

Dear Innovation Community,

I hope you all had a wonderful weekend. I was incredibly impressed by our students' performance in Matilda Jr., which was a resounding success! Ms. Prchal and I found ourselves laughing and applauding throughout, it was truly a fantastic production. From Alyeah as Matilda, Aria as Miss Trunchbull, and Maia as Miss Honey, to the entire talented supporting cast and masterful crew, every student played a part in making the show outstanding. Congratulations to all involved! And a heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Ladeby, Mr. Nichols, Ms. Taylor, and Coach Russell for your dedication and hard work in bringing this production to life.

Our big events this week are Career Day on Wednesday and our ASB Dance on Friday. Thank you to all the parents who are volunteering their time for career day! If you would like to volunteer at the ASB Dance, please email Mr. DePalermo at [jdepalermo@sandi.net](mailto:jdepalermo@sandi.net).

### **Upcoming Events**

**Monday, 4/20:** SSC Meeting

- Link: [Google Meet](#)
- Agenda can be found [here](#)

**Wednesday, 4/22:** iMiddle Career Day

**Friday, 4/24, 5-7 pm:** Spring ASB Dance, Under the Sea Theme (students should sign up at room 138 for free entrance. Students who do not sign up will need to purchase a ticket at the door)

**Monday, 5/25:** Memorial Day, No School

**Thursday, 5/28:** Last day of school; 8th grade promotion ceremony 8:30-9:30 at iMiddle

### **Sports Updates**

- I enjoyed seeing our wrestling teams in action on Saturday, both boys and girls won their matches.
- Girls Flag Football won both of their games, nice job ladies!
- Boys Flag Football split their games. Hoping both teams finish strong next week and are able to qualify for the playoffs!

### **State Testing:**

This year the majority of our state testing will take place during the week of 4/27-5/1. During this time we will be utilizing a block schedule to allow students the opportunity to focus on their ELA and Math Smarter Balanced Assessments. Students will be taking the test with their ELA and Math teachers, and they will only be taking one test a day (minor changes will be made to accommodate this). Key benefits to a block testing

schedule include fewer transitions, helping reduce distractions to keep engagement, and minimizing burnout, anxiety and stress. The schedule is shared below-please note school start and end times do not change.

### ELA and Math Testing Week

Monday 4/27 and Tuesday 4/28						
Time	Length	Period		Time	Length	Period
8:00-9:48am	108 min	Per 1		8:00-9:48am	108 min	Per 2
9:48-9:59am	11 min	Nutrition Break		9:48-9:59am	11 min	Nutrition Break
9:59-11:47am	108 min	Per 3		9:59-11:47am	108 min	Per 4
11:52am-12:22pm	30 min	Lunch for all		11:52am-12:22pm	30 min	Lunch for all
12:27-2:15pm	108 min	Per 5		12:27-2:15pm	108 min	

### Helping Your Student Shine During State Testing Week

- **Prioritize sleep:** Aim for 8–10 hours each night—well-rested brains perform better.
- **Eat a good breakfast:** Protein + whole grains = steady energy and focus.
- **Arrive on time:** Being early helps students feel calm and settled.
- **Encourage a positive mindset:** Remind your child to try their best—that’s what matters most.
- **Limit screen time at night:** Helps improve sleep quality and concentration.
- **Pack essentials:** Glasses, charged Chromebook, Water bottle, extra snacks
- **Talk it out:** If your child feels nervous, reassure them that it’s okay and normal.

[Parent Guide to Understanding Smarter Balanced Summative Tests](#)

[Parent Guide to Understanding Smarter Balanced Summative Tests Spanish](#)

### **VERY IMPORTANT for All Students/Families: Register for Next Year Online**

Parents of currently enrolled students need to log in to their PowerSchool Parent Portal and complete the new form named Student Registration for Next Year.

- All families must complete the Student Registration for Next Year form by Friday, May 8, 2026.
- Login to your Parent Portal [here](#).
- For help accessing your account, email Mr. Memory at [amemory@sandi.net](mailto:amemory@sandi.net)

## **PrimeTime Application Window for 26-27 School Year**

Applications for before/after school care with PrimeTime open on Monday April 20th at 8 am through May 1st at 3 pm.

- Make sure your primary email and cell phone number are correct in Parent Portal.
- Each eligible student will receive a unique application link via email and text between 7:00–8:00 AM PST on April 20.
- Missing Links: If parents do not receive a link, they must contact the PrimeTime office within the 2-week initial enrollment application window at [primetime@sandi.net](mailto:primetime@sandi.net)
- [More information here](#)
- **All applications must be submitted by May 1st - Returning PrimeTime students must submit an application as well.**

**\*\*Late applications will not be accepted\*\***

## **25-26 Yearbooks on Sale**

It's the last week to purchase your iMiddle 25-26 Yearbook! [Click HERE](#) to order yours. These are printed to order - there will not be any yearbooks available for sale after the deadline.

## **San Diego Police Junior Cadet Leadership Program**

This program is open to all middle school students, [check out this flier](#) for more information! Highly encourage students who are interested in Law Enforcement, as well as who want to grow their leadership skills. Meetings begin May 19th at 4 pm and take place at Police Plaza, 4020 Murphy Canyon Road, San Diego, CA 92123

## **8th Grade End of the Year Reminders**

For 8th grade students, eligibility for the end of the year field trip and promotion activities will be determined on May 1st. Students have been made aware throughout the year that they need to have a 2.0 in academic grades and citizenship, less than 10 tardies, no recent suspensions and no library fines. Review full Promotion Criteria on page in the planner pages 8 and 9.

The promotion ceremony will be on campus on the last day of school, May 28th, from 8:30 am - 9:30 am

## **Core Academy**

There are only 2 sessions left of Core Academy! If your student needs to clear tardies, get extra academic support, or just want to stay engaged/active on a Saturday - be sure

to register them. For dates, registration, and other information about Core Academy - visit our [Core Academy Website](#).

### **2026-2027 SDUSD Academic Calendar**

Make sure you're prepared for next year! Check out the 26-27 Academic Calendar [here](#).

### **Attendance Matters**

If your student will be absent, please use the [Google Form](#) on our website to report it quickly and easily. Thank you for supporting your student's success by making attendance a priority!

Have a wonderful week!

Sincerely,

Principal Steinberger

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