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PLANS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Dear SPA Family,

The school year has come to an end. As your new principal, I was humbled to watch the many end of year celebrations to celebrate student and staff achievements, and to send off our seniors. **Congratulations everyone!**

This past week also provided us the opportunity to come together as a SPA community, to mourn the deaths of too many unarmed citizens of color at the hands of those meant to protect, to say with one voice that we condemn racism in all its forms, and to build even stronger bonds between us, as we support each other through what is arguably the most challenging time in our nation's recent history.

We promise to keep the information updates coming and to provide many more opportunities to come together as a SPA Community (over the summer and in the 2020-2021 school year).

Please feel free to reach out with concerns or inquiries as they arise. - email me at: robert.chalwell@cocospa.org.

On behalf of the Admin Team, and the entire SPA Staff, we wish you continued health. Remember, we're in this together, and we'll get through this together.

Dr. C

CONTRA COSTA SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS NEWSLETTER

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**BLACK
LIVES
MATTER**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE RELAUNCH PLANNING PROCESS

We continue to listen and hear loud and clear that our staff, students, and families emphasize that the following considerations must be of the highest priority in the 2020-2021 SPA Relaunch Plan:

- health, hygiene & safety protocols aligned with COVID-19 Local, State, and Federal Guidance
- socio-emotional support & inclusive school culture
- instructional rigor, student engagement, and academic support
- regular opportunities for community building and for student performances & exhibitions
- robust and holistic support of our most vulnerable students
- opportunities for stakeholder involvement, effective communication, and a transparent relaunch planning process

This past Friday, we held the first of five Relaunch Planning Team Meetings in the month of June. The Team is a diverse group with student, parent, staff, and admin representation. (parent) Sheenah Martin * (student) Gabriella "Gabs" Josa * (staff) Ross Beal * Nayia Kuvetakis * Aejay Mitchell * Melissa Kirmsse * Salam Mustafa * Karen Montgomery * (administration) Neil McChesney * Dr. Chalwell * Lisa Kingsbury * Brianna Shahvar

We also held the first of five Relaunch Stakeholder Consultation Meetings accessible each week via this link ([Fridays in June @6:30pm & Tuesday June 30th @6:30pm](#)).

We are grateful for the twenty (29) families who logged on and let their virtual voices be heard! A video recording of the meeting will be posted to the SPA Website and is available [here](#).

Please use [this link to submit questions](#) or to request to speak during the upcoming June 12th Stakeholder Consultation Meeting.



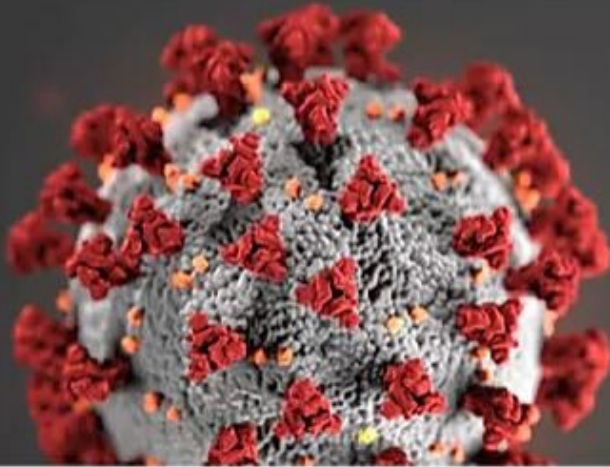
Our Local Education Agency (LEA) is scheduled to release its School Reopening Guidance this week. We expect to receive the most detailed Guidance released to-date, which will heavily inform our Final Relaunch Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

Please commit to joining us this coming Friday 6/12 @6:30pm, where topics are to include: Curriculum & Volume of Content; Socio-Emotional Support; Student Success Support Framework; and School Discipline & Culture.

Full School Relaunch Stakeholder Consultation Meetings Schedule

- Friday June 5th @ 6:30pm Topics to include: Health & Hygiene Systems; Campus Based vs Distance Learning Models; Arrival & Dismissal Times; Grade Cohorts/Class Sizes
- Friday June 12th @ 6:30pm Topics to include: Curriculum & Volume of Content; Socio-Emotional Support; Student Success Support Framework; School Discipline & Culture
- Friday June 19th @ 6:30pm Topics to include: Special Education; Arts Education & COVID-19; Parent & Family Engagement; Teacher Appreciation; Contingency Planning
- Friday June 26th @ 6:30pm Understanding New Developments in Country, State, and Federal Health, Safety, and School Reopening Guidance
- Tuesday June 30th @ 6:30pm Presentation of 2020/2021 SPA School Education Program Relaunch

COVID-19 TESTING IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY



Coronavirus (COVID-19)
Contra Costa County

Multilingual Call Center: (844) 729-8410

Open Daily from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Abierto diariamente de 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

GET TESTED

[Click to schedule an appointment](#)

(844) 421-0804

Contra Costa County has made great progress slowing COVID-19 in our county this spring. Thank you for following the health orders. We know it hasn't been easy, but you have helped save lives in our community.

