



A California Distinguished School

Dear HSHMC Families,

At HSHMC, our goal is to have all children present in school every day and on time. We monitor student attendance closely because research has shown that regular attendance is vital for the success of children in school. Even excused absences that cause your child to miss significant amounts of school can cause your child to fall behind in class.

Starting this year, we will offer Saturday school sessions at least once per month. Any student who has five or more absences for any reason will be assigned to Saturday school. In addition, our grading policy requires that students be present in class 95% of the course time to be eligible for an "A" grade in a course. A student who misses more than 5% of any class and does not make up the absences will have grades capped at a B level due to the fact that in class collaboration and in class practice are directly linked with student success.

Here are some details about our **Saturday School Program**:

- Saturday School is held monthly, at HSHMC from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and is taught by HSHMC teachers.
- Students can voluntarily sign up for Saturday School to clear absences.
- **Students with 5 or more absences will be assigned Saturday School to make up the absences.**
- Students assigned to Saturday School will be issued a contract to be signed by students and parent/guardian and turned in at Saturday School.
- **If assigned, Saturday School attendance is MANDATORY.** If the student has a compelling need to reschedule, he/she must speak with Dr. Johnson or Mr. Smith prior to the scheduled date, to arrange a different date.
- Students attending Saturday School must plan to attend the entire four-hour session in order to clear absences.
- **Saturday School dates for the 2017-2018 school year:**
  - October 14, 2017
  - November 4, 2017
  - December 9, 2017
  - January 13, 2018
  - February 10, 2018
  - March 10, 2018
  - April 14, 2018
  - May 12, 2018
  - June 2, 2018

Thank you for your support of these efforts. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 619-528-9070.

Sincerely,

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