



# SEAHAWK NEWS



*Earl Warren Middle School*

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## ***From the Principal, Adam Camacho***

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! I hope this letter finds you in the midst of enjoying a wonderful summer with your family. As we move further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it is hard for me to believe that I am beginning my 15<sup>th</sup> year in the San Dieguito Union High School District and returning to Earl Warren Middle School in my first year as principal. I feel extremely fortunate to work with such an outstanding learning community and I look forward to working closely with our new and returning students, their families, and, of course, our award-winning teaching and support staff to decidedly remain one of *the* finest middle schools in the state. The tradition of excellence is core to the success of EWMS and this year we celebrate Earl Warren Middle School's 60<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Thus, it is my pleasure and honor to WELCOME you to the start of another exciting school year at Earl Warren Middle School. The attached information is integral to assisting you with getting ready for the upcoming school year. Please review this newsletter and other materials on our Back-to-School link and be certain to return the mandatory forms to school by Friday, August 22. Additionally, our website will inform you about how things work at Earl Warren Middle School and San Dieguito Union High School District. In addition, please monitor our web site on a weekly basis...Go ahead add us to your "favorites" <http://ew.sduhsd.net/> and like us on Facebook!

**All incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders and new 8<sup>th</sup> graders, are encouraged to attend our Orientation Day on Thursday, August 14<sup>th</sup> (4:00 - 7:00 p.m.). And we invite ALL Families to a BBQ that will begin at 5:30 p.m.** Parents in attendance will attend a series of short informative sessions that address a variety of topics. Sessions include information on how to support your students academically and socially and how to access a variety of services at Earl Warren. Parents will also have the opportunity to purchase school items such as PE clothes, yearbooks, and school spirit wear. You may also join the PTSA at this time. Students will receive their **\*class schedules on Opening Day, Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:00 a.m. in Warren Hall.** Schedules are not available to students prior to the first day of school.

**\*Schedules of students without up-to-date immunizations will be withheld.**

The bell schedule at Earl Warren Middle School is a modified block schedule. Mondays are **Single Period Days** which means all 6 periods meet. The other days are **Block Days** during which only three periods meet (Tues. & Thurs = Periods 1, 3, 5; Wed. & Fri. = Periods 2, 4, 6). One of the purposes of our block schedule is to provide students opportunities for the in-depth study of a topic that the typical 50 minute period does not allow. This schedule also maximizes student learning because we are able to reduce the number of passing periods. Since students see their core teachers three times a week it is important that they create a homework and study schedule that ensures academic success. **Academic Practice Time (APT)** is built in daily to period 5 on single period days and to the afternoon class of block days.

**-more from the Principal-****Late Start Days**

This year we will have a series of Late Start Days to allow our teachers the time necessary to analyze student data and to continue to develop strategies to improve student achievement.

**Classes will begin at 9:15** on the following days:

September 29

October 27

February 23

March 30

April 27

May 18

Students may arrive at the regular start time and will be supervised in Warren Hall or in the Library. You will receive reminders about these days throughout the year.

As you know, our schools continue to face concerns regarding the budget. Earl Warren will continue to exercise great prudence and caution with all expenditures. Please know that the staff and I are very appreciative of the support of our PTSA and their efforts to subsidize valuable programs such as Friday Night Support School and Homework Hour. We also feel very fortunate that our PTSA continues to provide us with additional resources that go directly to the instructional programs and to each one of your students. Despite these difficult budget cuts, we are confident that Earl Warren Middle School will continue to provide our students with an excellent academic program.

The staff and I invite you to take advantage of the many opportunities at EWMS for both you and your children to join us in building an exceptional environment for students to learn and grow. *Our* students' education is a collaborative process among students (who are taking on more ownership than ever before), school staff, and families – please remain actively involved with your child's education during their time here at EWMS – even if they don't want you to (really...they do)! Active parental involvement is absolutely crucial in these formative adolescent years. I look forward to getting to know each of you and working in partnership on behalf of *our* students.

**Coffee with the Principal**

Do you have a question or concern about Earl Warren?  
Do you have a suggestion you want to share with the Principal?

