

Message From the Superintendent

Welcome Back Message to Families



July 19, 2021

Dear San Ysidro School District Families,

I extend a warm welcome back to our students and families for the 2021-2022 school year. This will be a year of transition as our district works in partnership with our families to support the vast majority of our students to return to full in person instruction in our schools. Our team is sensitive to the significant impact the COVID pandemic has had in our community and in our schools this past year. With this in mind, our Governing Board has identified the theme of the year as **“Adelante”** or **“Onward”** paired with

the goals of safety, social emotional support and wellbeing, student achievement, English language proficiency, parent engagement and student engagement.

We are deeply grateful to our families, district staff and community for uniting this last year to save lives, to support families with resources, and to ensure our students had equitable access to a quality education amidst the pandemic. We are proud of this past year’s successes wherein together we maintained the second highest student enrollment in the county, our nutrition team served 785,604 meals, our Sci-Phy team won national distinction with an Innovation in Education Inspire Award for their Project Lead the Way Program, our district earned perfect external and federal program monitoring audits, our student achievement data regarding learning loss appears one to three times better than preliminary state and federal data, and we closed the digital divide and ensured every student has access to a device and/or internet.

Our District is working together as a strong united team to implement our vision and mission which focus on student achievement.

District Vision:

The San Ysidro School District, in partnership with our teachers and community, is committed to providing a high quality, multicultural learning environment that promotes academic excellence, social responsibility and physical and emotional well-being for all students.

District Mission:

Quality education and opportunity for all students to succeed

The first day of school for all students is Monday, July 26th. Schools are sending information to families this week welcoming students back to school and indicating how parents/guardians can find their child’s teacher assignment. Additionally, some schools may also be providing a back to school orientation. If your family does not receive notification from your child’s school by Thursday of this week, please call or visit your school’s office for support as soon as possible. Schools are unable to place a student in a class or provide classroom teacher information to families that have not yet registered their child for school or have not submitted verification of residency information. Student online registration is available on our district website at: <https://www.sysdschools.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=1057>.

All school offices and the district office are now open Monday through Friday to assist families with student registration, verification of residency, before and after school program applications, school uniforms, Chromebooks, and more.

School uniforms will continue to be required in all of our schools, however our district is providing a 3 week grace period (July 26 - Aug 13) to allow families sufficient time to purchase uniforms. The school uniforms may be purchased at any store of your choice and consist of: navy blue bottoms (pants, skirt or shorts) and a white polo shirt. If your family is in need of support for school uniforms, please contact our Student and Family Services Manager, Veronica Medina at (619) 428-4476 x3083 or veronica.medina@sysdschools.org.

Below is a list of our schools and contact information for any questions and staff assistance.

SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Smythe Child Development Center <i>Main Office for Preschool Programs</i>	1880 Smythe Ave San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-2352
La Mirada Elementary	222 Avenida De La Madrid San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-4424
Ocean View Hills Elementary	4919 Del Sol Blvd San Diego, CA 92154	(619) 661-0457
Smythe Elementary	1880 Smythe Ave San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-4447

Sunset Elementary	3825 Sunset Lane San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-1148
Willow Elementary School	226 Willow Road San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-2231
San Ysidro Middle School	4345 Otay Mesa Road San Ysidro, CA 92173	(619) 428-5551
Vista Del Mar Middle School	4885 Del Sol Blvd San Diego, CA 92173	(619) 661-6753

Your family's help to ensure our students start school on the first day of school (Monday, July 26th) and have great school attendance this year is most appreciated! Research data shows that students who attend school every day are most likely to succeed in academics and in life. In fact, students with great attendance read at grade level or higher, are 4 times more likely to graduate from high school, attend college, and develop healthy life habits.

