

Porter's Reflection:

I was doing some reading, and yes reflecting, and I came across an idea by Dr. Mike Bechtle. Some of his writing is a bit too, as the kids say, "extra" for me – but I came across one simple concept that meant a lot. The idea was to draw the difference between expectation and expectancy.

My wife often describes anger as expectations and outcomes clashing into reality. Expectations can be a force for good when they are described as a unifying idea – our green line is an expectation for student behavior. The idea being that students can strive to reach those traits that we hold so dear. Expectations backfire when we place expectations as a form of control over a situation or another person. Just because the Rolling Stones are the best band of all time – I would be hurt if I expected everyone to agree to only play "Start me Up" at the start of each class as an ode to these rock and roll pioneers.

Expectancy is often overlooked and confused with expectations. Expectancy is a state of open mindedness that anticipates a possible outcome. The key is that there are possible outcomes. As we work with students as they strive to meet our expectations, we have to have an expectancy mindset so that we can see the small steps they make toward reaching our expectations. We will see the small steps because we will be anticipating and looking for growth and not expecting it.

Comet Calendar

Nov 13	New Tech Visiting School Tour
Nov 13	Connections Meeting
Nov 13	Dessert Talks – Parents Talking with Parents about college and grades
Nov 14	AD/AD Meeting
Nov 14	Winter Sports Parent Meeting
Nov 15	Connections
Nov 15	PD Meeting
Nov 15	iMentor Senior Event
Nov 16	Teacher Safety Response Training
Nov 17	Staff Soccer Game vs YB/MP/etc...
Nov 18	AP English Saturday School at Gunderson
Nov 20	Department Meeting
Nov 22-24	Thanksgiving – No School
Nov 27	Connections Meeting
Nov 28	School Site Council
Nov 29	Connections

Soccer Time!

There will NOT be greenzone on Friday because we will be closing shop a little early to take on the rest of the district in the annual Indoor Soccer Tournament. We are playing at:
Silver Creek Sportsplex, 800 Embedded Way, San Jose, CA 95138, USA



A Little Help Please

With Thanksgiving and Christmas Break right around the corner, I wanted to make a simple request: please do not take a personal day or vacation day the day before we go to break. Subs usually don't cover those days, which means your colleagues have to give up their prep periods to cover your classes. Thank you for helping out.

Week 14 Important Dates

Date/Time	Location	Activity
Nov 13 2:10-2:45pm	9 th Grade - 306 10 th Grade – 706 11 th Grade – 206 12 th Grade – 317 SPED - 215	Connections Meeting
Nov 13 All Day	Campus Walkthroughs	New Tech Visit
Nov 14 7am – 12p	Evergreen High	Porter at Principal Meeting
Nov 14 3:30-4:30pm	Princ Conf Room	AD/AD Meeting
Nov 15 7am-12p	Dist Office	Noemi at APED Meeting
Nov 15 3:10-4:10pm	Princ Conf Room	Professional Dev Committee
Nov 16 7am-12p	Dist Office	Thelma at APA Meeting
Nov 17 8a-3p	Fremont High	Porter and Noemi at WASC Training
Nov 17 3:30-5:30pm	Silver Creek Sportsplex	Staff Soccer Game

Who You Gonna Call?

In the case of an emergency, it is important to know who to call and when:

- In the case of an emergency call *211
- If you need an advisor call attendance at x74432 or x74431
- If x74432 or x74431 is busy or you can't get through call Thelma at x74440 or Noemi at x74420
- My desk phone x74410 is directly linked to my cell phone so you can reach me at any location. You can also text me at 408-460-5912, please make sure to give me your location when you text.

In honor of our upcoming Soccer Match here is Ricky Martin with the official song of the 1998 World Cup
[Cup of Life](#)
Everybody needs a little Ole Ole Ole in their life