Come for coffee with

**Principal, Adam Camacho**

on the first Friday of each month in the Conference Center at 8:30 a.m.

**The first coffee will be October 3rd**

**COMING TO VISIT US?**

All visitors need to check in at the front office to sign our Visitors' Register and get a Visitor's Badge

**TRYING TO REACH A STAFF MEMBER?**

Call: Front Office 858-755-1558 ext. 4401  
Email: first.lastname@sduhsd.net

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# ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Earl Warren Middle School!

The middle school years are some of the most important in your student’s development. At Earl Warren, we believe it’s essential to work together as a team and help guide students through these formative years as they transition into high school. We have high expectations, both academically and behaviorally. Please take time to review this information before school begins and our year will be off to a great start.

All back to school information is located on the front page of the website at [www.ew.sdushsd.net](http://www.ew.sdushsd.net). You will find the guidelines that consist of four parts: (1) Behavior expectations; (2) Student technology plan; (3) Dress code, and (4) Academic honesty. Please review these guidelines with your student(s) before signing and returning the **Signature Verification Form**.

Safety for students is our number one priority. For this reason, we ask for your cooperative partnership with avoiding the upper library parking lot and upper staff lot for student drop off and pick up. Instead, with input from the community and local law enforcement, we designated the following two appropriate safe pick up and drop off zones during before and after school hours:

**1. Lower Library Lot (Corner of Stevens Avenue and San Rodolfo Drive)**

When using the lower lot, please pull all the way forward before dropping off your child and minimize your stop by saying your goodbyes ahead of time and having your child’s belongings ready.

**2. Designated Curbside Drop Off/Pick Up Zone on the west side of Stevens Avenue immediately north of the library parking lot**

Please be sure to pay close attention to the posted city signs for hours and bus loading zones. Again, student safety is our top priority. Illegal U-turns and dropping students off far away from the curb are common dangers observed in previous years. We receive amazing support from the San Diego County Sherriff’s Department, so please be mindful that traffic officers issue citations for drivers breaking traffic laws.

If you pick up your child after school on the east side of Stevens Avenue, please encourage them to use the crosswalk at the corner of Stevens Ave. and San Rodolfo. Stevens Ave. is a very busy street, and I would like to ensure that we are communicating the same message to the children, safety first.

## Who's Who at Earl Warren Middle School

Principal .....	Adam Camacho
Principal's Secretary .....	Martha Hutchinson
Assistant Principal .....	Reno Medina
AP Secretary .....	Roberta Blank



## A Message From the Counselor

Introducing your 2014-2015 Counseling Staff

Lisa Curry: Counselor

Shirley Blekeberg: Registrar/Counseling Secretary

Welcome to the 2014-15 school year! I am excited to begin my 12<sup>th</sup> year as a school counselor; my fifth year at Earl Warren Middle School. I am looking forward to a great year working with our new and returning students and their families. Thanks for sending your kids to us at Earl Warren Middle School. Having your students is our privilege.

### **Please read the following important reminders:**

**Stay Informed:** Please check out our website at <http://ew.sduhsd.net/> (select the counseling link) to view material that provides you with information about the purpose of the counseling center as well as a step-by-step approach on what you can do to help your child get off on the right foot beginning the first day of school! Lots of information is posted including new parent info, progress report dates, frequently asked questions, support services provided, and opportunities for student involvement.

**Schedule Changes:** Students are carefully screened to ensure they are in the proper classes (see website for details). Schedules will be distributed on the morning of the first day of school, August 26, beginning at 7:00 am. We made every effort possible to put students in their top elective choices whenever possible. Please note that there are no schedule changes unless a student was misplaced or unless it is necessary to balance class sizes. We know that schedule changes can be difficult on students and teachers, so we do our best to keep changes to a minimum.

**Counselor Accessibility:** I want to assist you in any way I can and as fast as I can. All phone calls will be returned by the next day and emails within 48 hours (unless I am out of the office). If you need to speak with someone as soon as possible, the counseling office support staff is available to answer questions at ext. 4410. If you would like to make an appointment with me please call ext. 4410. For students, I'm available before school, during lunch, and after school. If, after coming in during one of those times, I'm not available, I encourage students to fill out a "Request to see Counselor" pass. I will make sure I see him/her by the next day.

