the class of 2012, who are special education students who have met state criteria, **are not required** to pass the CAHSEE in order to receive a high school diploma. As of today's date, **all** seniors beginning with the Class of 2013 **do** have to take and pass the CAHSEE.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Santa Susana High School congratulates *Ethan Lux*, one of Dr. Kathryn Kuby's Instrumental Music students, for Ethan's acceptance and participation in the California State University at Los Angeles (CSULA) First Chair Honor Band. Students from Southern California are nominated by their directors for the group. Their performance includes several rehearsals and a concert on February 5th at CSULA.



Inaugural "Heart for Music" Benefit Concert

The Santa Susana High School Instrumental Music Department will host the first annual **Heart for Music Benefit Concert** in the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, February 11th. The program will include **some of the most celebrated musical groups in the Southern California area**, including the CSUN Jazz Band and the Gold Coast Wind Ensemble.

The **CSUN Jazz Band** is considered one of the best college jazz bands in the country. They have performed at, among other venues, the Monterey and Reno Jazz Festivals, winning multiple awards at each of those nationally-known jazz fests. This is a "must-attend" for even the most casual of jazz lovers!

Appearing the same night will be the **Gold Coast Wind Ensemble**, the premier wind orchestra in the greater Ventura County area. Performing quarterly at the Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza's Janet and Ray Scherr Forum Theatre, it will be a rare treat to see them in the relatively intimate confines of the SSSH Performing Arts Center.

The evening's program will also include the **USC Brass Quintet**, **CalArts Chamber Music**, and a **violin/piano duet by Mr. Gary Reinstein and Mr. Jason Peplinski**, math teacher and principal at Santa Susana. There is something for everyone to love and enjoy!

The Heart for Music Benefit Concert will be held Saturday February 11th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased online and prices are \$15 for the general public, \$10 for seniors and school boosters, and \$5 for any student, any school, with an I.D. **To make it a complete evening, the nearby Lamppost Pizza Restaurant, at 3921 Cochran Street, will donate 15% of all receipts from 4 - 7 p.m. and after the concert, from 9 p.m. until closing; make sure to tell the restaurant that you are with the Santa Susana program.**

FOR PARENTS WITH TEENS

The Homework Battle: How To Get Children to Do Homework: Parents often feel it's their *job* to get their kids to do well in school. Naturally, you might get anxious about this responsibility as a parent. You might also get nervous about your kids succeeding in life—and homework often becomes the focus of that concern. But when parents feel it's their responsibility to get their kids to achieve, they now *need* something from their children—they need them to do their homework and be a success. I believe this need puts you in a powerless position as a parent because your child doesn't have to give you what you want. The battle about homework actually becomes a battle over control. Your child starts fighting to have more control over the choices in his life, while you feel that your job as a parent is to be in control of things. So you both fight harder, and it turns into a war in your home.



The truth is, you *can't* make him care. Instead, focus on what helps his behavior improve. Don't focus on the attitude as much as what he's actually doing.

Over the years, I've talked to many parents who are in the trenches with their kids, and I've seen firsthand that there are many creative ways kids rebel when it comes to school work. Your child might forget to do his homework, do his homework but not hand it in, do it sloppily or carelessly, or not study properly for his test. These are just a few ways that kids try to hold onto the little control they have. When this starts happening, parents feel more and more out of control, so they punish, nag, threaten, argue, throw up their hands or over-function for their kids by doing the work for them. Now the battle is in full swing: reactivity is heightened as anxiety is elevated—and homework gets lost in the shuffle. The hard truth is that you cannot *make* your children do anything, let alone homework. Instead, the idea is to set limits, respect their individual choices and help motivate them to motivate themselves.

You might be thinking to yourself, “You don't know my child. I can't motivate him to do anything.” But you can start to do it by calming down, slowing down, and simply observing. Observe the typical family dance steps and see if you and your mate contribute to your child's refusal, struggle and apathy. If you carry more of the worry, fear, disappointments, and concern than your child does about his work, ask yourself “What's wrong with this picture and how did this happen?” (Remember, as long as you carry their concerns, they don't have to.)

