

Schools Enroll 34,500

Enrollment in Torrance schools will be up 303 students over last fall when an anticipated 34,499 students return to classes Thursday, Sept. 12.

This year for the first time there will be a decrease in the number of students attending elementary school. Only 23,781 elementary students are expected, compared with 23,996 enrolled Oct. 1, 1967.

Although elementary school enrollment is expected to be down 215 students, the high school ranks are expected to increase by 518 students to an all-time high of 10,718 students.

SOUTH HIGH, which boasts the largest student body with an anticipated enrollment of 2,998 is predicted to have a decrease of 25 students over last October's enrollment.

Once again, the biggest increase will be at West High School, which will pick up 194 students this fall, bringing its total enrollment to 2,297.

Torrance High will gain 184 students this fall, with enrollment predicted at the 2,403 figure.

NORTH HIGH expects a gain of 87 students over a year ago, hitting a new high of 2,795 students, and Kurt Shery Continuation High School is anticipating a total student body of 225 students.

On the elementary school level, the largest enrollment will be at Hickory School, which expects 1,093 students. Also topping the 1,000 figure will be Wood Elementary School with 1,004 pupils and Victor Elementary School with 1,023 youngsters.

School Calendar Announced

Between Thursday, Sept. 12, 1968, and Friday, June 13, 1969, Torrance students will attend 176 days of class.

Teachers will begin the new year two days earlier, reporting to work Tuesday, Sept. 10, to set up their rooms and attend orientation sessions.

The only school holiday which falls on Saturday this year is Washington's birthday, Feb. 22.

HOLIDAYS to be observed include: Veterans Day—Monday, Nov. 11; Thanksgiving—Thursday and Friday, Nov. 28 and 29; Christmas—Monday, Dec. 23 thru Friday, Jan. 3; Lincoln's birthday—Wednesday, Feb. 12; Easter—Monday, March 31, through Friday, April 4; and Memorial Day—Friday, May 30.

Youngsters will get an extra day off Friday, March 14, when their teachers are guests of local industry at Torrance's first Business-Industry-Education Day in several years.

PARENT conferences will take place from Monday, Nov. 18, through Tuesday, Dec. 3, and from Monday, April 14, through Friday, April 25.

High school graduation exercises are set for Wednesday, June 11, and eighth grade commencement for Thursday, June 12. Summer school session is planned for Thursday, June 19, through Thursday, July 31.

On Honor List

Virginia Dostalek of Torrance, a mathematics major at California State Polytechnic College, Pomona, has been named to the President's List for the 1967-68 school year.

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