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Dear Parents -

I am excited to share information about our all-school (grades 7 - 12) trip to Taos San Geronimo Feast on Friday September 30, 2022. Our Pueblo Convocation approach guides this important experience, and will reinforce our Core Value of Respect and make the connection that our traditions are the foundation of our education. Both of these concepts are the focus of September's Health & Wellness classes and are reinforced in our academic and student living programs.

Please read this letter carefully because this trip requires some important changes to our regular schedule. At the end, there is specific information for parents of dorm students and parents of day students. I am requesting all parents [complete this form by September 20](#) so we can finalize meals and ensure each student has a seat on the bus to Taos. September 30 is a regular school day, and school policy will be followed regarding student absences. Please note that due to the complexity of taking the whole school to Taos, **there are no individual scheduling accommodations for students to be on campus**; for example, if a student has a doctor's appointment on September 30, they must be out the entire day, and will be excused per school policy.

Students and staff will arrive at Taos Pueblo at 10:30am and will depart at 4:00 pm so students can experience Taos Feast's trade fair and pole climb. This means that some day buses will be on a later pick up and drop off schedule. It also means dorm students have an expected arrival time back on campus between 5:45 pm - 6:00 pm. The exact transportation schedule for September 30 will be posted no later than September 20 on our [SFIS website News & Announcements](#).

Students should dress in layers with current weather in mind; taking a warm sweater is advised. We encourage students to bring their own water. SFIS will provide snacks and lunch, but students may wish to bring spending money as there will be food vendors onsite. **Because this is a sacred day, cell phones are not allowed and will be confiscated.** If phones are confiscated, they may not be returned. In particular, no photographs or recordings of any type are allowed. Students are asked to be mindful that not all village homes are shops, but many are private homes and not to enter unless invited. Please see [Taospueblo.com](#) for details regarding expectations for all visitors.

Love,

Superintendent Christie Abeyta

Friday September 30 Special Information for Parents of Dorm Students

Schedule for September 30:

7:15 am HS/7:30 am MS: Dorm students follow the regular schedule for leaving the dorm and eating breakfast on campus.

8:30 am SFIS Buses leave campus for 10:30 am arrival time in Taos.

5:45-6:00 pm SFIS Buses return dorm students to campus.

Notes:

Weekend bags cannot be taken on the bus to/from Taos. Students must pick up their weekend bags from the dorms prior to going home on Friday evening. The last Railrunner train south leaves the South Capitol station at 6:51 pm on Friday. Dorm students may stay overnight at the dorm on September 30. We ask that 5 Day students who stay overnight September 30, leave Saturday morning, October 1. Students may return as normal on Sunday, October 2.

Students are not allowed on campus from 8:30 am - 5:45 pm on Friday September 30. This is because academic and student living staff are accompanying students to Taos.

Special Information for Parents of Day Students

Both morning pick-up and afternoon drop-off times will vary by community. The exact schedule will be available by September 20 on the [SFIS website News & Announcements](#).

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