

END OF YEAR NEWS FROM THE NEST

SVHS
MAY 2026

Whether this school year felt like a marathon or flew by in a sprint, the finish line is almost here! April was packed with excitement. From the incredible spring musical, Little Shop of Horrors, and the Rotary Awards to the kickoff of our annual Food Truck Fridays fundraiser and student government elections. May is shaping up to be just as memorable! The next few weeks will be full of celebrations, important milestones, and plenty of end-of-year fun, so be sure to read on and stay in the loop to make the most of this exciting season!

May 1: Falcon Fest!

May 9: Prom

May 13: Spring Concert

May 15: Senior send Off

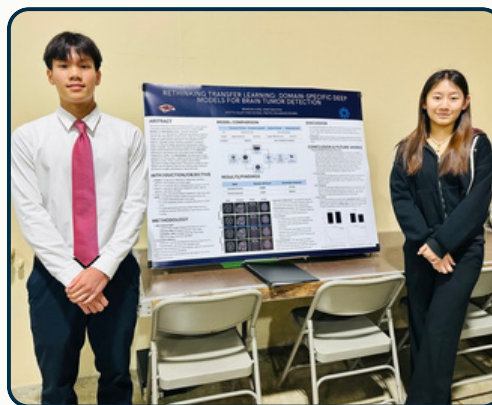
May 18: IB Awards

May 19: Senior Awards

May 22-28: Finals!

**May 25: Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL**

**May 28: Last Day of School
GRADUATION**



Ava Declve, CCS Scholar athlete of the year | Rotary Award Winners | Brandon Kong & Partner selected as ISEF Observer | Little Shop of Horrors

ENJOY SUMMER BREAK!

SCOTTS VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

2026-2027

S.O.A.R.

Student Orientation And Registration

DAY

07.30.26



All students planning to attend SVHS in the fall of 2026 must attend SOAR Day. Students will complete registration, take their school photo, and receive their class schedule.

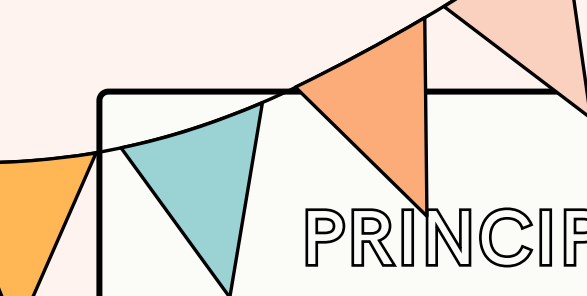
Schedule

8:00am - 9:30am: 12th grade
9:30am - 11:00am: 11th grade
11:00am - 12:30pm: 10th grade
12:30pm - 2:00pm: 9th grade

Freshman Orientation

Wednesday, August 5th 10am-11am
in the Gym





PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear SVHS Families,

I hope that you and your family are doing well and enjoying the spring.

As we approach the end of the school year, we are excited to celebrate our seniors at graduation. We are so proud of them and their hard work, dedication, and perseverance in reaching this important milestone. Each of our seniors holds a special place in the SVHS community, and we are excited to see where their next steps take them.

We also want to acknowledge the growth and accomplishments of our underclassmen, our 9th through 11th-grade students. They, too, have grown this past year, and we look forward to the opportunities in front of them. They've made great strides this year, and we can't wait to see them take on new challenges as they move into their next grade levels.

