



Cougar Connections

August 16th, 2024

Upcoming Dates

- **MON AUGUST 19**
School Picture Day
- **THUR AUGUST 29**
Back to School Night (5-7 PM)

Quick Tips!

Be sure to link your calendar to the [DÑO calendar](#) by clicking "+Google Calendar" at the bottom right of the calendar on the school website. Then [click here](#) to view instructions on how to sync your Google calendar with your iPhone or iPad calendar.

Dear Diegueno families,

We had a great first week of school. Our focus was on building relationships, reviewing school expectations and letting our students know the supports we provide. We are still searching for two more School Site Council (SSC) members. You can find more information below. School pictures will be Monday during their Physical Education classes. Have a nice weekend. Thank you.

Helpful hints

Due to the very large number of student bike riders, parents are not permitted to drop off and pick up students in the main parking lot. I encourage you to plan to drop off your student before 8:00 and, if you wait until 3:00 for pick up, most of the bikes and cars will be long gone. Our young bike riders are still learning the rules of the road so please be hyper aware of your surroundings when near the campus. We have updated drop-off and pick-up points. Access is now available in two secured, adult monitored areas:

- 1.) The front of the school, off Village Park Way.
- 2.) The back of the school, by the baseball field, in the north west area of Avenida La Posta.

These two areas are monitored by staff. Access to campus through Sun Vista Park is now closed. Please relate this information to your student.

Principal San Juan Mendoza

BRIGHTLINE FOR KIDS & CAREGIVERS & SOLUNA FOR TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS.

These platforms offer all California residents (regardless of insurance coverage), free one-on-one support with a live coach, a library of multimedia resources, wellness exercises, and peer communities moderated by trained behavioral health professionals. Further information - [here](#)



Message from PTSA President Staci Valdez

Welcome new & returning Diegueño families!

Click the YouTube video link [here](#) to meet Principal Mendoza & PTSA President Staci Valdez.

This year, we have a big fundraising goal. We are committed to continuing all MINI-GRANTS FOR TEACHERS, which will DIRECTLY IMPACT your child's academic experience THIS SCHOOL YEAR. We will also give every teacher a CLASSROOM SUPPLIES allotment.

We've got some FUN member incentives like our DÑO Directory, so you know more about the families your kids are hanging out with, Spirit Wear Discount, VIP seating & parking at 8th Grade Promotion, and even VIP bike parking!

Please join the PTSA and help us reach our Academic & Community Goals. Joining requires ZERO TIME COMMITMENT, so you don't need to volunteer at all! (Of course, if you want to, you are always welcome!)

There's a tax-deductible donation level for every budget.

Now that you have a Middle Schooler at SDUHSD, there are NO EEF DONATIONS, so you can re-route those funds to us (please!), along with your CORPORATE MATCH, if your employer participates. Ask me if you have questions about this. We can work directly with your employer to facilitate this if needed.

We believe in giving these awesome kids JOY, PURPOSE, COMMUNITY & CONNECTION while they are here. You can help us make this a great year for them!

JOIN THE PTSA NOW BY CLICKING [HERE](#)

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ATTENDANCE CORNER



Please report all absences by sending an email to dgattendance@sduhsd.net or calling 760-944-1892 ext. 6605.

If your student needs to leave campus during school hours for any kind of appointment, medical, dental, orthodontist or simply going out of town. Please request an Off-Campus Pass 48-hours in advance through email or phone.

1. To minimize classroom interruption, please remind your student to pick the off-campus pass before school on the day of their appointment

2. If your pick-up time is during break or lunchtime, please remind your student to meet you in the attendance office for check-out.

3. REMINDER to all Parents and Guardians:

For the safety of our students a Parent or Guardian will always need to sign-out a student through the attendance window in the administration building. Students cannot walk or ride their bikes/e-bikes home.

4. Anyone picking up a student is required to show their ID

To clarify an "Off-Campus pass" is for the student to be able to show the teacher they have permission to leave class to meet parent/guardian at the attendance office. If the pick-up time is during nutrition break (10:15) or Lunchtime (12:40 - 1:15), remind your student to meet you in the attendance office for the check-out process.

PE CORNER



Diegueño's PE clothes are now for sale on our [Diegueño Webstore](#) (please note it may say 'session has expired' and you will just need to hit the restart button on the webpage). PE clothes purchased online will be distributed in your student's PE class over the next week. Please allow a few days for processing and distributing once purchased. You can also purchase with cash (exact change) or check (made out to Diegueño MS) starting Monday 8/19, in your student's PE classes.

All items are adult sizing (S-XL). Pricing can be found below:

- PE Cotton Shirt \$10.00
- PE Dry Fit Shirt \$15.00
- PE Shorts \$10.00
- PE Bag \$5.00

If you are purchasing your clothes online, you will need to create an account. The instructions are on the [webstore](#). When creating the account, please make sure to follow the formula provided based on your student's information as it appears in Aeries (your student's legal name). The website is particular, and if it is not what appears in Aeries, it will not allow you to make an account.

For those purchasing with cash or check, please print out and fill out this [form](#). Your student will need it to be able to purchase their items.

We will also be selling sweatshirts and sweatpants in limited sizes and quantities for \$10/ each. These can only be purchased first come first serve cash only.

Questions can be directed to Mallory Reeves at mallory.reeves@sduhsd.net.

Stay Connected



During the school year you will receive this Cougar Connection newsletter every week. This is an important way to stay updated about what's happening on campus and to learn how to set your child up for success.

Get alerted when DÑO's newsletter, the Cougar Connection, is released. The newsletter will open in the app, and click "This Link"!

Want an easier way to receive messages from your Superintendent, Principal, and DÑO's weekly newsletter, The Cougar Connection? Here's how!

Add the Parent Square app

- select the district - SDUHSD or San Dieguito.



ParentSquare



San Dieguito Union High School District

Since you are already on the distribution list via Aeries, the app will ask you if it is you. If your email is not verified, click the > symbol and a code will be sent. This code comes from Aeries and the subject line is: "Your Aeries Communications Verification Code." Confirm everything. Allow notifications for the app in your phone's settings.

Other ways to stay connected include:

- Bookmark our school [website](#)
- Subscribe to the Diegueño events [calendar](#)
- Follow the official Diegueño [Instagram](#) account