

Santa Susana High School

Mentor And Speaker Connection

Mission:

The SSHS MASC will serve as a resource of parents, professionals and experienced community adults to create a network of interconnectedness for SSHS teachers and students to utilize for educational purposes, focused on the areas of Student Mentoring and Guest Speaker events. This integration between “real life” experiences with educational opportunities enhances our unique community at SSHS, expanding the understanding of students beyond the proverbial ‘four-walls’ of a classroom.

What is MASC (some specifics):

- A network of individuals who are interested and willing to participate in SSHS activities as mentors and/or guest speakers.
- A database of names and information – including job and career titles, and descriptions, educational backgrounds, hobbies, interests, and other relevant life experiences.
- A resource for teachers and administration – helping to connect students with appropriate mentors for school/educational purposes (i.e. senior projects), and to fulfill teacher requests for targeted in-class guest speakers.
- A network of teachers, administration and community members – to create an environment of interconnectedness; to integrate real life experiences and expertise into students’ educational experiences.

How MASC works (a primer):

- **INFORMATION FORM:** Parents will be asked to fill out a “Who I Am” form – focused on personal and professional experiences (This information may be included in a MASC database upon consent/permission granted from the parent.).
- **CONTACT:** From time to time, a MASC participant may be contacted by a teacher or administrator, and queried on their interest or availability to mentor or speak per a student or teacher’s request or need. The school personnel will facilitate the “connection.”
- **TIME:** The time commitment is minimal and decided between the parties (i.e. mentoring is coordinated between the Mentor and Mentee based upon what is needed and what is agreed). Mentoring ranges from a 10-minute phone conversation (i.e. answer a student’s questions for a small school project) to a longer period for meetings and conversations (i.e. for a senior project). Speakers may share their experiences in a 30-minute classroom setting, or become involved in a broader seminar for a larger group of students.

BECOME A MENTOR / SPEAKER:

Share your experiences and expertise! Help build our Santa Susana community. Fill out the “**Who I Am**” form and return it to the office, or scan/email it to **SantaSusanaMASC@gmail.com**. Please feel free to contact us at this email address if you need more information or if you have any questions.

Thank you and welcome to a new year at SSHS...

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MASC Committee Chair