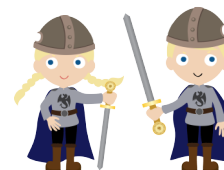


Your Guide for Crocker Survival

“A” Period:	An optional elective class for 7 th and 8 th graders, starting at 7:20 a.m. Otherwise, school starts at 8:30 a.m.
A.C.E	<u>Actual Cost to Educate</u> : the gap between the funds our district receives each year and the cost to provide the excellent education we all expect from the school district. A.C.E. is currently \$2,300 per student.
Advisory:	Crocker Students meet in their Advisory class from 12:10-12:20 p.m. daily. This is when students will watch the HTV news show.
Annual Giving	Through AG, Hillsborough families can make a tax-deductible donation to the <i>Hillsborough Schools Foundation</i> in support of our amazing schools. Pledge now at hsf.org
Anthony Ranii:	Our superintendent.
APG:	Associated Parents’ Group, our version of PTA for all four schools The President of each school’s Parent Group sits on the APG Board.
Bagel Day:	Every Wednesday, bagels and juice can be purchased from Student Store.
Band:	Crocker is known for its music program. We have a new band teacher this year who will continue Crocker’s excellent program.
Blue & Gold Days:	Crocker runs an alternating schedule of Blue and Gold Days. PE, Science, Spanish and certain electives rotate on those days.
Board of Trustees	Governance body for the district. Find their names and contact information in the Four School Directory.
Bonnie Slater:	Our Crocker Counselor.
Catherine Mikes:	In charge – Principal.
Class Competitions:	6 th , 7 th , and 8 th Graders compete to earn the most points for a trip to Raging Waters!
Class Period:	Formerly known as “mods” (increments of 22 minutes), now all classes are 65 minutes long. 5 classes each day.
Community Service:	Crocker provides opportunities for students to perform community service. Sign up outside of the Counselor’s office (on side of Multi-Purpose Room) or find out projects through Viking News. Faculty Advisor is Audrey Fairchild.



Common Core Curriculum:	New standards adopted by California. Official implementation starts 2014-2015. New Common Core Curriculum standards reflect an ability to analyze, interpret and apply information through metacognitive strategies.
Cotillion:	An optional program for 6 th graders to meet and learn to dance on Monday evenings during the winter.
Crocker Connections Forum:	Meetings held after school for students. Guest speakers discuss a variety of pertinent topics.
Crocker Sports:	Visit www.hillsboroughrecreation.org to get your child involved in a variety of afterschool sports, activities and enrichment throughout the year.
Crocker Trivia Contest:	Trivia contest hosted by Serra H.S. Crocker was victorious in 2011 and 2012.
Dances:	Crocker holds dances for 7 th and 8 th graders. 6 th graders may attend the last dance of the year.
Dinner Dance:	Saturday, April 11, 2015. Have fun with your fellow parents while raising money for our schools!
Directory:	Important contact information for each student and family in the entire school district, by Advisory class, as well as an alphabetical listing. Each parent group member receives a 4-school directory after dues are paid.
Dress Code:	See Crocker website!
D.O.:	District Office across the street from South School at 300 El Cerrito Ave.
e-Handbook:	Includes important information. See Parent Group website.
eScrip:	Register your credit cards and Safeway card at www.escrip.com and a percentage of sales at certain merchants (like grocery stores) benefit our schools. All you have to do is sign up or renew your cards; the rest is done automatically with no extra charge to you.
Family Fun Run:	10K, 5K, and 2K race through Hillsborough, Sunday, May 31 st , 2015.
Fly-offs:	A 40-year Crocker tradition. Students build a plane and compete to have their plane fly for the longest time! Also PJ Day!
HCSD:	Hillsborough City School District
Heidi Felt:	Second in Command – Vice Principal.



