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Shivela Middle School

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February
 2/3 PTSA Bingo Night 6-8pm in the MPR
 2/3 Murrieta High Schools' Scholarship Foundation Presents The Comedy Mentalist Show! (See pages 4 & 5)
 2/6 Early Out
 2/13 Holiday—No School
 2/20 Holiday—No School
 2/23 Choir Festival @ MMHS
 2/24 Spring Picture Day / 8th Gr Panoramic Picture / Staff Group Picture
 2/27 Early Out
 2/29 Progress Reports

March
 3/5 Early Out
 3/6 STAR Writing 7th Gr Band Concert—VMHS 6:30-9:00 pm
 3/7 STAR Writing 7th Gr
 3/9 Progress Report
 8th Gr High School Registration
 3/12 Early Out
 3/13 Choir Concert—Shivela MPR 7 pm.
 3/14 Band Pre-Festival Concert VMHS
 3/15 PTSA Dance 3:30-5:30pm
 3/19 Early Out
 ASB Elections for next year's positions
 3/20 8th Gr HS Registrations due
 3/21 QSP Knottsberry Farm Trip
 3/22 Band Festival—VMHS
 3/23 SMS Track Meet
 3/26 Early Out
 3/27 Open House 5-7:30 pm
 3/30 Talent Show

SPRING BREAK April 2—13th April
 4/16 Back to school after spring break (NO EARLY OUT) 9:00-3:10 pm
 4/20 SMS Band performs at The Storm
 4/24 Green Band Concert (MMHS 7pm)
 4/25 Blue Band Concert (VMHS 7 pm)
 4/26 Red Band Concert (MVHS 7 pm)

Progress Report & Report Cards
 2/29—Progress Report
 5/4—Progress Report
 6/6—Final Gr for 2nd semester

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Students,

What an amazing start to 2012! Our students returned to school full of energy, enthusiasm and focus.

We held our first semester awards assembly and honored over 800 students for earning a 3.0 to 4.0 grade point average. All students that were honored received a certificate of their accomplishment and a certificate for a free chicken breakfast biscuit from Chick-fil-A. Our administrative team will also reward our Gold and Silver Honor Roll recipients with a pancake breakfast this Friday, February 3rd from 8 to 9 in our Multi-Purpose Room.

Congratulations to Stephan Culver who took 2nd Place in the District Spelling Bee last week. This is Stephan's fifth straight year making it into the District Spelling Bee finals. Stephan had tough competition again this year and correctly spelled words such as "circumlocution," "behemoth," and "timorously" before misspelling "miso" in the 11th round. Stephan did a fantastic job representing Shivela Middle School in the finals. He will move forward as an alternate in the Riverside County Spelling Bee in Moreno Valley in March.

We have several events coming up in the next couple of weeks, so please check out our website to see a complete list of upcoming events. We are also now on Twitter. If you tweet, follow us @ShivelaMS. Don't forget that this Friday, February 3rd our PTSA is sponsoring a Bingo Night in our Multi-Purpose Room. Everyone loves Bingo so we hope to see everyone there.

Marcie Kea
Principal



Shivela is now on Twitter! If you tweet, follow @ShivelaMS (www.twitter.com/ShivelaMS) to stay up-to-date on the latest school news.

PTSA Bingo is scheduled for Friday, February 3rd in our MPR from 6-8:00 pm. A Kindle will be given to one SMS student as well as other wonderful prizes...this is a free event...come and participate...Bring the family!!!

JOIN PTSA! It's not too late to join ... get your envelopes in the school office.

PTSA Ice Cream Sales are seeking volunteers...see page 2 for details.



IMPORTANT NOTICE for 6th Graders

New legislation **REQUIRES** all students entering 7th grade to receive a **Tdap booster vaccine prior to next year's school enrollment**. Failure to meet the requirement will result in your student being excluded from school. Please send/bring your student's proof of the Pertussis booster to the health office. You can check your immunization records for a Dtap or Tdap or DTP **on, or after, their 7th birthday** (Td does not meet the requirement). If you are not sure, feel free to call the health office at 696-1406. The nearest Riverside County Family Care Center is: Lake Elsinore Family Care Center, 2499 E. Lakeshore Drive, Lake Elsinore, CA. 92530. Free/Low Cost vaccines are available Monday -Friday 8:00-4:00 pm. Please call 1.800.720.9553 for further information. Additional information is available at the MVUSD Website at www.murrieta.k12.ca.us.

BOXTOPS for EDUCATION

Turn in your Boxtops now!