**Student Presentations:** Parents are always welcome to attend the counselor presentations in Warren Hall on a variety of subjects throughout the year. Although the topics are geared for students, parents may also find them informative. **On Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>**, I will visit all PE classes in an effort to help them *START OUT RIGHT*. Students will learn about Counseling services, their confidentiality rights, study skills, how to calculate GPA, high school and college requirements and how to have an awesome year.

**SDUHSD Information Portal** letters were mailed to NEW students in the month of June.

*Please save this letter* containing the student ID number and a Passcode Number specific to your student and directions for logging on to the portal. The Parent Portal will allow parents to access their child's class schedule, grades and attendance via the Internet.

**DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT** if you have a returning SDUHSD student and have already created an account last school year. Simply log on with the same user name and password you used last year. Also, if you have a student at another SDUHSD school and have already created an account, there is no need to create a new account.

Add your EWMS student to your existing account. If you have forgotten your password, you can go to the portal and click on [Forgot Your Password?](#) and follow the directions. The Earl Warren website <http://ew.sduhsd.net/> has a link to access the SDUHSD Information Portal. If you need a letter, please have your student stop by the Counseling Center to pick one up.

**Attending Back to School Night is a must!** Please join us at our annual Back to School Night on **Tuesday, September 16, 6-8 p.m.** Make sure you leave with the following information from each teacher: 1) How should my child get the homework if he/she is absent? 2) What is the best way to follow up on my child to make sure he/she is getting all homework turned in? 3) What is the best way to communicate with the teachers? 4) How does each teacher require students to organize their work? 5) Policy for late work? 6) What can parents do to make sure my child is successful?

**Deficiency Notices** for any student earning a D or F at the start of the semester will be posted on the Aeries Portal the second week of October. If your child is having difficulty in a class, please contact the teacher for more information. Remember, the Aeries Parent Portal is a great way to monitor your child's grades.

**Support Program:** In October, we will begin this year's *Seahawk Connections* support program. This program is designed to assist those students who may be struggling with their organizational skills. Students who attend the program will be paired with student leaders who can provide and help with organizational skills and support. If you believe your child could benefit from this program, *please contact me.*

**Importance of the School Agenda Book:** Every student at EW should be utilizing his/her agenda book. The school agenda has been designed to help students manage their time. Teachers, when they assign homework, will expect students to record the assignment in their agendas. If there is no homework, students should write "No HW" in their agendas. We ask that you review the agenda on a regular basis with your child to make sure it is being used. This is where the accountability piece comes in. For more detailed information on how students can use the agenda, visit the counseling website. If your child loses her/his agenda a limited supply of extras are available in the front office for \$5.00.

**Helpful Hints: Getting Missed Assignments:** Please make sure your child gets the names and phone numbers of at least three students in every class, and records them in the agenda. This is the best way to find out about missed homework when a student is absent 1-2 days. Some teachers also post homework on their websites. If, on the third day of absence, you suspect your child will be out another day or two, email teachers requesting that they bring missed assignments to the attendance office for you to pick up. If a student completes as much of the missed homework as possible before returning to school, the stress of extra homework later is minimized.

**Change of Address:** If you have **changed your residence**, please complete and submit a Verification of Residency Form, which is available on the district website at [www.sduhsd.net](http://www.sduhsd.net). Select the Parents & Students button and then select Registration Packet. Look for the pdf files on the right side of the page. Please make sure Shirley, our registrar, has your new address, email and phone number. Call ext. 4410 to inform us of any changes.

**New Student Socials:** I am excited to host New Student Socials at the beginning of the school year for any students who moved to the area or made the choice to come to Earl Warren instead of one of our other three middle schools (intradistrict transfers). They are held the first four Fridays of the school year during APT. Students will participate in icebreaker activities so they can meet other new students in a casual, non-academic setting. Students will be sent invitations and instructions on when and where to report to join in the fun!

Again, welcome back!

Lisa Curry, Counselor, Ext. 4454

## **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT** **September 16, 2014, 6-8 p.m.**

Please join us at our annual Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 16th, at 6:00 p.m. After a brief general meeting with the principal at our outdoor quad, parents will be able to visit each of their student's classes and meet their new teachers. All parents are encouraged to attend. School Site Council elections will be held that evening.

**SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL  
2014-2015 PARENT REPRESENTATIVE**

The Site Council constitution calls for the election of 3 parent representatives on Site Council. Are you interested in taking part in this valuable endeavor?

The Earl Warren Middle School Site Council is an 11-member board consisting of staff members, parents, and students. The role of members is to serve as an advisory council in assessing needs, setting and prioritizing goals, and developing, monitoring, and evaluating the school's strategic plan. The council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month during the school year.

If you are interested, please submit your name and a paragraph describing your background and experience to the principal's office by Friday, September 12, 2014. The election is scheduled for Tuesday September 16th at Back to School Night.

Please add my name to the 2014-2015 ballot. **My biographical paragraph is attached.**

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**Print your name**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Your Signature**

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

**ATTENDANCE PROCEDURES**

**Please call the Attendance Office 858-755-1558 ext. 4404 or email [monica.ramirez@sduhsd.net](mailto:monica.ramirez@sduhsd.net)** whenever your student is not going to be at school on a regular attendance day. The school must be notified each day of a student's absence. A valid excuse for each absence must be cleared by a parent or guardian's telephone call or written verification.

**P.E. Excuses:** To be excused from PE a student must bring a note from a parent for a one- or two-day absence, or from a doctor for extended leave. This applies both to limiting activities, and being excused from participation for a limited time based on a doctor's note. The doctor's note must be given to attendance and a copy to the teacher at the beginning of the class period.

## **NOTICE OF NON-RESPONSIBILITY**

The San Dieguito Union High School District is not responsible for the personal property of students or employees. Items such as clothing, equipment, bicycles, or other personal property, if brought on school property, is at the owner's risk. I-Pods are NOT allowed at school.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT**

The San Dieguito Union High School District is committed to equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs and activities shall be free from discrimination based on sex, race, color, religion, national origin, ethnic group, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability or any other unlawful considerations.

## **ZERO TOLERANCE**

All students have a right to a safe and secure learning environment. The San Dieguito Union High School District has resolved to provide direction regarding behavioral guidelines and has adopted and supports a "zero tolerance" policy for weapons possession, for repeatedly instigating fights, and for other behaviors that could create an unsafe environment. School and district-wide discipline and safety plans include suspension and the possibility of expulsion. Please refer to the Discipline Plan that is included in the student information packet.

## **DAMAGED TEXTBOOK POLICY**

Students will be given books in good condition. Any defects will be recorded. We expect normal wear and tear, but if a book is rendered too damaged for use, the current replacement cost will be assigned and payment will be required the last week of school, or students can purchase a replacement book.

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### **Just a reminder**

Surf PE will  
begin the day after Back to School Night  
September 17th

## **READY... SET... GO! FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL August 26, 2014**

School begins at 7:40 a.m. Students will pick up their official class schedule on the first day of school in Warren Hall beginning 7:00 a.m.

### ***What supplies should I bring?***

We suggest that students use a large loose-leaf binder to keep notes for several subjects. A few classes may suggest a separate notebook. College-ruled paper and some pens and pencils are also a good start.

Because Earl Warren has no lockers, a backpack or a pack on wheels will be necessary for students to carry supplies. Textbooks will be checked out by the teachers for the student to take home and use throughout the semester/year. Don't forget to pack a lunch or bring lunch money.

### ***Where and when is APT?***

Academic Practice Time is right after lunch. Students will be given 30 minutes daily to begin their homework in their period 5 or period 6 class. Students may choose to work on any subject area or may choose to quietly read a book.

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## **Join Us**

### **YOU ARE INVITED**

### **Parent Welcome Meeting on the First Day of School Tuesday August 26th, 7:45 a.m.**

Come meet new friends, connect with old, meet the new Principal, Adam Camacho, and hear about the school year. You will also find out about volunteer opportunities, and learn how you can become involved in the PTSA.

It is a great way to begin the new school year!

The lower field will be open for easy parking on that day.

Looking forward to seeing you!