Guide Your Child—Don't Try to Control Him. Many parents tell me that their children are not motivated to do their work. I believe that children are motivated—they just may not be motivated the way you'd like them to be. Here are some concrete tips to help you guide them in their work without having to nag, threaten or fight with them.

Ask yourself what worked in the past: Think about a time when your child has gotten homework done well and with no hassles. What was different? What made it work that time? Ask your child about it and believe what he says. See what works and motivates *him* instead of what motivates *you*.

Stop the nightly fights. The way you can stop fighting with your kids over homework every night is to stop fighting with them tonight. Disengage from the dance. Choose some different steps or decide not to dance at all. Let homework stay where it belongs—between the teacher and the student. Refuse to get pulled in by the school in the future. Stay focused on your job, which is to help your child do his job.

Take a break: If you feel yourself getting reactive or frustrated, take a break from helping your child with homework. Your blood pressure on the rise is a no-win for everyone. Take five or ten minutes to calm down, and let your child do the same if you feel a storm brewing.

Set the necessary structures in place: Set limits around homework time. Here are a few possibilities that I've found to be effective with families:

- Homework is done at the same time each night.
- Homework is done in a public area of your house.
- If grades are failing or falling, take away screen time so your child can focus and have more time to concentrate on his work.
- Make it the rule that weekend activities don't happen until work is completed. Homework comes first. As James Lehman says, "The weekend doesn't begin until homework is done."

Get out of your child's "box" and stay in your own. When you start over-focusing on your child's work, pause and think about your own goals. What are your life goals and what "homework" do you need to get done in order to achieve those goals? Model your own persistence and perseverance to your child.

Let Your Child Make His Own Choices—and Deal with the Consequences

I recommend that within the parameters you set around schoolwork, your child is free to make his own choices. You need to back off a bit as a parent, otherwise you won't be helping him with his responsibilities. If you take too much control over the situation, it will backfire on you by turning into a power struggle. And believe me, you don't want a power struggle over homework. I've seen many kids purposely do poorly just to show their parents "who's in charge." I've also seen children who complied to ease their parents' anxiety, but these same kids never learned to think and make choices for themselves.

I'm a big believer in natural consequences when it comes to schoolwork. Within the structure you set up, your child has some choices. He can choose to do his homework or not, and do it well and with effort or not. The logical consequences will come from the choices he makes—if he doesn't choose to get work done, his grades will drop.

When that happens, you can ask him questions that aren't loaded, like,

"Are you satisfied with how things are going?"

"If not, what do you want to do about it?"

"How can I be helpful to you?"

(The remainder of this article by Debbie Pincus can be found at:

<http://www.empoweringparents.com/how-can-you-make-your-child-do-it.php?&key=School-And-Homework>)



Upcoming Events- January/February



ROAD SHOW WEEK – January 30 - February 3. Santa Susana High School will be visiting Hillside, Sinaloa, and Valley View Middle School in a showcase of our Performing and Technical Arts programs.

CHOICE MONTH – February is Choice Month for students interested in attending SSHA. Pick up and return applications in the main office. Applications become available February 1.

OPEN HOUSE – Wednesday, February 1. This year's Open House will feature the School of Academics. All teachers will exhibit a display of student work and performances. Middle School students are invited to attend to get a sense for student learning and the teaching that embraces our campus.

CHOICE TOURS – February 8-9, 2012. Incoming freshmen and their parents will receive an introduction to our school program, and a tour of classes in session. Call 805-520-6800 for an appointment.

HEART FOR MUSIC BENEFIT CONCERT – Saturday, February 11 at 7 PM. Including the Gold Coast Wind Ensemble, USC Brass Quintet, CSUN Jazz Band, CalArts Chamber Music and a duet of Mr. Jason Peplinski & Gary Reinstein! \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors & SSPAB Members, \$5 students.

AP PARENT NIGHT – Wednesday, February 15 at 7PM. Students and parents interested in knowing more about the expectations for AP next year, should attend this teacher presentation.

Santa Susana High School Open House



Wednesday, February 1, 2012
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Please join us for an evening of activity, demonstration, and our display of student work. The Santa Susana High School Open House is an opportunity to familiarize yourself with our staff and the curriculum, activities, and extracurricular programs offered to our students.