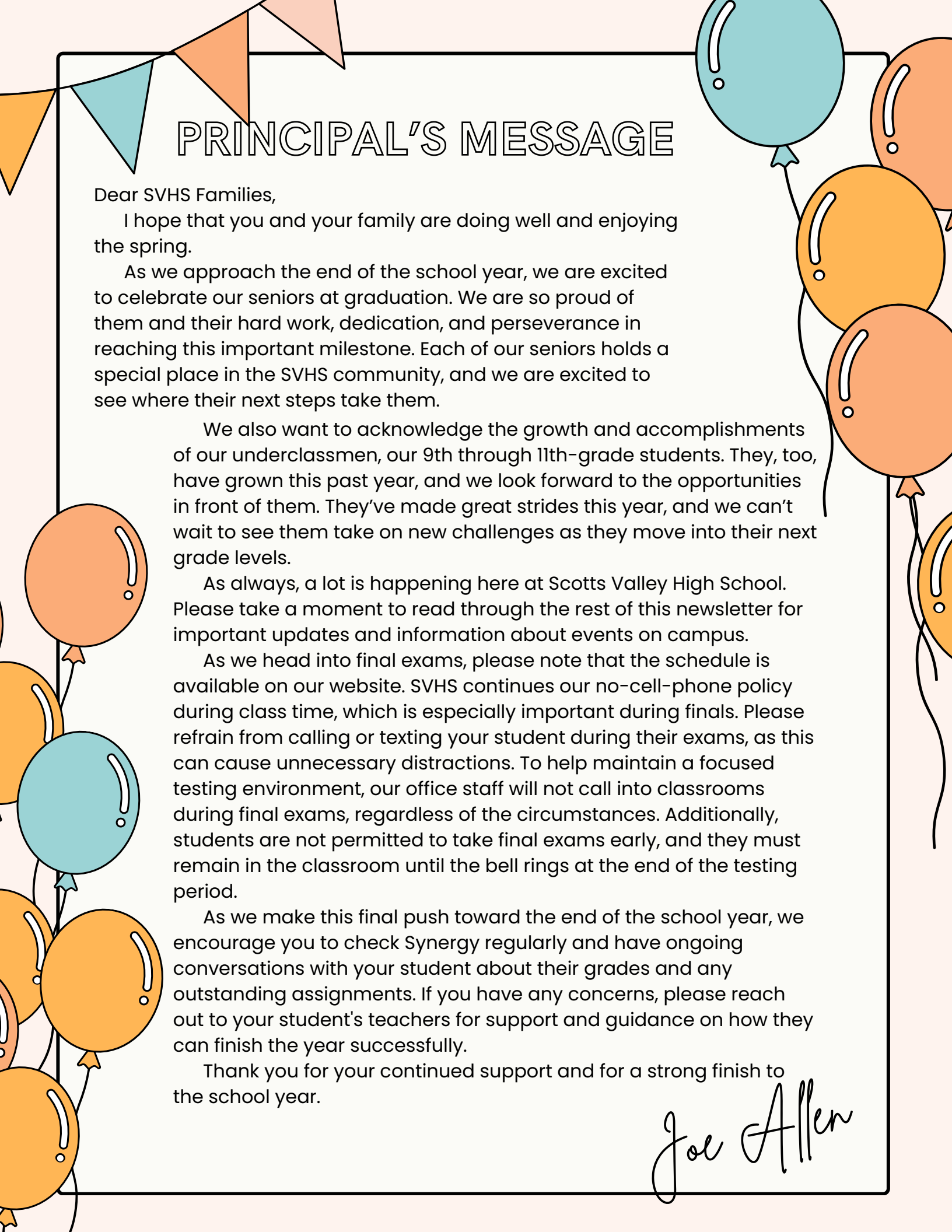
As always, a lot is happening here at Scotts Valley High School. Please take a moment to read through the rest of this newsletter for important updates and information about events on campus.

As we head into final exams, please note that the schedule is available on our website. SVHS continues our no-cell-phone policy during class time, which is especially important during finals. Please refrain from calling or texting your student during their exams, as this can cause unnecessary distractions. To help maintain a focused testing environment, our office staff will not call into classrooms during final exams, regardless of the circumstances. Additionally, students are not permitted to take final exams early, and they must remain in the classroom until the bell rings at the end of the testing period.

As we make this final push toward the end of the school year, we encourage you to check Synergy regularly and have ongoing conversations with your student about their grades and any outstanding assignments. If you have any concerns, please reach out to your student's teachers for support and guidance on how they can finish the year successfully.

