



# SFCS Weekly Bulletin

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## FRESHMAN ORIENTATION EVENTS

SFCS eighth graders will participate in Freshman Orientation at Mariposa County High School (MCHS) on Thursday, February 27th from 8:30-11:30AM. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to learn more about the high school experience that awaits them next year. Also, parents/guardians are invited to an informational meeting at 5:30PM in the MCHS Auditorium on February 27th. The evening will include a Q&A portion. Freshman registration packets are due on Friday, February 28th. If you have any questions, please contact the MCHS Counseling Office at [209-742-0260](tel:209-742-0260) x2234.

## SUMMER YOSEMITE DAY CAMP

Kick off the summer right with learning and fun in Yosemite! The week of June 15-19, NatureBridge will host *Yosemite is Our Backyard* - a day camp specially tailored for the children ages 7-12 years. Campers meet with NatureBridge field educators daily at 8:45 in Yosemite Valley and embark on days filled with games, exploration, and learning. Volunteer as a chaperone for the program and your child can participate for half price. Register by February 28th with the code "EarlyBird" and save \$20 on your registration fee. Financial aid is available. To register or for more information, see attached flyer.

## MUSICIAN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Clyde Bell for being named the SFCS Musician of the Month! Ms. Vanderslik, music instructor, recognizes one student each month for great effort and skill in music. Well done, Clyde!

## FOUR-DAY WEEKEND AHEAD

There is no school on Friday, February 14th and Monday, February 17th in honor of Presidents' Day. Enjoy the long weekend!

## VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATIONS

Many classrooms will be celebrating Valentine's Day on February 13th. (There is no school on February 14th.) Please look for information from teachers for information specific to your child's classroom. Also, please remember the SFCS Wellness Policy and do not send candy or other dessert items to school, outside of what teachers specify is allowable. Thank you for saving sugary treats for outside of school. If your child would like to pass out valentines to classmates and needs a pack of valentines, we have extras available in the office.

## ANNUAL STATE TESTING SCHEDULE

The annual standardized State testing for grades 3-8 will be administered this spring on the following dates:

- Grades 3-4: April 22, 23, 29, 30
- Grades 5-6: May 4-8
- Grades 7-8: May 18-21
- Homeschool Students: April 20, 21, 27, 28

Please do not schedule appointments or vacations that will cause students to be absent on their testing dates. Thank you! More information will be provided in the months ahead regarding these mandated tests.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- Every Monday - Early release at 2PM
- Every Friday - Spirit Day, Wear Blue
- Fri., Feb. 14 and Mon., Feb. 17 - No School, Presidents' Weekend
- Thurs., Feb. 20 - Governance Committee Mtg., 3:30-5:00PM
- Mon., Feb. 24 - Board Meeting, 4PM
- Thurs., Feb. 27 - Mariposa High School Orientation for 8th graders and parents
- Mon., April 6 - Enrollment window closes for next school year

## SFCS Home School Enrichment: Week of February 10, 2020

### Core Virtue for February: Wonder

#### 10 Monday:

TK/K                      11:40-2pm              Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Spanish and PE

#### 11 Tuesday:

5th/6th                      11:40-3:15              Lunch, Rotations: Garden, Tech, PE Rotation  
5th-8th                      12:35-3:05              Music Classes: Band, New Instruments, Violin & Guitar,  
please let me know if you are interested

#### 12 Wednesday:

3rd/4th                      11:40-3:15              Lunch, Garden, Spanish, and PE

#### 13 Thursday:

7th/8th                      11:40-3:15              Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Tech and P.E.  
1st-8th                      12:35-1:40              Piano Classes, please contact me if you are interested.  
TK/K                      1:50-2:20              Music Class  
1st/2nd                      2:35-3:00              Music Class

#### 14 Friday: No School

1st/2nd                      11:40-3:15              Lunch and Rotations: Garden, Spanish and PE

#### Coming Up:

- Monday, Feb 17th - No School: Presidents' Day

#### SFCS Links to Blogs, Web Sites and Curricular Connections:

Subscribing to classroom blogs and websites is a great way to get ideas from what is happening at school.

- [Academic Support](#) and [Academic Standards and Expectations](#) from the SFCS Web Page
- [The Home School Blog](#)
- TK/K's [Curricular Connections](#)
- [Mrs. Baumann's 1st and 2nd grades' Website and Curricular Connections](#)
- [Ms. Starchman's 3rd and 4th grades' Blog and Curricular Connections](#)
- [5th and 6th Curricular Connections](#)
- [7th and 8th grade Curricular Connections](#)
- [The SFCS Garden Blog - all grade levels](#)
- [5-8th Grade Tech Exploration](#)



## Yosemite Is Our Backyard Day Camp

**Kick off the summer right with learning and fun in Yosemite!**

Yosemite is Our Backyard is specifically tailored for the children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews of Yosemite area community members.

Participants explore Yosemite Valley and Crane Flat with our experienced educators. Days are filled with learning, games, group challenges, exploration, and hiking.

Campers meet with NatureBridge field educators daily at 8:45 a.m. in Yosemite Valley and embark on days filled with games, exploration, and learning. Each day ends at 3:45 p.m. with the exception of Thursday when parents are invited to Crane Flat for a barbeque and campfire. Pick up on Thursday will be at NatureBridge's Crane Flat campus at 7:30 p.m.

### **Dates, Ages, & Fees**

- June 15 - 19, 2020
- Ages: 7-12. There will be one group consisting of the older participants and the remaining groups made up of younger students (a mix of younger ages).
- Tuition: \$240 (need-based financial aid is available)

Tuition includes instruction, transportation for participants to Crane Flat on Thursday, and Thursday dinner at Crane Flat for all participants and parents.

Need-based financial aid is available. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, NatureBridge offers need-based financial aid for all of our programs. To apply for financial aid, email Erika Miranda (contact info below) with a short description of your family's need for tuition assistance.

### **Volunteer!**

In order to have adequate supervision for the students, we will need one or two parents to volunteer to help out in each hiking group each day of the program. If you are able to volunteer for one of our three-day shifts, we are offering half-price tuition for one child. Volunteer shifts are Monday-Wednesday or Wednesday-Friday. Please note that it may not be possible for parents to be in their own child's group.

### **Questions?**

Contact

Erika Miranda at [yosemitereservations@naturebridge.org](mailto:yosemitereservations@naturebridge.org) or 209-336-0089

**Register online at [naturebridge.org/yosemite-is-our-backyard](https://naturebridge.org/yosemite-is-our-backyard)**