

# KNIGHTS' ROUND TABLE

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## A MEDIEVAL KNIGHT

Anne Peters & Kelly Golden,  
SMHS PTO Parent Night Co-Chairs

Hear ye! Hear ye! The SMHS PTO annual fundraiser gala is just around the corner! The big event, "A Medieval Knight," is Saturday, March 13, 2010 at "Castle Shadowridge" (also known as Shadowridge Country Club in Vista). Tickets are \$45 per person, or \$55 for a VIP ticket, which includes a jeweled goblet and the royal treatment! Ten dollars from each ticket will go directly to the SMHS booster club of your choice. *Thou must be at least 21 years of age to attend. Attire will be dressy-casual (medieval attire applauded).*

### JOIN US TO SUPPORT OUR KNIGHTS!

Parents, teachers, alumni, and community friends will come together to raise funds to support Edline (grades on line) and Connect Ed (system that provides phone calls home with important information). These two programs alone cost over \$12,000 each school year, and are not funded by the school district. Proceeds from the event will also support the Knights' Round Table newsletter, our safe and sober grad night, and special funding requests from teachers.

The evening will begin with a silent auction accompanied by hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. Plan to arrive promptly at 6:00 pm as the silent auction will only last until 7:15 pm. Immediately following is our medieval feast in the castle's regal dining hall. Dinner will be followed by our delicious and entertaining "dessert rush" and exciting live auction. If you have a graduating senior you won't want to miss bidding on VIP graduation seating for a group of 10. For you football fans, we will auction season passes for all SMHS football games next year! Another popular item up for auction will be your very own reserved parking space at the school. Live music and dancing will round out the festivities.



### LET'S PARTY LIKE IT'S 1399!

Reserved seating with your friends is available, so gather a group (10 to a table) and treat yourselves to a nice dinner, a little shopping, a little dancing, and some delicious dessert while at the same time helping support all San Marcos Knights!

### TICKETS

Tickets are available now. Contact Maxine Sarjeant at (760) 845-4376 to purchase tickets or arrange group sales. Tickets are also available from Cathy Tarquini in the SMHS front office. Please make checks payable to SMHS PTO. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. This event usually sells out, so be sure to get your tickets early. If you are not able to attend perhaps you could sponsor a teacher who might like to go!

### DIRECTIONS

The "Medieval Knight" fundraiser will be held at Shadowridge Country Club, 1980 Gateway Drive, Vista, CA 92081. Exit the 78 Freeway at Sycamore Avenue and head south 0.2 miles. Turn west onto Shadowridge Drive, go 0.8 miles and turn right onto Gateway Drive. You will find the "castle" at the end of the drive with parking on the right. Enter through the "Private Events" entrance in the parking lot. Let the torches light your way to the portcullis entrance!

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## More about "A Medieval Knight"

### SUPPORT

SMHS PTO thanks our corporate sponsors for their generous support:

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Also, the PTO would like to thank Dina Newcomb from Think Big Designs, [www.thinkbigcre8ive.com](http://www.thinkbigcre8ive.com), for designing our tickets, and Aloha Printing for making them.

If you or your employer would like to help by becoming a corporate sponsor or donating an item for the silent or live auction, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact one of the co-chairs listed below to arrange collection of your donation.

### CONTACTS

The following people will be happy to answer any questions you may have or accept any help you can give:

#### "A Medieval Knight" Co-Chairs:

Kelly Golden ([salsaqueen@hotchasalsa.com](mailto:salsaqueen@hotchasalsa.com)) and Anne Peters ([afriend822@gmail.com](mailto:afriend822@gmail.com)). For all questions, to make a donation, or to become a corporate sponsor, please contact Kelly or Anne.

Ticket Sales: To buy tickets or arrange group sales, please contact Maxine Sarjeant ([msarjeant@roadrunner.com](mailto:msarjeant@roadrunner.com) or 760-845-4376) or Kristen Levy ([kristenclevy@gmail.com](mailto:kristenclevy@gmail.com)).

Basket Supplies: To donate baskets or supplies for gift baskets please contact Donna Flynn (760-598-1009 or [love2rcknroll@yahoo.com](mailto:love2rcknroll@yahoo.com)).

Volunteer Coordinator: Contact Tracy Olson ([olsonfive@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olsonfive@sbcglobal.net)) if you'd like to help before/during/after the event, including transporting items, decorations, setup, assist during auction, clean-up.