Thank you for your continued support and for a strong finish to the school year.

Joe Allen



ASB CALENDAR

May 8th: Signing day for our student athletes at lunch

May 9th: SVHS Junior/Senior Prom "Under the Lanterns" at the Corinthian Grand Ballroom in San Jose

- Arrive to SVHS at 4pm
- Buses depart SVHS by 5pm & arrive to venue by 6pm
- Mocktail Hour & Dinner, 6-7pm
- Dancing, 7-10pm
- Arrive to SVHS by appx. 11pm

May 15th: Senior Send-off Assembly (Short Assembly Bell Schedule)

May 15th: Seniors leave for Magic Mountain after IB exams at appx. 3pm

May 15th: Graduation Seat order due

May 22nd: "Powder Puff"/Women's Football (Juniors vs. Seniors), 5pm on the Harbor High Football Field

May 26th: Senior Checkout

May 27th: Mandatory senior picnic & grad practice directly after finals on the SVHS Student Lawn

May 28th: Senior breakfast @ 9am, grad practice @10am, & Graduation @ 4pm on the SVHS Student Lawn

***Reminder to senior families, stay up to date by checking the senior page of the school website

Last chance to order your yearbook!

Online orders close May 1st

ORDER NOW 



SVHS DRAMA PRESENTS:



April 17-May 2

Evening Performances at 7:00pm

Matinees at 2:00pm

COUNSELING

SVHS School Counselors offer drop in office hours during break, lunch and Tutorials and one on one appointments throughout the day and after school. Email your School Counselor for an appointment! SVHS Counselors offer Social/Emotional as well as Academic and College/Career support.

Sarah Hershey, MA, PPS - Last Names (A-K)
shershey@scottsvalleyusd.org

Grace Wahl, MA, PPS - Last Names (L-Z)
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Counseling staff will be out of the office starting on **June 5th**. Any emails or schedule requests will be replied to after **July 30th**.

Dual Enrollment

If are interested in taking a class at Cabrillo College during the summer session or fall semester, review the linked instructions carefully to apply and register.

After you have completed all of the required steps, you will be able to register for classes beginning May 18th.

Cabrillo's summer session begins June 14th and the fall semester begins August 24th.

Summer and fall classes fill up FAST so we strongly recommend finishing up this process before the school year ends! Please let us know if you have any questions or need any help!

[Click Here](#)

Cabrillo College Information

SENIORS - If you are planning or considering Cabrillo College next fall, here are some important upcoming dates for you to put on your calendar:

-  ~~Learning Communities Info Session, Thursday, January 29th 11:15am.~~
-  ~~Next Steps Workshop, Wednesday, February 18th.~~
-  ~~Cabrillo Honors Application Due, Monday, March 16th.~~
-  ~~Schedule Building Workshop, Tuesday, April 28th.~~
-  **Running Start, Thursday, May 7th.**
-  **Seahawk Prep Day, May 13th**

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Details*



WARNING

All library books, textbooks, and materials need to be returned at the end of the school year. Chromebooks need their charging cords & calculators need their slide covers. Do not keep anything over the summer. Please remind your student to return everything.

NO EXCEPTIONS!

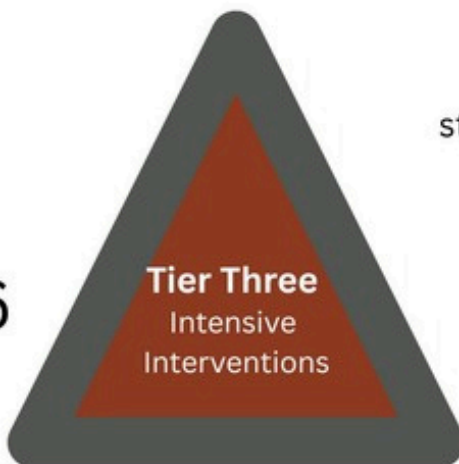


WELLNESS CENTER

The Wellness Center is wrapping up our first full year of service to our students. It's a privilege to work with students, helping them grow and develop into young adults. The Wellness Center approaches our work with students in a Multi-Tiered approach and here's a look at our numbers this year.