- Hillsborough Classic :** Tennis Tournament on Thursday, October 16th. Shop and Luncheon on Friday, October 17th, 2014 at the Marriot in San Mateo. Benefits *Hillsborough Schools Foundation!*
- Hillsborough Rec:** See Crocker Sports. Sign on to www.hillsboroughrecreation.org
Director - Tony Giacomazzi (“Mr. G”)
- HSF Shopping:** Start your online shopping at www.hsfshopping.com, and merchants like Amazon, Shutterfly, and REI will donate a portion of your purchases to support our schools.
- HSF:** *The Hillsborough Schools Foundation* is a charitable foundation, founded after the passage of Prop 13 to raise excellence in our schools. *HSF* enables tax-deductible gifts to the district through its Annual Giving Campaign, Signature Events, and Business Partners. *HSF* contributes 17% of the HCSD budget. In this guide, *HSF's* initiatives are highlighted in Green
- Hillsborough Together:** Stay connected with the Hillsborough community online through Hillsborough Together (HT). www.hillsboroughtogether.org
- HTV:** Hillsborough Television, our local educational TV station; can be viewed on cable Channel 27 or through our Hillsborough Vimeo Channel. Links are in the Viking Newsletter. Crocker students view a student-produced HTV broadcast each day in their Advisory Classrooms.
- International Food Festival:** Also known as IFF. An annual event where students provide and taste foods from different countries.
- Intramurals:** Organized activities/sports by grade level at lunchtime. Class competition points are earned by participating.
- Jose Calderon:** Crocker’s Custodian
- Kindness and Respect Forum:** Crocker students working to make our school a better place.
- Kris Murphy:** Office Guru.
- Lauren Maschio:** Office Guru.
- Math Counts:** Math Team Competition.
- MPR:** Multi-Purpose Room, also known as the cafeteria.
- Networking Meetings:** Parents meet by grade level to discuss pertinent topics and socialize.



- Noontime/ Extra-Curricular Activities:** There is something for everyone at Crocker: Green Team, Gamers Club, Manga Drawing, Computer Lab, Intramural Sports, Math Club, Science and Technology, and more.
- Open House:** Show off the classroom and hard work. Bring the kids, **May 21st, 2015.**
- Outdoor Ed:** Five days of outdoor learning at Jones Gulch for all 6th graders.
- Parent Group:** PTA equivalent; Check out our website: <http://crockerschool.hcsd.k12.ca.us/Index.aspx?page=232>
- PowerSchool:** Keep track of your student's grades at <https://hcsdpwsch.hcsd.k12.ca.us/public/> You will be notified by email once this is available.
- Pledge Day:** November 4th, 2014 – A day devoted to pledging your donation to *HSF*. Wear bright green to show your support.
- Resource Parents:** Special Education Liaisons; listed in the Directory.
- Scholars' Circle:** Families who donate to *HSF* at the leadership level of \$10,000 or more.
- Service Learning:** Service Learning is a very special program at Crocker. It's like Community Service but involves a component of learning about a particular issue, and then moving into action to resolve the issue. The themes of Service Learning are tied to each grade's curriculum.
- Site Council:** A group of faculty, elected parents, and student council officers who discuss curriculum programs at Crocker.
- Spirit Days:** Themed days when class competitions are held. Don't let your kids be afraid to dress up for the pre-announced theme – their grade gets points for participating. The grade with the most points goes to Raging Waters in June.
- Student Council:** Elected Student Officers and representatives work with staff to improve the school!
- Student Store:** Get your Crocker sweatshirts, apple juice and more. The Student Store is located in the courtyard and is open during morning recess every school day.
- Turkey Trot:** Annual trot around Crocker the day before Thanksgiving. Races by grade level. Chocolate turkeys for the winners.
- Viking Parent:** Our Crocker newsletter – Everything you need to know is in the Viking. Delivered to your email twice per month.



W.E.B.

“Where Everyone Belongs” is a year-long orientation program for incoming 6th graders, with 8th graders as mentors and buddies. Supervisor is Counselor, Bonnie Slater.

**What To Expect
Night:**

Also known as WTEN. Take a tour of your student’s classes and meet Crocker’s exceptional teaching staff. WTEN is held on **September 4th** from 6:45-8 pm. A parent-only event.