Dessert Rush: To donate a dessert masterpiece, contact Erin Riordan ([riordanroc@yahoo.com](mailto:riordanroc@yahoo.com)) or Mitzi Steele ([mitzi@ar-int.com](mailto:mitzi@ar-int.com)).

## PTO President's Message

A Happy New Year to you all! As we enter another decade, we enter an exciting time for San Marcos High School. Our API is increasing every year and now stands at 801. Our sports teams are making it to CIF Playoffs. The students have worked hard to achieve this, but credit also needs to go to you, the parents of SMHS. Without your constant support both at school and home, this would not be happening.

With more looming budget cuts, the PTO needs your financial help more than ever. Please purchase a ticket to our annual Gala on March 13th, 2010 to be held at Shadowridge Country Club. The theme this year is "A Medieval Knight" and it promises to be a fun evening of dining and dancing, as well as silent and live auctions. This is our only fundraising event of the year. Please show your support by attending.

If you are unable to attend this event, please consider making a donation to the PTO Sponsorship Fund. Just \$20 from each student would help us reach our goal of \$40,000. A Sponsorship form is included in this newsletter for your convenience.

I thank you for your continued support. Together we can make a difference!

--Maxine Sarjeant, SMHS PTO Co-President

### Driver's Education Offer

Alliance Defensive Driving School is offering both online and behind the wheel instruction and are supporting SMHS PTO! Sign up for driver's training or any other program offered by Alliance Defensive Driving School and they will donate 5% of the fee to SMHS PTO! Just mention SMHS PTO when signing up online or by phone.

**Get Online Drivers Education for only \$9.99!  
6 hours Behind-the-Wheel Training for \$241!**

Visit Alliance Defensive Driving School at  
[www.thedriverguy.com](http://www.thedriverguy.com)

### Attention Senior Class Parents:

If you haven't bought Grad Nite tickets yet, please consider what you get for the very low price of \$80:

- ✓ An all-night cruise exclusively for the SMHS Knights Class of 2010, with unlimited food, drinks, dancing, and fun!
- ✓ Round-trip transportation—your child won't be out driving on graduation night.
- ✓ A safe and sober event chaperoned by fellow SMHS parents.
- ✓ That warm fuzzy feeling that your child is celebrating graduation with friends from as far back as kindergarten!

Buy your ticket ahead of time and save \$20—the price will be \$100 on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Download an order form and permission slip from the SMHS PTO Web site at [www.smhspto.com](http://www.smhspto.com) and bring it with your check to the SMHS Cashier's office or the front office. You may also mail your order to:

Attention: Grad Nite

San Marcos High School, 1615 San Marcos Blvd., San Marcos, CA 92078

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

*Attention,  
Dessert Connoisseurs and Chefs*



Sign up today to put your dessert creation on display at the "Medieval Knight" fundraiser on March 13<sup>th</sup>. Lucky parents will "rush" to claim your masterpiece for their table, where they will devour your dessert and then rave about it to everyone!



We need your donated fabulous, creative, out-of-this-world desserts!

If you are interested, please email Erin Riordan at [riordanroc@yahoo.com](mailto:riordanroc@yahoo.com) or Mitzi Steele at [mitzi@ar-int.com](mailto:mitzi@ar-int.com)

## AP Examination Fees Due

AP examination fees are due in the Cashier's office by March 12, 2010. This year, AP exams cost \$86 each. Fee waivers are available based on family income and must be returned to Mrs. Galaz by March 5<sup>th</sup>—see Mrs. Galaz in room 707 for the paperwork.

SMHS will administer 14 exams from May 3<sup>rd</sup> to May 14<sup>th</sup> and each exam will need several parents to assist with proctoring. Please contact AP Coordinator Marie Galaz at [marie.galaz@smusd.org](mailto:marie.galaz@smusd.org) or 760-290-2200 x 3707 if you are able to help with AP exams. You can also contact SMHS PTO Volunteer Coordinator Tracy Olson at [volunteer@smhspto.com](mailto:volunteer@smhspto.com).

--Marie Galaz, SMHS AP Coordinator

## Next PTO Meeting

The PTO meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 3:30 pm in Room 110. The next meetings are February 24, March 31 and April 28. Spring is very busy with "A Medieval Knight," Day with a Knight, Teacher Appreciation Week, Finals Survival Kits, and Graduation festivities. Come to the next meeting and see what you can do to get involved!

## PTO Scholarship Application

This year the SMHS PTO will award two \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors. The applicant must be an eligible graduating senior with an above average GPA and must have participated in either sports or extra-curricular activities/clubs, as well as community service. It is preferable that applicant has worked at least a part-time job. Go to [www.smhspto.com](http://www.smhspto.com) to download the application.