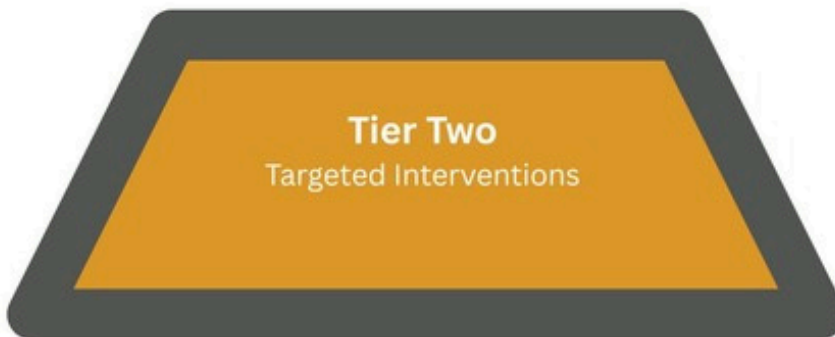
Wellness
2025/2026



Wellness Coaching/Crisis Support - 138 visits
students seeking immediate support and/or self
regulation during class time

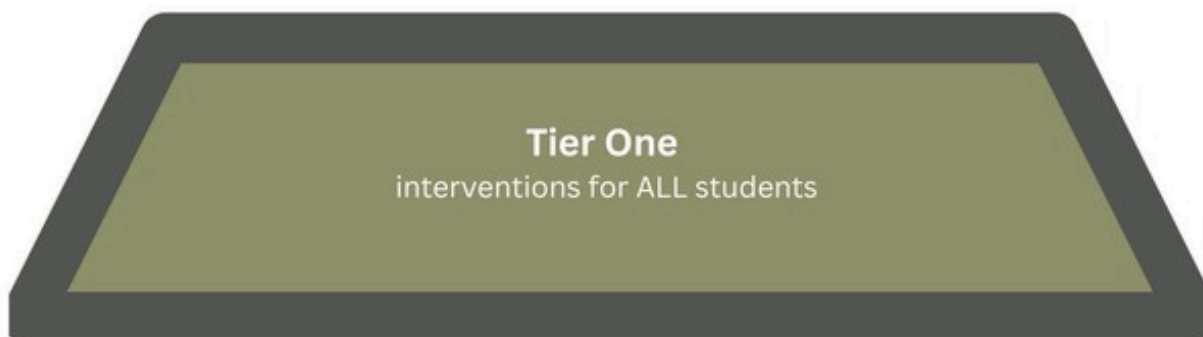
87 Unique Students received one or
more individual counseling session

483 Individual Counseling Sessions with
students



Weekly Wellness Tutorial Talks -
185 Unique students

Grade level Presentations -
Offered in the fall & spring by
community organizations.



15 Quad Events

3,454 Visits to the
Wellness Center
during drop in hours

WELLNESS COMMUNITY RESOURCES

WELLNESS IS CLOSED FOR WINTER BREAK.
IN NEED OF SUPPORT?

CRISIS SUPPORT AND MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Local 24 Hour Suicide Crisis Hotline	1-877-663-5433 (ONE LIFE)
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline	Call or text 988
Crisis Text Line	Text HELLO to 741-741
The Trevor Project	Text START to 678-678 Call: 1-866-488-7386
Mobile Emergency Response Team for Youth	1-800-952-2335

FOOD AND SHELTER

Food Hotline	831-662-0991
Youth Homelessness Response	831-227-8733
Runaway Safeline	800-786-2929



SEXUAL HEALTH

Sexual Assault Hotline	800-656-4673
Mountain Health Center	831-454-4100
Santa Cruz Community Health	831-427-3500



In Case of Emergency - Call 911

SVHS Wellness Center



IB Diploma Program News
May 2026

It's hard to believe, but for IB purposes, the school year is almost over. IB Exams started April 28th and will run through May 20th. IB courses are still going and students are still learning, but in most classes the pace is pulled way back and there will be few new graded assignments.