## PARENT CALLS & MESSAGES

Please understand that we do not want to interrupt the students and teachers while in the classroom. **Messages will not be delivered to the classroom unless it is an absolute emergency.** Lunches, supplies, forgotten books and assignments, and all telephone messages can be left at the attendance office and your student's name will be written on the message board outside the office.

**Please remind your student to check the board every day even if they are not expecting a message.**



## OFF CAMPUS PASSES

If your student needs to leave school during the day for an appointment, please send a note to the attendance office. Your student will be issued an off campus pass to release them from class at the appropriate time. Thank you so much for your help in this regard.

## DAILY BULLETIN

Most school communication is done on a daily basis through email. The Daily Bulletin will be sent to everyone that is on the E-Option database. This is the best way to make sure you stay up-to-date on the school happenings.

The E-Option list will be generated from emails that are in Aeries. If you need to update your email please call Shirley Blekeberg at ext. 4410.

## SCHOOL-WIDE STUDENT PLANNING AGENDAS

Developing good organizational skills is essential for academic success.

With the help of district funds, we are able to **provide** each student with a 2014-15 student "agenda" book. These agendas will be distributed to each student on the first day of school, free of charge. Replacements may be purchased for \$5.00 from the counseling office, while our supplies last.

These agendas provide students with a single place to record homework assignments, test dates, and other academic and extra curricular events and timelines. The agenda is also equipped with study aides such as the periodic table, a map of the United States, mathematical formulas, etc. Parents are an integral part of making this organizational tool successful. Please take an active role in encouraging your student to use their agenda, manage their time, and set goals.

Feel free to contact the counselor, Lisa Curry, with any questions you may have.

## FACEBOOK

Make sure to **Like Us on Facebook.**

School wide information, as well as emergency information will be posted. Daily postings will show pictures and videos of what your students are doing in their classrooms. You will be provided the most recent information about the school. A great way to stay in the loop!



## STUDENT ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE

The district does not carry medical, accident, or dental insurance for students injured on school premises or through school activities. Several coverage options are available. On the Earl Warren website, [www.ew.sduhsd.net](http://www.ew.sduhsd.net) you will find detailed information about the options available as well as detailed information for the SD-KHAN program and Pacific Educators Insurance Services.

Applications for Pacific Educators Insurance Services are also available in the school office.

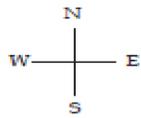
## Alleviating your Child's Concerns About Middle School

- Adam Camacho, Principal -

As students enter middle school, they sometimes harbor fears about the new world they are about to enter. This is normal and natural. Your children may keep these fears to themselves, or they may be very vocal about it. Here are some suggestions to help alleviate their concerns about middle school.

- **Listen patiently.** Let them know that you care and are always there for them. Vocalizing fears is often a great release. Ask questions and help them explore their feelings.
- **Reassure them.** Remind them of other transitions they have navigated successfully. Discuss their strengths, such as: "You are such a good problem-solver. You have such good judgment."
- **Address their fears honestly.** Commonly heard concerns include:
  - **"I won't remember my schedule."** Your students will get their schedules on the first day of school. Make several copies of the schedule. Keep one at home, and tape one to the inside of their notebook.
  - **"I won't be with my friends."** While there are several feeder schools to Earl Warren, the school is still small enough that students will run into all their friends frequently.
  - **"I'll be lost."** Again, the small size of our school is a benefit. Be sure to attend Student Orientation on August 16th. A map of the school is included in this newsletter (page 13), and also on the back page of the student agenda.
  - **"Kids will be mean to me."** In reality, Earl Warren students are extremely friendly. Our staff is highly caring and watches over students' adjustment to middle school. As in any middle school, issues of bullying sometimes occur. If you notice it, talk to the Assistant Principal Travis Wall or counselor Lisa Curry immediately. We take this very seriously and will not tolerate it.
  - **"I don't know all the rules."** School rules are included in the orientation packet, in the student agenda, and are reviewed during New Student Orientation on August 14th. In addition, Mr. Medina visits each social science class to discuss the discipline policy in depth and to answer questions.

Remind your students that these concerns are normal, and that there are many people here at Earl Warren ready to help. This will be a wonderful school year!



