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The mission of Divisadero Middle School is to provide a system of consistent expectations that will lead to academic success and promote the growth of Character, Achievement, Respect and Effort.

Trojan Update

Principal’s Message:

Hello Divisadero and our school community. I am just as excited about this new school year, my 3rd year as principal, as when I was a student here many years ago. I will continue my efforts and energy in establishing and maintaining a safe and nurturing learning environment. A top priority of Divisadero is to have a safe school that every student has all the opportunities possible to learn and succeed. I invite all parents and school community members to visit us and to look for volunteer opportunities to help our students. We want everyone part of our school community, and the more of us together working toward student success will only benefit our entire student population and our community as a whole. Through education, it is our goal for students to have limitless opportunities for their future.

Campus News:

For the new school year, Divisadero’s teaching has changed with new teachers in areas of ELA (Taylor, Cervantes, Ross, Gaulden, Horley, Dias, and Lohe), math (McLennan and Hawkins), science (Helen, Koster and Weece), PE (Julian), History (Sittre), Choir (Kenyon), and Special Education (Topete, Lewis and Vandegrift). Each one is excited about being part of the Divisadero family, and as an administrative team will continue our New Teacher Cohort group that meets monthly to address questions, concerns, and offer teacher support to better serve our student body. As a result of this transition of new teachers, we did have to say good-bye to some excellent teachers that were a big part of the Divisadero Family. We wish all of them nothing but the best as they continue educating students at their new schools or now get to enjoy their retirement years.

I am proud to continue our work with an amazing administration team. Mrs. Adriana Mota-Chavez is the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction and Assistant Principals of Student Services for 7th and 8th grade are Mr. Jathor See and Mr. Scott Haagensen, respectively.

In Science 7, students learned about prosthetics, and through that learning, worked together to design, create, and build a prosthetic hand. The level of engagement was outstanding, and students learned first “hand” the inner workings of mobility and dexterity.

Thank you to those that are part of Divisadero PTSA. It is our school goal to encourage as many parents as possible to participate in this association to better serve our students and staff. It is important to the administrators at Divisadero that we as a team do everything we can to promote and assist PTSA in our efforts to improve our school community. If you have any interest in joining PTSA, please contact the school office at 730-7661. We will be meeting on the last Tuesday of every month from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm in Room 41A. Our first meeting is scheduled for September 24th.

September Events

9/10 → Anime Club (3:30 p.m.)
→ LEGO Robotics Club (3:30 p.m.)
→ New Teacher Cohort (3:30 p.m.)
→ Fall Sports Parent Meeting (4:30 p.m.)

9/11 → Art Club (3:30 p.m.)
→ History Day Informational Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
→ Volleyball vs. Woodrow Wilson (3:30 p.m.)
→ V Football vs. Woodrow Wilson (4:00 p.m.)
→ JV Football vs. Valley Oak (4:00 p.m.)

9/12 → LEGO Robotics Club (3:30 p.m.)
→ Science Olympiad Meeting (3:30 p.m.)

9/13 → Student Council Elections

9/16 → Staff Development (1:30 p.m. release)
→ Volleyball vs. Valley Oak (3:30 p.m.)

9/17 → Anime Club (3:30 p.m.)
→ LEGO Robotics Club (3:30 p.m.)

9/18 → Volleyball @ CVC (3:30 p.m.)
→ V Football @ Valley Oak (4:00 p.m.)
→ JV Football @ Ridgeview (4:00 p.m.)

9/19 → AVID Fund Raiser Ends
→ LEGO Robotics Club (3:30 p.m.)
→ Science Olympiad Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
→ Leadership Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
→ Cross Country @ Burris (3:30 p.m.)

9/20 → End of Marking Period 2
→ Math Super Bowl (3:30 p.m.)

9/23 → Orchestra Fund Raiser Begins
→ Cross Country @ Mooney Grove (3:45 p.m.)
→ AVID Night (6:00 p.m.)

9/24 → Fall Sports Picture Day (3:30 p.m.)
→ Anime Club (3:30 p.m.)
→ LEGO Robotics Club (3:30 p.m.)
→ PTSA Meeting (5:30 p.m.)

9/25 → Art Club (3:30 p.m.)
→ Volleyball vs. JFK (3:30 p.m.)
→ JV Football vs. La Joya (4:00 p.m.)

9/26 → LEGO Robotics Club (3:30 p.m.)
→ Science Olympiad Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
→ Cross Country @ Ridgeview (3:45 p.m.)

9/27 → CARE Assembly (8:30 a.m.)

9/30 → School Site Council Meeting (3:30 p.m.)
→ Volleyball @ Ridgeview (3:30 p.m.)
→ Football @ Farmersville (4:00 p.m.)

Divisadero, circa 1953

When Trojans C.A.R.E., Trojans Have P.O.W.E.R.
We are also encouraging parents and students to be part of our School Site Council. The council is made up of the principal, 4 teachers, 1 classified employee, 3 students and 3 parents. We are currently in need of 3 students and 1 parent. If you are interested in serving on the council, please contact the school office at 730-7661. Our first meeting is scheduled for September 30th at 3:30 pm in Room 41A.

To expand our students’ lunch time experience, we are working on outside activities so they can spend time with their friends on the blacktop and outdoor fields. The freedom that comes from these activities requires students to maintain a clean and safe campus by making sure they throw away their trash and do not run around or participate in horseplay. In order to help us continue this message, we ask parents to talk to your student on how they are to conduct themselves at school and during lunch. The students are doing a good job so far, but they can always use reminders because we want them to continue meeting this expectation. Thank you.

Campus Life has returned to Divisadero. Through the efforts of Henry Serrato, Will Garcia, and our own Mr. Warren, we are excited about our new Campus Life club that meets during lunch every Thursday. We are building support systems for our students both in the classroom and on campus. We had an amazing turn out for our “Grand Opening” of the club (See Below). Great job Campus Life!

The first marking period will come to an end on September 20. Progress Report Cards will be issued to students one week thereafter. Parents please discuss the report cards with your student to monitor their progress. With your support, we can keep your child on track to pass all of their classes.

Divisadero is a school that CAREs with each letter representing our expectations for the students: Character, Achievement, Respect, and Effort. In extending our CARE motto, we have introduced Trojan POWER. When Trojans CARE, Trojans have POWER through their efforts of being Present, On-time, Working Hard, Earning Everything, and Responding positively.

Your Principal, Mr. Aguilar (559-730-7661; raguilar@vusd.org)

Boy, have we changed! This summer Divisadero underwent improvements, including a complete campus painting makeover. We’re looking clean and sharp, and it’s a great way to start the new school year!

Fun on Campus!!!

On September 5 we had our first school dance, and our leadership students organized an awesome event. Can’t wait for the next one!

We also learned about Character at our CAMFEL Assembly so students understand the importance of how to properly handle social media and all its distractions.

More New Faces at Divisadero

In our main office, Maribel Sanchez has joined our administrative assistant team and will be working with our 8th grade student services team. In our Library, we have Wendi Anderson, who comes from Conyer Elementary and she is excited about the world of reading for our students.

You want more Divisadero News? Don’t forget to follow us on Twitter @DivisaderoVUSD

C.A.R.E. Corner

Focus Attribute: Effort

“Success comes from knowing you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming.”

John Wooden

Trojan Top Five

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Extending C.A.R.E. with P.O.W.E.R.

When Trojans C.A.R.E., Trojans Have P.O.W.E.R.