Speaking of the end of the year, a long-standing tradition here at SVHS is an end-of-year dinner for IB teachers. Teaching IB classes is rewarding, but also significantly more work than regular college prep classes. We rely on parent donations to fund the dinner, and restaurants cost more than ever these days. If your student is taking an IB class, please consider donating! Make checks payable to "SVHS Parent Club", add the memo "IB Teacher Dinner", and give your check to Leslie Gerlack in the front office. Thank you in advance.

IB scores, which combine three or more graded elements such as written exams and IA papers, will be released around July 6th. There's a link on the school website under Academics/IB Program, where you can receive results: <https://svhs.scottsvalleysd.org/o/svhs/page/ib-program> Students taking Exams have received a paper giving the needed login information. Official score reports can be ordered through the same website. Scores can also be sent to their university of choice by giving me the "University Results Service" form found on the SVHS website. Please turn in forms by May 18th, so that I have time to enter them into the IB system.

Our annual IB Celebration is on Monday, May 18th at 6pm. Invitations have been emailed out to all of our IB Diploma families. This is an evening where we welcome the rising sophomores (Class of 2028) into the Diploma Program, celebrate the IB learner attributes through our Junior DP students (Class of 2027) and honor our 2026 graduating DP Seniors. If your student is on the IB Diploma pathway, please join us at our potluck celebration in the SVHS Student Union.

By the time you all receive this, there may still be a few open spots for IB exam proctoring. If you're ready to volunteer and already have clearance paperwork on file with Ms. Gerlack, you can sign up for any open slots here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DAFA929A0FCC70-61815847-ibexams>

Dayna Nedney

IB Diploma Program Coordinator



CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH CLASS



Dear Students and Families,

We are excited to offer a Conversational Spanish course at SVHS next year in partnership with Cabrillo College.

This engaging, full-year program focuses on real-world speaking and listening skills and includes minimal homework. Students will complete two Cabrillo College courses and earn 20 elective college credits, which will transfer to many four-year universities.

Eligibility: Students must have completed SVHS Spanish 3, Honors Spanish 3, or IB Spanish.

Note: Students from other high schools may also be invited to participate, space permitting.

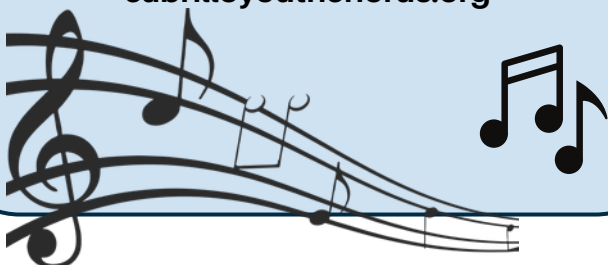
Interested? Please email or see your school counselor for more information.

More details on enrollment and scheduling will be shared soon.

Three new Fall 2026 Opportunities for our Students!

Class Title	 ETECH-HS-01 Intro to AutoCAD	 FT-179 Emergency Medical Responder	 Certified Nursing Assistant
Description	First Course in Cabrillo's Engineering Technology Pathway	foundational course focusing on essential skills for those interested in various Medical Career Pathways and/or Fire Technology	Earn state-approved CNA certification
Student Population	Teenage High School Students	General population 16+	High School Graduates and Adult Ed Students
Dual Enrollment Status	Closed Section CCAP through COE	Open Section Individual Dual Enrollment	Open Enrollment for any adults
Dates	Cabrillo's Fall 2026 Semester	Cabrillo's Fall 2026 Semester	Sep 21-Nov 20, 2026
Location	Virtual Asynchronous	Cabrillo Aptos Campus	COE Annex Building, 399 Encinal St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Info Link	Google Interest Form – ETECH	Google Interest Form – EMR	Flyer with RSVP Link to Mandatory May 13th Orientation

