



Del Mar High School

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"Where Second Chances Happen"

A California Model Continuation High School



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Principal's Message

I hope that you had a great week and that your Thanksgiving Day was full of family time and rest. I want to thank all of the families and parents who brought food for our Thanksgiving Feast on the 18th. We had more food than we could all eat, and all of our students went home with full stomachs. Without the support of the parents and families who brought food, our celebration would not have been the same. It means so much to our school and your student in particular when you are able to help out. Thank you!

November 14th marked the beginning of the Second Trimester here at Del Mar. With this newsletter you received your students graduation status check. If your student was enrolled in six periods with us they should have received at least 30 credits. If they did not, that means that they either did not complete the class requirements or received a grade less than "C" and the class is marked "I" for "Incomplete". If students received an "NC" that means that they did not complete at least 50% of the work and will have to remake the entire class, as if they failed. Students who were at 50% or greater in a class will be given until January 13th to complete the class. If they do not complete the class by that date, they will have to start the class over again and will receive no credit, as if they failed for the trimester. If you have any questions about your student's report card or schedule please call school and I will be happy to discuss it with you. December 4th will mark the beginning of my eleventh year as the Principal of Del Mar. I continue to be so grateful for our Del Mar family of students, parents and staff. I want to acknowledge the great work of our staff with Mrs. Rosental, Mr. Lemus, Mrs. Villasenor, Mr. Botts, Mrs. Kloster, Ms. Daniels and Mrs. Scroggins. I am a very

fortunate man to work with such a dedicated staff and your children are fortunate as well.

Thank You all for your support for me as the principal and for our school and staff!
Mr. Sellers

COUNSELORS CORNER

Happy Holidays! We have attached updated graduation status reports to inform you of your student's progress towards graduation and getting caught up for their grade level. These reports include what they accomplished first trimester. A meeting will be set the week of December 19 for all students planning to return to Gabrielino second semester. They will begin at GHS after Christmas break. Please be sure to contact your counselor if your student is planning to return to GHS. All senior students and a parent should have attended the CASH for COLLEGE Financial Aid workshop last month October 8th at Gabrielino. Please see Mr. Lemus if you missed this event, you CAN still complete your Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA). Parents will need to bring all tax documentation needed to complete the application. Students who attend the Cash for College workshop and complete their P.C.C. Rio Hondo Community College and East Los Angeles college application (including their Pathways application) will be eligible to attend fieldtrips to the campuses to take placement exams and have a campus tour. Also, we are fortunate to have two reps from Rio Hondo College come to our Del Mar campus to aid our students with their applications and placement exams on December 9th. We have begun the Peer Helping program again this year and have great students: Bianca Aguirre, Mark Cazares, Ethan Cowan, Leslie Perez, Emme Quan, Ciara Robledo and Juan Yanez who will provide mentoring

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and tutoring to Jefferson students in February in addition to working with students at Del Mar as needed. A special thanks to Krystal Flowers for assisting in coordinating this program. Counselors are also providing NAVIANCE weekly college/career planning and Group counseling. Please contact us if you have further questions; Mrs. Rosental A-F Saporito_d@sgusd.k12.ca.us (Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays) or Mr. Lemus G_Z lemus_e@sgusd.k12.ca.us (Full time Monday-Friday – Spanish Speaker) Or feel free to contact us at 626.291.5723 x 5705

Important Dates

Wed. Dec 7 Basketball
Vs Chapparral HS

Fri. Dec. 9 Rio Hondo College on Campus for application workshop.

Wed. Dec. 14 **School Site Council**
Everyone welcomed 2:30

Fri. Dec. 23 1st trimester awards assembly, Minimum day 8:00 – 11:30

Mon. Dec. 26 – Fri Jan 6
Winter Holidays, NO SCHOOL

Mon. Jan 9 School resumes, regular day.

Announcements

FIRST TRIMESTER AWARDS

On Friday December 23rd we will have our awards assembly for the First Trimester. Students who made the Principals Honor Roll (3.5 or better GPA), earned 30 or more credits and attended 100% of the time will be honored. Each teacher will give department awards for students in each period who have been exemplary in the classroom.

WASC Update

On March 19 – 22, Del Mar will be visited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges for an evaluation and certification of our school program. We are currently writing the Self-Study which is a document describing our school program. We would love to have parent input in writing this document and if you are interested, please

call Mr. Sellers at school and you will be welcomed to be a part of the process. The WASC team will also want to meet with a parent group to get your opinion of the school. If you are interested, please call Mr. Sellers as well.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Our December School Site Council (SSC) meeting will be on Wednesday December 14th at 2:30 p.m. We encourage any parent to come and participate and be a part of our SSC. The meeting is usually about 45 min to an hour in length and is where we discuss the governance of the school and make budget decisions. If you have any questions, please call.

Students of the Week.

Each week the teachers at Del Mar pick one or two students who are in attendance every day, are completing all assigned work and who's behaviors are exemplary. These students are acknowledged each Thursday in front of the entire school and each teacher, counselor and the principal explain why this particular student was chosen. Students of the Week receive a certificate, a gift card to Carl's Jr and a t-shirt. Students are also recognized on the school marquee and their picture is displayed on the school web-site.

August 22-16 **Augie Ortega**

August 29 – Sept 2. **Sergio Landeros**

September 6 – 9 **Isaiah Caudillo**

September 12-16 **Melinda Andrade**

September 19-23 **Theresa Garcia**

September 26-30 **Marcos Gudino**

October 3-7 **Alexander Vega**

October 17-21 **Anthony Hernandez**

October 24-28 **Jovanic Blanco**

October 31-November 4 **Jordan Kho**

November 7-11 **Bianca Aguirre**

November 14-18 **Garett Hall**

Quote of the Month

“Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can, As long as you ever can.”

John Wesley