Shivela Middle School is now participating in the Boxtops for Education Program. Please cut out your boxtops and collect them at home. Once you have collected a baggie or envelope full, send them in to the front office or Miss Androff in room 601. We need to collect, sort, package and **ship** them by **March 1**, so please hand your boxtops in ASAP so we can turn them into cash for our school. Every boxtop collected earns **10 cents** for SMS, so let's start collecting!

For more information, contact Miss Androff at jandroff@murrieta.k12.ca. or visit the official website at <http://www.boxtops4education.com>

District Spelling Bee

Our district spelling bee was held on Thursday, January 26th, at Murrieta Mesa High School. Shivela had two students that made it to this spelling bee, Stephan Culver and Jonathan Flores.



Congratulations to both boys for making it to the district spelling bee! We are very proud of you.

Stephan Culver took 2nd place. He was awarded a check and will be an alternate at the county spelling bee.

YEARBOOK INFORMATION: Please see page 3 of this newsletter for important yearbook information!

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Shivela Counseling Information Corner

"To inspire every student to think, to learn, to achieve, to care."

Second Semester Guidance Lessons

Counselors at SMS present classroom guidance lessons to the students several times a year. The guidance curriculum promotes knowledge, attitudes, and skills through instruction in three content areas: academic achievement, career development, and personal/social growth. During the next few months, counselors will be presenting the following lessons to students.

6th grade: Succeeding Through Middle School Part I (transcript overview, how to calculate a GPA, CST score overview)

7th grade: Succeeding Through Middle School Part II and Sexual Harassment

8th grade: High School Overview with Transcript Review

Support Groups

The group counseling staff at SMS facilitates a series of groups designed to assist students with a variety of issues that may possibly impact a student's academic performance and social/emotional adjustment on our middle school campus. Meetings are not intended as therapy, but as a support group with an educational component. If you feel your child could benefit from joining one of our groups, please contact Student Services at 696-1406 or send us an e-mail. Descriptions of second semester group offerings are listed below.

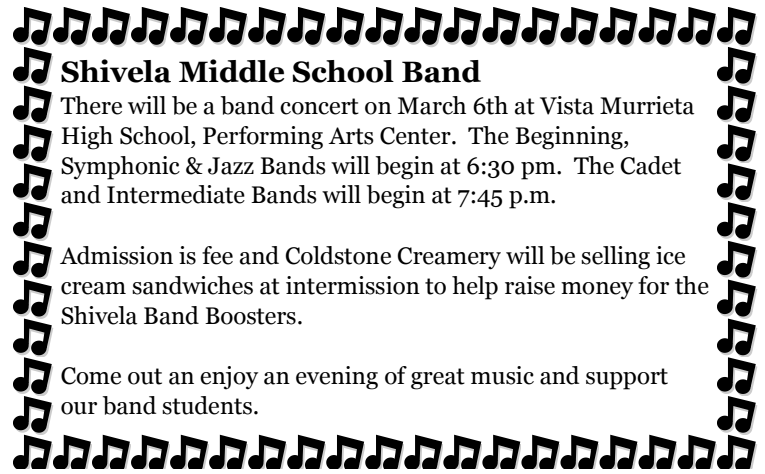
Changing Families - This group offers students the opportunity to meet with others who share similar experiences. Students who participate in the group have parents who are separated, divorced, or remarried. Often students feel that their situation is unique, that no one has felt the way they do. The group provides opportunities for self-awareness, sharing with others, problem-solving and better communication skills.

Grief and Loss - This group provides a support system for students who have experienced death of a parent or other family member. Often students feel they are alone in this process. This group gives them the opportunity to share their fears and concerns with others that are living with a similar loss. The group will learn the stages of grief, how to cope, and how to continue with a healthy life through discussion and activities.

Insight - This group is designed to create an awareness of the risks and consequences of substance use or abuse. Insight group is not a treatment program or a punishment, but helps students decide how to diminish their risks and live a healthier lifestyle.

8th Grade High School Information

On Friday, March 9th Murrieta Mesa, Vista, and Murrieta Valley High School will be at Shivela to discuss class placement/course selection with students. Students will attend the presentation during their PE period that day. They will only be allowed to attend the presentation of the high school they are assigned. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your student's HS assignment, please contact Student Services at 696-1406. Course selection sheet will be due back March 19th.



Shivela Middle School Band

There will be a band concert on March 6th at Vista Murrieta High School, Performing Arts Center. The Beginning, Symphonic & Jazz Bands will begin at 6:30 pm. The Cadet and Intermediate Bands will begin at 7:45 p.m.

Admission is free and Coldstone Creamery will be selling ice cream sandwiches at intermission to help raise money for the Shivela Band Boosters.

Come out and enjoy an evening of great music and support our band students.