The Cabrillo Youth Chorus (CYC) is the Ensemble-in-Residence at Cabrillo College Music Department. CYC is a comprehensive vocal music program for young musicians 8-18 years of age. CYC offers choirs that combine beautiful singing and music literacy in an inclusive environment that celebrates its diverse membership. Cabrillo Youth Chorus is highly regarded for its skill and beautiful sound. CYC has shared the stage with Santa Cruz Symphony, Cabrillo Symphonic Chorus, Cantiamo!, and Ensemble Monterey Chamber Orchestra among others. Students enrolled in CYC are in dual enrollment; they receive college credit that can be used in resumes, transcripts, and college applications. For more information, visit the website: cabrilloyouthchorus.org






Are you considering a career in the Medical Field?

Take MA 70-Medical Terminology as a High School student through Cabrillo College!

The Medical Terminology class teaches students the language used in the field of medicine, including the structure of medical terms, their components (prefixes, roots, and suffixes), and how to decipher and construct medical terms. Students can earn 3 college credits & 10 high school credits for this class.

For students that are interested in

- ✓ Medical Assisting
- ✓ Dental Hygiene
- ✓ Nursing
- ✓ Radiologic Technology
- ✓ Kinesiology

Fall 2026 Semester

Day: Mondays
Time: 4:00-7:00 pm
Location: Scotts Valley Middle School

Want to take this class?
 Talk to your high school counselor & let them know you are interested in taking the CCAP MA-70 class. Dual Enrollment students must apply for the fall semester & complete the Dual Enrollment form.

 This class is FREE for Dual Enrollment students!
No cost for the textbook!

  [MORE INFO](#)

 dualenrollment@cabrillo.edu  (831) 786-4732

FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH!

APR 24*

MAY 29

JUN 26

JUL 31

AUG 28

SEP 25*

OCT 30*

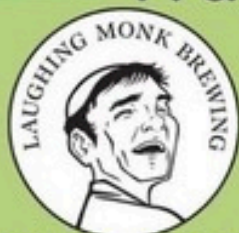
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5-8 PM; *STARTS AT 4:30

Beer & Wine SVEF Fundraiser, Food Trucks, Facepainting & FUN



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A safe, inclusive space for children and youth experiencing a mental health crisis to begin healing close to home.

» MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS? «

We are ready to help.

Available 24/7/365

5300 Soquel Ave. Santa Cruz, CA 95062

WE SERVE:

- Youth ages 5-17
- Young adults ages 18-20 (when appropriate)

OUR SERVICES:

Crisis Stabilization Unit

Offers assessment and short-term crisis support.

Connects youth to appropriate ongoing care. Average stay: Less than 24 hrs.

GET CONNECTED TO SERVICES

Call 831-540-4141

- Youth can self-refer/arrive on their own
- Youth can be brought in by a caregiver
- Arrive under a psychiatric hold (5585/5150)

*Services are
available regardless
of insurance.*

HELPFUL RESOURCES:

Santa Cruz County Mobile Crisis Response Team

☎ 800-952-2335 Available 24/7 for behavioral health crisis support.
santacruzhealth.org/crisisresponse

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline - Call, text, or chat 988 for free, non-judgemental support with mental health, substance use, or if you just need to talk. Available 24/7. www.988lifeline.org



Santa Cruz County Behavioral Health has partnered with Aspiranet, a California-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit, to operate the Hope Forward | Esperanza Adelante Youth Crisis Center. Learn more at aspiranet.org/santacruz





CONDADO DE SANTA CRUZ Hope Forward | Esperanza Adelante



Un espacio seguro e inclusivo para que niños y jóvenes que pasan por una crisis de salud mental comiencen a sanar cerca de casa.

» ¿CRISIS DE SALUD MENTAL? «

Estamos listos para ayudar.