General Meeting in MPR 6:00 – 6:25 pm
Classroom Visitations 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Become Part of Santa Susana Magnet High School Today!

- ☆ A “Choice” application must be completed in order for a student to be considered for enrollment. Students must be interested in and select a general area of concentration (the arts, technology, academics) and an academy in which to focus. Students ***choose*** to attend Santa Susana High School – there are no attendance boundaries.
- ☆ Applications for SSHS are available in the main office at Santa Susana High School and on our school website: www.santasusana.org.
- ☆ ***Choice applications may be turned in any time during the entire month of February.***
- ☆ ***Visit the main office*** to pick up program brochures for additional more information or
- ☆ ***Browse our student-run web-site!*** Explore www.santasusana.org for information regarding our Schools and Academies, activities and events, special programs, staff and more!



IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Choice month opens. Applications may be found in the SSHS main office or online at www.santasusana.org (click on “Choice Month”)

Wednesday, February 29, 2012

Choice window closes. Applications are due at the Santa Susana main office no later than 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

SSHS Open House and Presentations begin at 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8 & Thursday, February 9, 2012

SSHS Choice tours and presentations - 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. This formal presentation about Santa Susana High School and its programs by the Principal is for ***students and their parents***. Classroom visitations follow the presentation. It is highly recommended that students attend with their parents. Please e-mail Teri Hypes by February 3, 2012 at thypes@simi.k12.ca.us to schedule your choice tour date.

Santa Susana High School

A California Distinguished

Schools of the Arts, Technical Arts, and Academics

Santa Susana is a high-performance magnet school of choice dedicated to making sure that all our students achieve explicit, high standards. As a California Distinguished School, we are recognized for our exceptional programs which specifically prepare students in the areas of their talents and interests. Our flexible bell schedule gives students the opportunity for additional practice, rehearsal, lab work, and classroom time in order to pursue their studies in depth.

Santa Susana is the only high school in Simi Valley formally organized into a unique structure of “Schools & Academics” in which students focus on a specially designed four-year course of study. Under the umbrella of three “Schools” of study (Academics, The Arts, and Technical Arts), each student identifies with one or more of ten “Academies” which include capstone courses to incorporate a school-to-career component into each student’s course of study. The academy-specific curricular paths combine interest-based courses with core academic foundations to guide students through their high school careers.

Santa Susana has received recognition and support for our programs in the form of over \$1,000,000 in state and federal grants. Santa Susana is a Specialized Secondary Program School for the state of California with a state Academic Performance Index of 866. Additional accolades for SSHS include Silver Medalist in *US News and World Report’s* America’s BEST High Schools, the California School Board Association Golden Bell Award and the California Business for Education/Just for Kids-California Honor Roll School.

• SCHOOL OF THE ARTS •

The Santa Susana School of the Arts is a distinguished feature of the Simi Valley Unified School District. The School’s academic and artistic strengths are drawn from our energetic creativity and drive, as well as the professional depth of an acclaimed faculty and artists-in-residence. Curricular Academies Offered:

PERFORMING ARTS *Emphasis areas: Dance, Theatre, Musical Theatre, Instrumental Music, Vocal Music*
FINE ARTS *Emphasis areas: Visual Arts, Animation*
TECHNICAL ARTS *Emphasis areas: Digital Graphics & Publication (ROP), Stagecraft Technology (ROP),
Television and the Art of Film (ROP)*

• SCHOOL OF TECHNICAL ARTS •

Make no mistake – Information Technology jobs are at the top of the class in terms of opportunity and salary. Santa Susana High School will give you a head start. Curricular Academies Offered:

COMPUTER SCIENCE/PROGRAMMING
E-BUSINESS ED.COM
INTERNET DEVELOPMENT AND WEBSITE DESIGN (ROP)

• SCHOOL OF ACADEMICS •

The School of Academics offers a comprehensive and rigorous college preparatory course of study. Santa Susana High School’s commitment to academic excellence reflects the best available research and practice in teaching, learning and leadership. Curricular Academies Offered:

ACCELERATED ACADEMICS *Advanced Placement & Honors Program with Emphasis areas in:
Humanities, Science, Math*
LAW AND SOCIETY

Santa Susana High School

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Santa Susana Spotlights

- ☆ *Santa Susana High School has an Academic Performance Index (API) of 866*
- ☆ **WASC accreditation for a full six-year clear term**
- ☆ *Santa Susana High School is a magnet school formally organized into a unique structure of **Schools and Academies** leading to “**Certificates of Proficiency**” when a four-year course of study is completed*
- ☆ *Santa Susana High School teachers employ a concentrated and creative use of **technology within and across the entire curriculum***
- ☆ *There is an **integration of the arts** throughout the school and in day-to-day instruction*
- ☆ *Santa Susana High School offers all students a rigorous and relevant **college prep program that fulfills A-G requirements for the University of California***
- ☆ *Santa Susana High School offers a full compliment of **Honors and Advanced Placement Courses***
- ☆ *Santa Susana High School offers highly developed, **specialized courses focused on the arts** (dance, music, theatre, musical theatre, stage production, and fine arts); **technical arts and sciences** (computer programming, multi-media, digital art, animation, graphics/publishing, e-business, and internet development.); and **Academics** (humanities, mathematics and sciences, and law and society)*
- ☆ *Entertainment industry professionals serve as **Artists-in-Residence** to work regularly with performing arts students*
- ☆ ***Santa Susana hosts a state of the art Performing Arts Theatre**, the largest performing arts venue in Simi Valley*
- ☆ *Santa Susana High School, in collaboration with the Ventura County Superintendent of Schools Office, offers **four (4) Regional Occupation Programs (ROP)** on our campus in which students may receive a “certificate of proficiency” from the County ROP: **Digital Graphics and Publication, Stagecraft Technology, Video Production, and Internet Development and Web Design***
- ☆ *Internships and experience are available to qualified students combining a strong academic program with a **school-to-career component** in all academies*
- ☆ ***Santa Susana students attend elite competitions** across the country in academics, technology and the arts. SSHS vocal music department consistently receives Superior Ratings and regional and national competition*
- ☆ *Santa Susana High School students take advantage of a unique **extended-day bell schedule** allowing for blocks of time for projects, rehearsals, labs, and performances on specified days*
- ☆ *All Santa Susana High School students are enrolled in an **advisory class** twice a week where they receive **individual attention and academic guidance** from their advisory teacher with whom they remain during their stay at SSHS*
- ☆ *Santa Susana **California Scholarship Federation (CSF)** students serve as tutors after school for peers who need academic assistance*
- ☆ *Santa Susana High School offers **over forty clubs** to students on our campus*
- ☆ *SSHHS staff maintains a **clean, safe environment with a small-campus atmosphere** where knowing each student as an individual is a high priority*
- ☆ *The Santa Susana Career and Counseling Clerk and counselors assist with students’ college applications and help them seek out **grant and scholarship opportunities***
- ☆ ***Ninety-five percent (95%) of Santa Susana graduates continue with their post-secondary education** and attend CSU, UC and other elite colleges and universities across the country*
- ☆ *Santa Susana Parents provides **multiple opportunities for parent involvement** through SPSA, PTSA, Boosters, our Mentor and Speaker Connection (MASC) and other volunteer activities*
- ☆ *Glee “Give A Note” video competition - **top vote receiver in Western Region***
- ☆ *Recipient of over **\$1,000,000** in federal and state grant money*
- ☆ *National Yearbook Competition - winners of “**Best Yearbook**” two years running*

SCHOOL CHOICE APPLICATION – SANTA SUSANA HIGH SCHOOL

FOR STUDENTS ENTERING GRADES 9 - 12

Office Use Only

Complete

School Year 2012 – 2013

This application is for students in grades 9 – 12 who wish to attend a school that is not their home or neighborhood school. Students already attending a school on a school-choice transfer do not need to complete this form unless they wish to change to a different school or return to their original home school.