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## Bell Schedules



### Single Periods Monday

7:40 - 8:35	Period 1
8:40 - 9:30	Period 2
9:35 - 10:25	Period 3
10:30 - 11:20	Period 4
11:20 - 11:55	LUNCH
12:00 - 12:30	APT
12:30 - 1:20	Period 5
1:25 - 2:15	Period 6

### Tues & Thurs - Periods 1,3,5 Wed & Fri - Periods 2,4,6

7:40 - 9:25	Class Period
9:25 - 9:30	Break
9:35 - 11:20	Class Period
11:20 - 11:55	LUNCH
12:00 - 12:30	APT
12:30 - 2:15	Class Period

### Minimum Day Schedule

7:40 - 8:20	Period 1
10:05 - 10:40	Period 2
9:05 - 9:40	Period 3
9:40 - 9:55	Break
10:00 - 10:35	Period 4
10:40 - 11:15	Period 5
11:20 - 12:00	Period 6

### Late Start Schedule

9:15 - 10:00	Period 1
10:05 - 10:40	Period 2
10:45 - 11:20	Period 3
11:25 - 12:00	Period 4
12:00 - 12:35	Lunch
12:40 - 1:00	APT
1:00 - 1:35	Period 5
1:40 - 2:15	Period 6

## Attention 7th Grade Parents

August 1, 2014

Dear Parent:

Your son/daughter is enrolled in Life Science. The curriculum includes discussion of issues that are key to adolescent development. This letter serves as notification required by the State Education Code to inform you of the reproductive health content and purpose of HIV/AIDS instruction in this course.

We are confident that the Family Life Education Unit is of optimal content and caliber, designed to provide students with accurate information regarding the following topics: decision making, refusal skills, abstinence, anatomy and physiology of reproductions, pregnancy, childbirth, and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS.

In providing teens with a thorough and careful education about HIV/AIDS, our curriculum emphasizes that abstinence is the only 100% effective method of preventing the transmission of AIDS. As required by Ed. Code 51201.5, students will receive information on prevention, causes, symptoms, transmission, treatment, and local community resources. They will also analyze the detrimental physical, psychological, and social effects of HIV/AIDS.

As a part of this curriculum, students may have guest speakers. If a guest speaker is scheduled in the Family Life Education unit, parents will be notified of the speaker and the speaker's affiliation to outside organizations.

Parental review of written and audio-visual teaching materials will be held on Wednesday, September 17th at 2:30, in room #23, at Earl Warren Middle School. Teaching materials will be on display and teachers will be available to review course content. The following state-approved HIV/AIDS curriculum will be used for HIV/AIDS instruction: Positive Prevention/ American Red Cross.

We encourage and appreciate your support and look forward to your student's participation in this course.

Sincerely,

Adam Camacho  
Principal



## Helpful Links and Information for 2014-15 School Year

### **2014-15 School Calendar At A Glance**

<https://sites.google.com/a/sduhsd.net/ew/file-cabinet/School%20Year%20At%20A%20Glance%202014-15.pdf?attredirects=0&d=1>

### **Boys and Girls Club**

After School Sports

<http://www.positiveplacesd.org/>

Contact: Max McArthur

[mmcarthur@positiveplacesd.org](mailto:mmcarthur@positiveplacesd.org)

### **Bus Pass Applications and Bus Schedules**

SDUHSD Transportation

[http://sduhsd.net/parents\\_students/transportation.htm](http://sduhsd.net/parents_students/transportation.htm)

### **Earl Warren PTSA**

<http://ew.sduhsd.net/ptsa-redirect>

### **All Earl Warren Nutrition Services Information**

<http://sduhsd.net/parents-students/nutrition-services/index.html>

### **You will find:**

1. Free and Reduced Lunch Application
2. PCS Dollars - Pay by check or cash
3. PayPams - Prepay by credit card
4. School Lunch Menus

### **Solana Beach Library**

<http://ew.sduhsd.net/student-resources/library-redirect>

### **San Dieguito Alliance Parent Pledge**

San Dieguito Alliance is an organization of parents, educators, students and other community members to prevent or reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by the youth.