Here is the district web page link to the 2021-2022 Student Calendar to help you plan for the upcoming school year:

<https://docs.google.com/viewerng/viewer?url=https://www.sysdschools.org/cms/lib/CA02206824/Centricity/Domain/55/Student+Calendar+2021-22.pdf>

Below are our grade level school start and dismissal times:

Reminder: The first week of school (July 26-30) will be a Minimum Day schedule

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS La Mirada, Ocean View Hills, Smythe, Sunset, & Willow			
GRADES	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
Transitional Kindergarten	8:30	1:00	8:30 - 12:35
Kindergarten	8:30	2:30	8:30 - 12:35
1st - 6th	8:30	3:00	8:30 - 1:30

MIDDLE SCHOOLS San Ysidro Middle & Vista Del Middle			
GRADES	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
7th - 8th	8:00	2:19	8:00 - 12:45

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER			
CLASSROOM	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME	MINIMUM DAY SCHEDULE (All Fridays are Minimum Days)
Yellow Room (Extended Day)	Mon-Thurs 8:30	Mon-Thurs 3:00	8:30 - 11:30
Orange Room (Extended Day)	Mon-Thurs 8:15	Mon-Thurs 2:45	8:15 - 11:15
Blue Room (AM)	Mon-Fri 8:00	Mon-Fri 11:00	
Blue Room (PM)	Mon-Fri 12:15	Mon-Fri 3:15	
Purple Room (AM)	Mon-Fri 8:00	Mon-Fri 11:00	
Red Room (SDC) (AM)	Mon-Fri 8:30	Mon-Fri 11:30	
Red Room (SDC) (PM)	Mon-Fri 12:30	Mon-Fri 3:30	

SUNSET PRESCHOOL		
CLASSROOM	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME
Room 33 (AM)	Mon-Fri 9:00	Mon-Fri 12:00
Room 34 (Head Start) (AM)	Mon-Thurs <i>(Fridays - No Class)</i> 8:00	Mon-Thurs <i>(Fridays - No Class)</i> 11:30
Room 35 (PM)	Mon-Fri 12:15	Mon-Fri 3:15

OCEAN VIEW HILLS PRESCHOOL		
CLASSROOM	START TIME	DISMISSAL TIME
Room 49 (AM)	Mon-Fri 8:15	Mon-Fri 11:15
Room 49 (PM)	Mon-Fri 12:15	Mon-Fri 3:15
Room 13 (SDC) (AM)	Mon-Fri 8:15	Mon-Fri 11:15

As we open our schools for full in person instruction safety remains a priority for our federal, state, county and district leaders. The leading public health prevention strategy is vaccination to end the COVID-19 pandemic. San Diego county continues to serve as a leader with some of the highest vaccination rates statewide. In addition, our district's maintenance, operations, transportation and facilities team has done a remarkable job ensuring all schools and departments have multi-layered safety measures in place. The district continues to follow the California Department for Public Health safety measures for schools and child care programs, which were recently updated. These safety measures currently include: upgraded ventilation systems with air purification systems, masks indoors when students are present, hand washing/sanitizing, quarantine guidelines, and symptomatic COVID testing. For more detailed school safety information the updated COVID-19 Safety Plan is on the district website.

Below are a few dates to remember:

DATE	EVENT
Friday, July 23 @ 3pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The webinar will also be recorded and available for viewing at a later time 	District Virtual Back to School Webinar for Students & Families
Saturday, July 24 San Ysidro Middle School 4345 Otay Mesa Road San Ysidro, CA 92173 <u>School Pick-up Times:</u> Willow: 10:00 am to 10:30 am Sunset: 10:30 am to 11:00 am Smythe: 11:30 am to 12:00 pm La Mirada/CDC: 12:00 to 12:30 pm SYMS: 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm Ocean View Hills: 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm Vista Del Mar: 1:30 pm to 2:00 pm	6th Annual Families First Drive-Up Resource Fair and Backpack Giveaway <i>IMPORTANT: Students must be present or must have students ID to receive backpack</i> Please join us for our 6th Annual San Ysidro School District Families First Resource Fair. We will be providing access to many needed resources such as housing, food, health, and job assistance programs. We will also be giving out backpacks filled with school supplies for students from Pre K — 8th grade registered for the school year 2021-2022. Please make sure you come during your designated school time.
Monday, July 26	First Day of School for Students
July 26 - 30 (Mon-Fri)	Minimum Day Schedule @ All Schools

We are looking forward to a wonderful school year for our incredible students!

Sincerely,

Gina Potter, Ed.D.
 Superintendent