Important information and directions for submitting this application are on the back of this form. When completed, return this form to **Santa Susana High School before February 29, 2012, 4:00 p.m.** A separate application must be submitted for each child in grades 9 – 12 for whom you are requesting a transfer. Please print the following information:

Student's Name _____ SVUSD Student I.D. # _____

Birth Date _____ Grade level for year of transfer (circle) 9 10 11 12

Home High School _____ School Presently Attending _____

The high school you wish to attend is **Santa Susana High School**. Santa Susana High School is a school of choice for students with an interest in the visual, fine, or performing arts, college prep academics, information technology, or a combination of those fields. *Please indicate below the general area in which your student is most interested:*

The Arts _____ Academics _____ Information Technology _____

Note: On side two of the application, please fill out the specific academy in which you are interested.

If applicable, please circle any special program in which the student for whom you are seeking placement is currently enrolled. **Special Education (has an IEP)** **ELL** **504 Plan**

District Administration approval required _____ Date _____

If applicable, please circle any special program in which you know he/she will be enrolled.

Special Education **ELL** **504 Plan**

District Administration approval required _____ Date _____

Priority placement may apply if you already have a child currently in attendance at Santa Susana High School. Please list below the full name(s) of students currently attending Santa Susana High School. Ref: B.P. 5116.1

Last Name _____ First _____ Grade _____ I.D. # _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Home Phone () _____ Work Phone () _____

E-mail _____

My signature certifies that I have not falsified any information on the application form.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

For School District Use Only

Outcome of transfer request: _____Approved

_____Waiting List

_____Denied

School Administrator: _____ Date: _____

On the other side of this application, you indicated the *general area* (arts, academics, information technology) of your interest. Below, please choose the *specific academy*, and emphasis area if applicable, in which you intend to “major” or focus at Santa Susana Magnet High School.

Check the box indicating your choice.

School of the Arts

Academy of Performing Arts

Emphasis Area

- Dance
- Instrumental Music
- Musical Theatre
- Theatre
- Vocal Music

Academy of Technical Arts

Emphasis Area

- Digital Graphics & Publication
- Television & the Art of Film
- Stagecraft Technology

Academy of Fine Arts

Emphasis Area

- Visual Arts
- Animation

School of Academics

Academy of Accelerated Academics

Emphasis Area

- Humanities (English/Social Studies)
- Math
- Science

Academy of Law and Society

School of Technical Arts

Academy of Internet Development (Web Design)

Academy of Computer Programming

Academy of E-business Ed. com (Business)

Note: Students who select the academy of Accelerated Academics may also select an academy in the arts or technology as well.

INSTRUCTIONS

Applications submitted late to schools with waiting lists will be added to the bottom of the list in the order they are received. **Note: Attendance at Santa Susana High School is by school choice application only.**

All applications must be returned to the school of choice between February 1 and February 29, 2012, to be considered for openings. Only complete applications will be accepted. Late applicants will be placed on the school's waiting list.

1. If you are selected for the school of your choice, you will be notified by mail the first week of March.
2. Once a parent accepts placement in a school of choice, **the spot vacated at the neighborhood school will be given to another student. It is expected that students will complete a full year at the school of choice.**
3. Once the student has been accepted, he/she may attend the school of choice for the duration of his/her high school years without reapplying. A student may expect to continue attendance at that school unless the neighborhood enrollment increases beyond capacity or the student does not meet school expectations.
4. If a transfer from the school of choice is requested during the school year, this request must be put in writing and submitted to the principal. The request must include a reason for the transfer.
5. If you are not selected for the school of your choice, you will be placed on a waiting list for possible enrollment at a future date. Waiting lists at all secondary schools expire at the end of the first semester (end of January, 2013). If not accepted by the expiration date, you must reapply for the following school year.
6. Transportation is provided only for special education students whose Individual Education Plan requires it.
7. All applicants to Santa Susana High School will be interviewed regarding their area of interest as indicated on the application form. New students will be notified of an appointment for their interview.

DEFINITIONS

Grade: Please indicate the grade level of the student during the year this transfer is being requested. (i.e. 2012 – 2013 school year).

Home School: The school designated as your resident neighborhood school. (If uncertain, please check with your school office).

School of Choice: The school you wish your student to attend.