



## Cougar Tracks

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### Weekly Events

- Weekly Tutorials  
Tues-Thurs 4pm-5pm (Tues: Math/Science, Wed: Writing/SS & Thurs: Reading/ELA)
- Monday: SMMS Volleyball Game HOME vs. San Isidro (Parent's Night)
- Saturday Academy
- Monday: "Be a Jeanius and Say No To Drugs"
- Tues.-Thur.: After-school Homework Assistance
- Tues.: "Sock It To Drugs"
- Wed.: Wear Red Day and Say No To Drugs"
- Thurs.: SMMS Football game HOME vs. St. Joseph (Homecoming)
- Thur.: "Team Up Against Drugs"
- Friday: Be a Hero... Have the Power to Say NO"

"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."

-Milton Berle

## RED RIBBON WEEK

Dear Parents,

During the week of October 23-30, 2015, Santa Maria ISD will proudly participate in "Red Ribbon Week." As the oldest drug prevention campaign in the country, we are encouraging our students to participate in the daily themes and activities set forth for each day. Please take the time to look over the planned themes and events inside our newsletter and continue to guide your children to a DRUG-FREE life.

As we prepare to celebrate our National Red Ribbon Week, teachers will participate in a door decorating contest; while students will participate in a poster drawing contest. Judging will take place for both doors and posters on Friday; winners shall be announced.



## *In the Classroom*



Mr. Trejo's 6th grade Math students are learning about units and ratios. The students are also making a connection to real life and how this lesson impacts their daily lives.



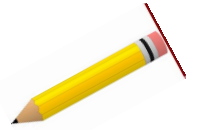
Students in 8th Grade Biology using Oreo cookies to interpret Mitosis, which is part of the Cell Cycle. Students used the cookies to show Interphase, Prophase, Metaphase, Anaphase, Telophase and Cytokinesis, and how the cells divide and multiply.



The students in Mr. VanNest's 6th grade Social Studies classes are reading about the Mexican culture and how it impacts the United States.



# Upcoming Events



## RED RIBBON WEEK ACTIVITIES

Monday– “Be a Jeanius and Say No to Drugs” Students may wear jeans with uniform polo shirt.

Tuesday– “Sock it to Drugs” Students may wear mismatched or outlandish socks.

Wednesday- “Wear Red Day and Say No to Drugs” Students may wear red shirts.

Thursday- “Team Up Against Drugs” Students may wear favorite college sport jersey or shirt and Border Patrol Presentation

Friday- “Be a Hero... Have the Power to Say NO” Students may wear superhero shirt.

## OTHER EVENTS

Monday– SMMS Volleyball Parent Night

Thursday– SMMS Football Homecoming Game



## Reminder:

College Scavenger Hunt ends November 6, 2015.

## Top 5 Ways Parents Can Help Their Children Succeed in School

1. Make sure your child is at school every day possible. “Missed work is generally more of a loss than made-up work is a gain,” Parks says. “There is no substitute for attendance.”
2. Designate a time and place for your child to do homework. If he does not have homework, have him use the time to read. “Routine is the essence of a child’s life,” he says.

More Parent tips at <http://www.schoolfamily.com/school-family-articles/article/824-teachers-tips-how-parents-can-help>



# SMMS Recognition



## CONGRATULATIONS:

**Benjamin Garza**– First to be inducted into the **SMMS Millionaire’s Club** for reading one million words

**Francisco Jimenez**- 6th Grade Student of the Week

**Marleen Carreon**– 7th Grade Student of the Week

**Cristal Martinez**– 8th Grade Student of the Week

**Rebecca Diaz**– Teacher of the Week

**Ricardo Guerra**– Teacher of the Week

### Santa Maria Independent School District

#### Board Goals



#### **Goal I: Academic Achievement**

Provide high quality instructional programs leading to Early College Readiness, science and technology, high paying career preparation. All students will graduate with at least 15 college credit hours and/or technical licenses

#### **Goal 2: Highly Qualified Personal**

Recruit highly qualified personnel to meet district and student instructional needs. Retain and reward highly effective and efficient employees.

#### **Goal 3: Promote Service Culture**

Implement a culture of service across the school district and the community to create a friendly, cooperative, nurturing teaching and learning environment.

#### **Goal 4: Staff Development, Monitoring and Evaluation Process**

Provide high quality staff development, monitoring and an evaluation process in order to support all instructional components.

#### **Goal 5: School Climate and Facilities**

Provide clear, safe, attractive, drug free school environments and facilities

#### **Goal 6: Develop Leadership Capacity**

Provide systemic staff development to school leadership team members in order to secure positive, effective, support to oversee school operations.

#### **Goal 7: Align Budget to Instructional Needs**

Develop, maintain, and evaluate a district budget that is equitable, student centered, and supports district goals.

**Cougars for  
Academic  
Excellence**

#### **Campus Leadership**

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