One thing we can all do to help the county reopen faster - and keep our schools and families safe - is to get tested for COVID-19. When everyone gets tested, it helps to identify where in the community the virus is spreading and stop it.

You can have COVID-19 and not know you have it. You might not even feel sick.

That is why Contra Costa Health Services is encouraging everyone to get tested (ideally once a month), even if they feel fine.

You can get an easy, same-day COVID-19 test at no cost to you, 7 days a week. Call 1-844-421-0804 for an appointment or [click here to schedule an appointment](#).

Get tested in a clinic or in your car. It takes about 10 minutes to make an appointment. Testing does not hurt. Most county sites (Antioch, Concord, Martinez, Pittsburg, San Pablo, San Ramon) now use a swab test that inserts just inside the nostril.

The experts in Public Health quickly contact anyone who tests positive to help them get the care they need and protect the people around them.

Thank you for helping Contra Costa County stay healthy.

[Haga clic aquí para la traducción al español](#)

ENSEMBLE NEWS

Thank You!

you ROCK!

ENSEMBLE WANTS TO THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR AND WISHES YOU A SAFE AND WONDERFUL SUMMER!

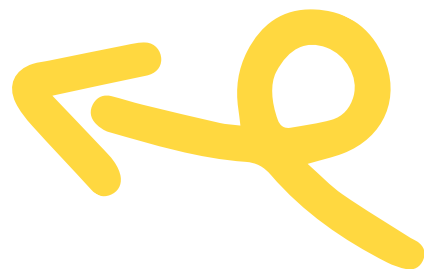


Celebrate our 8th Graders

**Contra Costa School of
Performing Arts
Class of 2020 Promotion**



**Did you miss Promotion??
Just click on the Screen
to watch this ceremony
to Honor these wonderful
Artist-Scholars!**



SPA SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Help SPA reach our goal of reading 1000 books by the end of the summer!!

To participate, read books from our SPA Summer Reading Recommendation List included below.

Create a google doc with your name and Summer Reading Challenge (example: Brianna Shahvar Summer Reading Challenge), share the doc with Ms. Kingsbury.

For each book you read, fill out the following:

1. Name of Book: _____
2. Name of Author: _____
3. TEXT-TO-SELF: Describe the ways you related to this book. What value was it to you as an individual?
 - a. What is one quote from the book that show this TEXT-TO-SELF connection?
4. TEXT-TO-TEXT: Explain what connections you see between this book and others you have read.
 - a. What is one quote from the book that show this TEXT-TO-TEXT connection?
5. TEXT-TO-WORLD: Explain what connections you see between the important aspects of this book and the world around you.
 - a. What is one quote from the book that show this TEXT-TO-World connection?



If we get to 1000 books by the end of the summer, Ms. Mustafa, Ms. Ramos, Ms. Shahvar and Ms. Kingsbury will ...

- record themselves dumping a bucket of ice water over their heads

OR

- create a tik tok dance challenge for the school



The participating students will get to vote!

The top Reader in each grade level will receive a Door Dash lunch treat for the Fall!

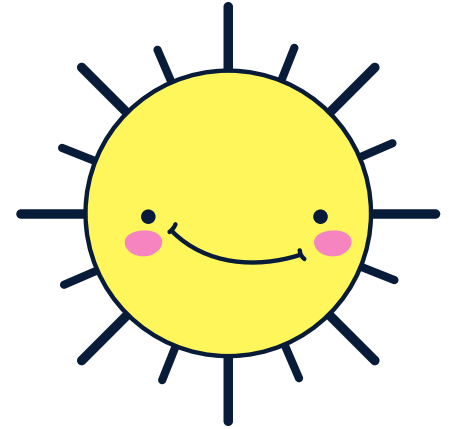
[SPA Summer Reading Recommendation List link](#)

SPA HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL UPDATE

High School Summer School Course Completion runs from Monday, June 8th through Thursday, July 2nd in a virtual setting.

Students and families expected to attend have received emails from Ms. Shahvar and will receive more information on Monday from case managers.

Please reach out to Ms. Shahvar with any questions: brianna.shahvar@cocospa.org.



THANK YOU TO THE SPATASTIC ARTIST-SCHOLARS, STAFF AND FAMILIES OF SPA.

OUR RESILIENCE WAS TESTED, BUT WE MET ALL EXPECTATIONS!

OUR RELATIONSHIPS WENT ONLINE, BUT WE CONTINUED TO RELY ON EACH OTHER.

EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU IS A STELLAR MEMBER OF OUR SPA CONSTELLATION!!

THANK YOU!!


you are
Stellar 