<http://www.sandieguitoalliance.org/>



## Important Forms

***Please read the following information regarding all mandatory and important forms due by August 22nd***

The Emergency Card is required for **all students** in order to attend school in the San Dieguito Union High School District. The Emergency Card can be printed from the Aeries Parent Portal. Instructions were included with the Principal's summer letter and also on the **Back to School** link on the front page of the website [www.ew.sduhsd.net](http://www.ew.sduhsd.net)

- Emergency Card

All of the **Read Only** and **Mandatory and Recommended** forms are also located on the front page of the EW website.

### **Read Only** forms:

- Annual Notification
- Discipline Policy, Dress Code, Academic Honesty
- Activities Contract
- Voluntary Accident Insurance

### **Mandatory and Recommended Forms**

- Check list of all forms
- Signature Verification Form - mandatory**
- ASB Sales - recommended
- PTSA Membership - recommended
- PTSA Volunteer Form - recommended
- San Dieguito Alliance Parent Pledge - Recommended
- EW Chrome Book Check-out Waiver - Recommended

## School Directory

PTSA publishes a school directory for parents who choose to have their phone number listed. The directories are free if you become a PTSA member. The membership form is on the front page of the EW website. Additional directories will be available for a \$5 donation.

To streamline data entry and publishing, the PTSA will be using eConfirm this year. eConfirm is a secure web form which provides the ability to collect family contact information online. Please go to the link below to enter your child's contact information by Tuesday, September 30th. The form allows you to choose the information you would like published in the directory. Please contact Pamela Yates with any questions at [pande4691@gmail.com](mailto:pande4691@gmail.com) You will also find this link on the PTSA website, <http://bit.ly/earlwarren>

## Sign Up for EWMS Merchant Programs

Earn money for Earl Warren each time you shop.  
It's easy, and will help the students all year long!

### Here's How it Works

- You register any one or all of your existing grocery loyalty, debit and credit cards for use in the program.
- Participating merchants will make contributions to your chosen group (Earl Warren), based on purchases made by you, just by using the cards you have registered.

*\*\*Remember to use your cards for every purchase and you will automatically earn money for Earl Warren.*

Go to the following web address and sign in:

**[www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)**

**use: #139577127 (Earl Warren PTSA group number)**

Then sign up your Vons, Ralphs, and Target Card numbers.

### **Vons:**

Telephone number is not the club card number. If you need the actual number please call:  
877-723-3929

### **Ralphs**

[www.ralphs.com/ccprogram.htm](http://www.ralphs.com/ccprogram.htm)

Non-Profit number is: 84458

Telephone number is also not the rewards number. To get your card number please call:  
800-660-9003

### **Target REDcard** (Take Charge of Education)

[www.target.com/tcoe](http://www.target.com/tcoe) designate "Earl Warren Middle School" as the beneficiary

Telephone number for you to call: 800 316-6142

Must confirm participation each year. Thanks for your support!

## Parent Talk

Dear Seahawk Families,

August 1, 2014

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer and are rejuvenated for an exciting year at Earl Warren. This is my first year as PTSA President and my fifth year as a parent at EWMS. My son, Garrett, will be my third child coming to EWMS. We are so excited about the upcoming school year! We are very proud to be Seahawks.

Earl Warren's PTSA would like to invite all **P**arents, **T**eachers and **S**tudents to become members of our **A**wesome family. Although middle school only lasts two years in our child's life, this is a critical time to be engaged in their school environment. The PTSA offers many ways to keep involved in your child's education. Not only will you have a prime opportunity to offer input to the programs and activities in which your child will directly benefit, we offer many volunteer opportunities where you can meet other parents and keep a pulse on the happenings in our school. Our monthly meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 9am. We will have three general meetings on the evenings of October 23rd, February 19th, and April 30th where you are all invited to come and listen to speakers that will offer insightful lessons on raising our kids today. Come and join the fun! Together we will all make a difference.

PTSA at Earl Warren may look a little differently than PTA at your prior school. While we are the parent volunteer arm of the school, we are also the sole financial support for close to 40 valuable programs and services to our students, staff, and school.

