Dear Terra Linda Parents and Guardians:

Campus is buzzing with excitement as our Competition Gym nears completion and we prepare to re-open our Main Office at the front of campus. Meanwhile our Boys and Girls Water Polo teams are celebrating qualifying for the NCS Semi-finals and preparing for games tonight. Below are many updates leading us up to Winter Break.

Thanksgiving Break:
School will be closed for Thanksgiving Break on Monday, November 21st thru Friday, November 25th. The San Rafael City Schools Calendar is viewable [here](#).

Relocation of Main School Entrance:
After Thanksgiving Recess, Terra Linda's Main Office entrance will be relocated from the Innovation Hub. Beginning Monday, November 28th TLHS will only be accessible to parents and visitors via the Main Office entrance adjacent to the Competition Gym. The exterior Innovation Hub doors will be locked and the Innovation Hub will no longer be a walk through. Students will access campus via the 100 and 300 hallways, the Main Office, student parking lot, and gym areas.

Grand Opening of the TLHS Competition Gym:
The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Competition Gym will be held on Tuesday, December 6th between the Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys basketball games at 7:00 PM. Attendance to the games will be free of charge for all middle school students in the area, and Terra Linda students are admitted free with their student ID. Adult tickets are $10 and will be available via the GoFan website or purchased with cash at the door. Visiting high school students and senior citizens pay $5 per ticket. Our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will feature our cheer team, school band and mascot, and we will have fun contests and music to enjoy during halftime. Please join us at this community event on December 6th at 7:00 PM!

Designated Eating Areas on Campus:
As we finalize construction here at Terra Linda, we wanted to update parents and students about designated eating areas for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year and beyond. Once construction is finished we will have access to more benches and eating spaces at the heart of campus. Food will be permitted in the following locations only: Student Commons, Innovation Hub Courtyard, tables located between Gym and Administration office, grassy area near the woodshop and auto shop, and in the hallways.

The following places on campus are **no** food zones: any area behind the student commons and cafeteria (this includes the tennis courts, gardens, autoshop and district office). The football and baseball fields in addition to the basketball and tennis courts will also be closed off during school hours from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

Fall Semester Grades and Final Exams:
Fall Semester is quickly wrapping up. Students participate in Study Week December 5th-9th and learn about their final exam formats, receive study guides in some classes, and prepare for exams or final projects. Our Final Exam Game Plan planning documents can be found [here](#). Final exams will occur December 12th-16th. Please refer to our Final Exam Schedule to know when each period’s final exam is scheduled. Report cards for Fall Semester will be mailed out on Friday, January 6th.
TLHS Aquatics Center:
Last week we held our first High School Pool Standards Programming Meeting. The purpose of these meetings is to outline Aquatic Center Standards for San Rafael City Schools. Our next step will be to meet with any interested Water Polo and Swim Team students during Tutorial (10:20 - 11:20 AM) on November 18th in the Innovation Hub. This meeting will be advertised to students only through our daily bulletin. Next, the High School Pool Standards Programming Team will visit a couple of recently completed pools in Marin County for ideas. For more information you can view the SRCS Swimming Pool Modernization Presentation.

As mentioned previously, our campus has been transformed through the past two bonds, and we have even more to look forward to thanks to the passing of the Measure C Bond in 2022 ($82 million for TLHS). Exciting projects beyond the Aquatics Center include school-wide classroom furniture replacement, classroom technology and upgrades (lighting, countertops, flooring, etc) turf athletic fields (softball and baseball), renovation of PE support rooms and locker rooms, bathroom renovations in the main building, security upgrades, and more.

Sportsmanship and Fan Attendance:
We want to ensure that our students and fans represent our school positively when attending sporting events. Please review the following MCAL sportsmanship guidelines. Beginning this week, Terra Linda High School fans who violate the MCAL Sports Guidelines will be ejected from the sporting event. Administration, school security, and staff may eject any student or fan at Terra Linda High Schools’ sporting events. If a student is ejected they must immediately leave the sporting event and exit school grounds. In addition, any student who is ejected will not be able to attend the next home game for the sport. If a student is ejected twice in any season, they may no longer attend sporting events for the remainder of the year.

The Inner Workings of Teen Social World
We are thrilled that Jeff Leiken from Evolution Mentoring will be joining Terra Linda again this year as a Parent Education Presentation on Tuesday, November 29th from 7-8:00 PM in the TLHS Library.

Topic: The Inner Workings of Teen Social world – What You Should Know and What You Can Do

Your teen’s social experiences can make or break not just their day, but their high school years and beyond. From changing peer groups, to evolving relationships, to excitement of first love to heartbreak disappointment of break ups… From being too timid to speak up to being judged to constantly comparing themselves to others, students need our help navigating these experiences to emerge more confident, mature and ready for adult life. Success and failures here matter, but learning and growing from them matters even more.

This presentation will explore the patterns of social experiences and different types of relationships students will likely encounter – some the same as we did and others are quite different in the modern age (like making online friends) Together we will discuss what we can do to prepare students proactively, react appropriately and help them thrive in spite of the challenges they may face.

2023-24 9th Grade Enrollment:
Registration is now open for prospective 8th Grade students to enroll for 2023-24 school year. Online forms can be found at www.srcs.org/enrollment. For families that need additional support, registration events will be held at local schools. Click here to learn more.

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