*Applications must be received by April 30, 2010*

## A DAY WITH A KNIGHT

On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, SMHS parents are invited to spend a typical school day with their students on the SMHS campus. You'll get to accompany your student to each class (shortened periods) from 8:05 am to 12:20 pm.

Check your mailboxes for more information coming soon. The SMHS teachers look forward to seeing you in class!

FEBRUARY	
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd	TEAM DAY TUESDAYS School begins @ 8:48 am
2/2-3	CAHSEE (12th grade)
2/12 & 2/15	Washington's Birthday/ President's Day ** NO SCHOOL **
2/24	PTO Meeting, 3:30 pm, Room 110
2/25	Spring Sports Parent Meeting, 6:00 pm, gym

MARCH	
3/2	DAY WITH A KNIGHT Minimum Day 8:05 – 12:20 8th Grade Parent Night, 6:00 pm, Gym
9th, 23rd, 30th	TEAM DAY TUESDAYS School begins @ 8:48 am
3/11	AP Parent Night 6:00 pm, Little Theatre
3/13	"A Medieval Knight" PTO Fundraiser 6:00 pm, Shadowridge Country Club
3/16-17	CAHSEE (10 <sup>th</sup> grade)
3/31	End of Grading Period PTO Meeting, 3:30 pm, Room 110
APRIL	
Thu 4/1 - Fri 4/9	** SPRING BREAK **



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# A Note from Principal Mottershaw

Dear San Marcos Parents:

Happy New Year and welcome to the second semester of the 2009-2010 school year! Please access EdLine often to support your student's academic success. If you have a concern, please contact the teacher immediately by email, [www.sanmarcoshigh.org](http://www.sanmarcoshigh.org) or by calling (760) 290-2200. The school website also has a tremendous amount of information about second semester events, opportunities and testing.

We are looking forward to meeting our incoming eighth grade students when they visit our campus. San Elijo Middle School will visit on January 27 and San Marcos Middle School will visit on February 18. **March 2, 2010** is parent day. Our parents are encouraged to shadow their students through a minimum day of classes. Specific information on **A Day with a Knight** will be mailed home. Please do not miss this opportunity to share a school day with your son or daughter.

On Tuesday, **March 16** and Wednesday, **March 17**, all 10th grade students will take the **California High School Exit Exam**. Approximately 88% of SMHS students pass this exam on their first attempt. It is our goal that a minimum of 90% of our current 10th graders will pass both math and English this year.

The **Knights of the Round Table** and the **Excalibur Knights** have been visiting the elementary and middle schools respectively. The Knights of the Round Table have visited La Costa, San Elijo, Joli Ann, Alvin Dunn and Discovery Elementary Schools and will soon visit Carrillo. They proudly and confidently talk with our future Knights about making positive choices, getting involved in school and the importance of remaining drug- and alcohol-free. The Excalibur Knights have visited San Marcos and San Elijo Middle Schools. They spend the day in various classrooms and mentor the middle school students on how to be successful in high school. They present information about time management, school involvement, enrollment in challenging classes, and organization.

I hope that you can join us for a fun evening at **A Medieval Knight** on **March 13**. Your continued support for our Knight family helps us provide new and continued services for the students that will inevitably enrich their high school experience and assist them academically and extra-curricularly. A special thank you to our **PTO** for their continued dedication and support for SMHS and our commitment to continue **LEADING...NOW TOMORROW FOREVER!**

Respectfully,  
Julie Mottershaw



## SAN MARCOS HIGH SCHOOL 2009-2010 PTO SPONSORSHIP FORM

The SMHS PTO needs your help so that we can continue to support important programs such as the emergency phone contact system, grades on line, technology in the classroom, scholarships, a safe and sober grad night, Round Table newsletter publication costs and many other community events and teacher/administration requests. All donations are welcome. **Donations of more than \$125.00 will be recognized in the yearbook if they are received before publication deadlines.**

*Please make your check payable to SMHS PTO*

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Family Sponsorship: \_\_\_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_\_\_\$250 \_\_\_\_\_\$125 \_\_\_\_\_\$75 \_\_\_\_\_\$25 \_\_\_\_\_\$ Other

Business Sponsorship: \_\_\_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_\_\_\$250 \_\_\_\_\_\$125 \_\_\_\_\_\$ Other

Business name \_\_\_\_\_

**THANK YOU** for your contribution! **OO KNIGHTS!**

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