



Santa Ynez Valley Charter School

DRAGON TRAX

AUGUST 2013

• Important Dates •

August

- 21 First Day of School
- 27 Grades 5-8 Orientation and Back-to-School (5:30-7pm)
- 29 Grades K-4 Back-to-School Night (5:30-7pm)



September

- 2 Labor Day (No School)
- 30 Grades 5-8 Conference Week

- Health and Safety -

TdAP Reminder: All students Grades 7-8 must have their TdAP vaccinations. Please make sure you have provided TdAP information to Mercedes.

Lice: I've heard quite a lot about lice lately, and understand this is something to provide a reminder to all parents about. Please check your children for lice. If there is evidence of live lice, your child is to remain at home. Please be proactive in treating your children for lice.

Pick-Up and Drop-Off:

Please help us keep everyone safe during pick-up and drop-off by making sure you do not leave your car unattended. Also, if you are waiting for an older sibling at a later release time, please stay with your child in the lunch area. This will help keep all of our Middle School student focused on their afternoon classes.



Welcome Message

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Dear Families,

Tomorrow marks an exciting day, as we begin together the 2013-2014 School Year!

Teachers have been working throughout the summer to plan and prepare their classrooms and lessons. I am excited to join such a hard-working and passionate group of educators.

With a new year comes some exciting new changes, including our Middle Grades (5-8) scheduling. In addition to some of the changes you may see around campus, you will also notice our continued commitment to our Garden Education Program, Buddy Program, lunch program, and the many valuable fieldtrips that our students enjoy.

The PTSO has established some great goals for the year, look for their email communication coming to your inbox soon.

It is truly my honor to serve as the Executive Director and I look forward to the year ahead, full of excitement and new learning.

Sincerely,
Mr. Mark Palmerston

Early Release Days

Students in grades K-2 will have early release days to begin the year. This time is used by each teacher to assess students individually, allowing them to best support your child academically.

Kindergarten: released at 11am August 21-September 6.

Grades 1-2: released at 1pm August 21-August 30.

All Students: Released at 1pm Fridays.

Back-to-School Night

In alignment with our changes to schedules for students in Grades 5-8, please update your calendars for Back-to-School Night. We look forward to seeing all parents beginning at 5:30pm:

Grades 5-8: Tuesday, August 27

Grades K-4: Thursday, August 29

Parent Volunteer Hours

Since the foundation of our school, Parent Volunteer Hours have been an integral part of our school's success. Look for more information coming to you about the many ways you can help support our school community through your volunteer hours.

Board of Directors

Over the next month, we will be seeking two new board members to fill vacant seats. If you are interested in serving on our board, please take a moment to come speak to Mr. Mark Palmerston.