Here's an update on some of the more costly programs that were paid for by EWMS PTSA this past year through parent donations, without your help the following programs could not be funded:

Homework Hour	\$8,000	Technology	\$12,500
Friday Support School	\$1,500	Science Olympiad	\$2,900
Parent Education	\$1,000	Spirit Day	\$6,500

In addition, the PTSA supported the teachers with classroom mini-grants totaling \$8,000 and academic events (art, music, math, science, geography and spelling bees) with \$3800. We also sponsor our Back to School BBQ, National Red Ribbon Week (drug awareness program) and Reflections (art/music contest). We sponsor Earl Warren traditions like Spirit Day and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion. We underwrite prizes for student events like Spelling and Geography Bees, organize and operate Science Olympiad, and provide support for Family Science and Music Program nights. We expect to be supporting all of these same programs again this year and hope you will help by making a contribution.

This year we are making it easier than ever to join and contribute to the PTSA! With a simple and secure "click of a button" you can join and donate to the PTSA on our website at (<https://sites.google.com/a/sduhsd.net/earl-warren-ptsa/>) Here you will also get the latest news of the events and opportunities taking place at Earl Warren. We continually welcome new ideas and seek improvements. Always feel free to contact me if you have any questions (or suggestions) at the email address listed below.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the annual *Back to School BBQ on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.*, after the *New Student Orientation at 4 p.m.*

Sincerely,  
Stevie Younkin  
earlwarrenpts@gmail.com

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## Library News

The Solana Beach Library is a shared use library, serving the community of Solana Beach, as well as the staff and students of Earl Warren Middle School. This feature allows the library to be open earlier than other public libraries, and later than other school libraries. Students must be picked up before library closing. Hours **when school is in session** are as follows:

Monday/Thursday 7:30 am - 6 pm

Tuesday/Wednesday 7:30 am - 8 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 5 pm

Saturday 9:30 am - 5 pm

We open at 9:30 am Monday-Saturday when school is not in session.

**Each student will need a San Diego County Library card in order to check out materials.** If a student already has a valid library card, they do not need to apply for a new one. To obtain a library card, each student should come into the library with a parent or legal guardian and fill out our library card application. **Please note:** A separate Internet authorization form for Internet/word processing must be filled out by the parent **in person** in the library. I encourage parents to obtain library cards and Internet permission stickers for their students at the New Student Orientation, August 14.

I would like to mention the research and reference resources available here, both in print and on-line. With a library card, students can access these via the San Diego County Library's website. Homework Help sites include Biography in Context, World Book Online, and Student Research Center. Other services, such as ordering and renewing library materials, are also available on our web site, [www.sdcl.org](http://www.sdcl.org). We also provide a set of Earl Warren textbooks for students to do their homework while in the library.

**Students are welcome in the library after school hours.** We encourage them to either do homework, socialize quietly so as not to disturb the other patrons, or participate in our after school activities. We will offer some fun programs in the Young Adult area beginning the week of September 8th.

**Monday Lego Club**, each week we bring out the legos and let the students build.

**Tuesday Bridge Club**, Bridge is a card game invented over 100 years ago and is still being played today. It offers continuous challenges, new situations to be analyzed and a complex and intriguing language to be learned and mastered. Playing Bridge improves concentration, as well as math, problem solving and logic skills. For the fifth straight year our Bridge Master will show the kids how to play and start their own Bridge club. Snacks provided. 2:15-3:00 pm.

**Wednesday is Game Day**, each week a board game or Wii game! Later on in the year, we will also have a Speech and Debate class.

**Theater Thursdays**, relax with a movie matinee.

**Cartoons in the Afternoon**, wind the week up with a good old-fashioned Looney Tune.

Programs are subject to change. We always have chess sets and decks of cards on hand for the kids, also.

Encourage your eighth grade students to participate in Reading Challenge this Fall semester. This reading incentive program rewards the students for leisure reading over 1,000 pages during the semester by hosting a Movie Party, with refreshments, during their English class at the end of the semester. Logs will be available in the library. The Spring Semester Reading Challenge will be dedicated to the seventh graders.

Watch for announcements in the e-option for more details. I hope to see you all at New Student Orientation Day August 14, either at the Library Table or in the library.

Pat Tirona, Branch Manager

Renee Hanson, Youth and Children's Librarian