

WEEK OF

OCT 5 - 9, 2015



# OLEDAD HIGH SCHOOL

## *“Home of the Aztecs”*



**KUDOS– To our Football team and coaches who won Fridays game.**

**KUDOS– To Aide Aldaco for collaborating for the South County Gang Awareness Forum.**

**KUDOS– To counselors Narez, Maturino, Pantoja, and Moreno for supporting students in being on time to school and reducing tardies.**

### October 5th

- No school Teacher Staff Development Day

### October 6th

- WASC Groups
- Volleyball Vs King City
- JV at 5pm
- Varsity at 6:30pm
- Aeries training

### October 7th

- Staff Meeting
- ETS Parent Meeting
- PAC Meeting at 7pm at San Vicente School
- Senior Pictures @ SHS

### October 8th

- Volleyball @ Pacific Grove
- JV at 5pm
- Varsity at 6:30pm
- PLUS Forum in the Mission Room
- Student Senate

- Cross Country Valley Meet @ King City

### October 9th

- Aeries Opens
- Football @ Gonzales
- JV at 3:45pm
- Varsity at 6:15pm

### October 10th

- Volleyball varsity tournament at Everett Alvarez High

## SHS NEWS

Student Senate

10/01/15

Student Senate met today. We discussed morning tardies. Last week we looked at the data below.

The average number of tardies in the morning is 120.

We have 1,435 students.

Most tardies are on Mondays and Fridays.

Friday tardies are during football season mainly cheerleaders and football players who say they are “getting ready.”

Thursday’s are also high tardy days. NJROTC students are “getting ready” and there is more traffic due to transitional kindergarten going to school on Thursday mornings instead of their regular afternoon schedule.

If each classroom has one tardy student each day instruction is interrupted for the class and the tardy student loses instruction.

Date	Day of The Week	Number of Morning Tardies
08/24	Monday	57
08/25	Tuesday	83
09/10	Thursday	147
09/11	Friday	107
09/14	Monday	145
09/15	Tuesday	122
09/16	Wednesday	134
09/17	Thursday	118
09/18	Friday	124
09/21	Monday	98
09/22	Tuesday	192
09/23	Wednesday	119
09/24	Thursday	156

Today we looked at more data:

9/28	Monday	187
9/29	Tuesday	154
9/30	Wednesday	56
10/1	Thursday	39

We noticed a big difference in tardies in the morning on 9/30 and 10/1. The data begs to ask the question: “What happened with Soledad High School students between 9/29 and 9/30?”

Administrators, counselors, office staff, and teachers put their heads together and decided to use an underutilized school program, lunch reflection. Lunch reflection provides students the opportunity to think about behaviors and actions that are counter-productive and consider how to alter those behaviors. Since we have the lunch reflection program in place we thought a quick way to get more students to school on time is to assign lunch reflection to all students who are tardy to class. The idea was to see if students were able to alter their behavior over time.

Soledad High School saw immediate results! On the first day of implementing “One Tardy = Lunch Reflection” we had 98 fewer tardy students!

We are still working out the kinks to reduce lost instructional time, assure all students eat lunch, and most of all cause students to think about altering counter-productive habits and creating new, more productive habits.

Today students offered the following:

- Students don't like it
- The idea works but has a few problems
- Students should not lose instructional time for lunch reflection
- Students who are usually late to class are getting to class on time
- Can't deny the effectiveness
- It's not convenient
- We should be allowed to be tardy at least three times before we get lunch reflection
- It's intimidating, in a good way
- Late students should have a real punishment, lunch reflection is not enough

In addition, counselors, administrators, office staff, and security are meeting twice a day to fine tune the logistics of lunch reflection in order to maximize effectiveness. So far the following changes have been made:

- Students do reflection and reflection activity then are released after 20 minutes of reflection to get lunch.
- Reflection is held in the gym and student back packs are at the door with phones and ipads inside the backpacks to minimize distractions.
- More staff are picking students up from classrooms to minimize loss of instructional time. The goal is to pick students up no earlier than 10 minutes before class ends.

Since no one solution works for all students we are considering some other options:

- Mandatory attendance at after school tutorial
- Campus beautification with parent permission

The next student senate meeting will be 10/14/15.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

“Quality means doing it right when no one is looking.”

# NJROTC

DATE: Saturday, Oct 3, 2015, from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Soledad High School NJROTC will be participating in a community Reuse Recycle & Cleanup event.

NJROTC has partnered up with Goodwill Central Coast and Tri-Cities Disposal & Recycling. Now is a great time to help your parents to clean out their closets/garages and de-clutter their homes. It is easy and convenient. Just bring your unwanted items to the Soledad Parking Lot next to the Tennis Courts.

# Flashback Friday



Can you guess who these lovely ladies are?

# Counselor

We currently still have about 20 spots available for students to sign up for the PSAT's.

The test date will be on 10/14/2015 between the hours of 8-12 p.m.

If any students stop by to sign up for the PSAT's please direct them to Kathy she will be taking their payments and handing out the practice booklets while

# Sports

**Soledad Bee Player of the week:**

Football  
Enrique Pacheco

Volleyball  
Savannah Williams

# Mr. Lang's Class



Jesus learning Physics.



Eating our breakfast so we can start a day of learning.