Shivela Middle School Choir

The District Choir Festival will be held on February 23rd from 9:00-12:00 pm at Murrieta Mesa High School during the school day.

There will be 10 choir groups performing that day from elementary, middle and high schools.

On March 13th there will be a choir concert in our MPR starting at 7:00 pm. Please come out and enjoy an evening of music.

PTSA is in need of your helping hand for ice cream sales. We sell ice cream everyday during the students lunch period. **While fundraising is not PTSA's main goal, the ice cream sales are the only on-going way for us to raise funds so we have money to provide programs for your students.** Your help would be a twice a month commitment. We have immediate openings for Mondays and Tuesdays but other days are available too. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and have fun too!! **We are required to always have 2 people selling ice cream. If these immediate openings are not filled, we run the risk of not selling ice cream on those days.** If you are interested in lending a helping hand please contact ...

Kathleen Flores
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8162127 text/voicemail

Time commitment is from
11:45 am to 1:45 pm



Want to know what's going on in the Shivela Library? Click on the link below and check out the Library website. Get book recommendations, learn about the Librarian, find out what's going on each month and much more!

<http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/15672010517632703/site/default.asp>

2011–2012 YEARBOOK Sale

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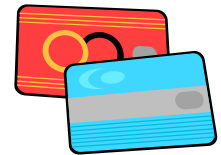
Cost \$50.00

Cash Only

Credit Card Sales
Online only!

\$50.00 January 1 – May 24, 2012

Go to <http://shop.jostens.com>



Follow the prompts or go to Shivela Home Page and click on Buy Yearbook Icon on left of page

8th Grade Dedication Yearbook pages:

"This is a special reminder for parents of Shivela Middle School 8th graders. The **FINAL** deadline for submitting your child's 8th grade yearbook dedication is **February 9th**. Don't miss out on this very special opportunity. For more information, please visit www.YbcAds.com or call 951-274-9561." If you haven't already submitted your dedication don't forget there are only a couple of weeks left. We also have copies of the order form in our front office.

■ ■ ■ ■ ■ Murrieta High Schools' Scholarship Foundation Presents The Comedy Mentalist Show!

■ Help a Murrieta high school graduate realize their goal of going to college and enjoy a fun evening on Friday, February 3 at 6:30 p.m. The **Comedy Mentalist Show** is presented by the Murrieta High Schools' Scholarship Foundation in the Gershwin Performing Arts Center at Murrieta Mesa High School. This is the newest show from entertainer Michael Swenson where minds will be read, decisions will be influenced, and everyone will be laughing uncontrollably. The audience will be speechless as Michael makes you think he can tap into your mind and read your thoughts. Using a bit of hypnosis along with mentalism, magic, comedy and mind reading, this is the show you have to see to believe!. The show is good clean fun and appropriate for all ages. You can purchase your \$10 tickets online from any of the high schools' websites or tickets will be available at the door. (See Flyer on Page 5.)

Six Flags & Discovery Education READ to SUCCEED Program:

The Shivela Middle School 6th graders are participating in the Six Flags & Discovery Education READ to SUCCEED Program. These students must read and record 360 minutes or 6 hours of reading time at home independently. The goal is to encourage students to read, read, read!!!! These reading logs are turned into their Language Arts teachers which are given to Six Flags in exchange for a FREE ticket to Six Flags Magic Mountain that can be used in July and August 2012. Let's see how many free tickets Shivela students can receive!

Does Your Child Have Health Insurance?

Your child may be eligible for Free or Low Cost Health Care

Medical + Dental + Vision

No Cost Medi-Cal

- ✔ Free to all children who qualify
- ✔ No monthly payments
- ✔ No co-payments
- ✔ School Children in a family of four with a yearly income of \$44,100 may qualify



Low Cost Healthy Families

- ✔ \$4 to \$32 per child, per month
- ✔ Maximum of \$72 per month per family
- ✔ \$5 to \$10 co-pay for visits to the doctor when children are ill
- ✔ Preventive services, like immunizations are free
- ✔ Children in a family of four with a yearly income of \$55,125



Here's what you get!

Coverage for children up to age 19

- ✔ Medical care
- ✔ Dental and vision care (including glasses)
- ✔ Lab tests and X-rays
- ✔ Hospital and emergency room care
- ✔ Immunizations
- ✔ Prenatal care
- ✔ Mental Health
- ✔ Prescriptions

How Do I apply?

Call: 1-800-880-5305

www.healthy-families.us



Please support our seniors by attending

**MENTALIST
COMEDY SHOW**

**Murrieta High Schools' Scholarship
Foundation**

Feb. 3, 2012 6:30pm

Murrieta MesaTheatre \$10.00 tickets available at High School Sites