Disponible las 24/7/365

📍 5300 Soquel Ave. Santa Cruz, CA 95062

ATENDEMOS A:

- Jóvenes de 5 a 17 años
- Adultos jóvenes de entre 18 y 20 años (cuando apropiado)

NUESTROS PROGRAMAS:

La Unidad de Estabilización de Crisis ofrece evaluación y estabilización a corto plazo y conecta a los jóvenes con la atención continua adecuada.
Estandia promedio: menos de 24 horas.

CONÉCTESE A LOS SERVICIOS

Llame al 831-540-4141

Los jóvenes pueden:

- Llegar por decisión propia. No se necesita cita previa.
- Ser traídos por un cuidador.
- Llegar bajo una retención psiquiátrica (5585/5150).

Los servicios están disponibles sin importar el seguro médico.

RECURSOS

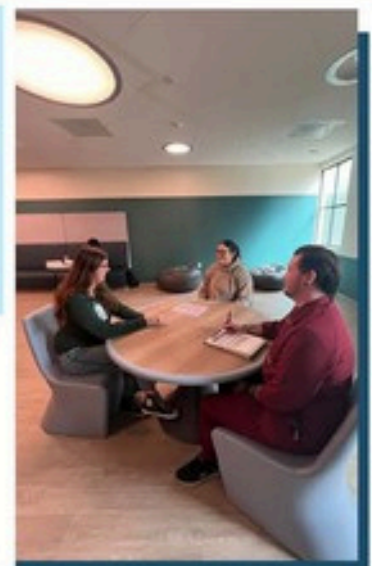
Equipo Móvil de Respuesta a Crisis del Condado de Santa Cruz

📞 800-952-2335 Disponible las 24 horas, los 7 días de la semana para apoyo de crisis de salud mental. santacruzhealth.org/respuesta-crisis

Línea de Ayuda para la Prevención del Suicidio y Crisis 988: Llame, envíe un mensaje de texto o chatee al 988 para obtener apoyo gratuito y sin prejuicios. Disponible las 24 horas, los 7 días de la semana. www.988lifeline.org



La División de Salud Mental y Tratamiento del Uso de Sustancias del Condado de Santa Cruz se ha asociado con Aspiranet, una organización sin fines de lucro 501(c)(3) con sede en California, para operar el Centro de Crisis para Jóvenes Hope Forward | Esperanza Adelante. Para más información, visite aspiranet.org/santacruz.



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE SVUSD
DELAC MEETING

(District English Learner Advisory Committee)

"What is DELAC?"

The DELAC is a group made up of parents and SVUSD Staff who advocate for students whose primary languages are not English. Together we discuss Curriculum, Support Services, Planning and Progress to assure we are providing the best program possible for our students.

PLEASE JOIN US!

- Build Community
- Refreshments
- Children Welcome



WHEN:

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Meeting:

Wednesday, MAY 5th

WHERE:

SVMS Room 2 or Zoom

8 Bean Creek Rd.

Scotts Valley



**Can't Attend in
Person? Scan
here to Zoom
in!**

Please RSVP to jarquelles@scottsvalleysd.org or (831) 889-2519

Estás invitado al SVUSD

Reunión de DELAC

(District English Learner Advisory Committee)

"¿Qué es Delac?"

El Delac es un grupo compuesto por padres y personal del SVUSD que abogan por estudiantes cuyos idiomas primarios no son el inglés. Juntos hablamos de Currículum, Servicios de Apoyo, Planificación y Progress para asegurar que estamos proporcionando el mejor programa posible para nuestros estudiantes.

Cuándo:

5:00 a 6:00

Reunión

MIÉRCOLES, el Cinco del Mayo

Dónde:

Salon 2 @ SVMS o Zoom
8 Bean Creek Rd.
Scotts Valley

¡ÚNETE A NOSOTROS!

- Fortalecemos la comunidad
- Refrescas
- Niños bienvenidos



**¿No puedes asistir en persona?
¡Escanee su cámara aquí para iniciar sesión!**

Por favor, RSVP a jarquelles@scottsvalleysd.org or (831) 889-2519

HAVE A GREAT