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**WELCOME PARENTS  
TO THE TMS  
AFRICAN AMERICAN  
PARENT ADVISORY  
COUNCIL MEETING**

November 30, 2021



# AGENDA

Introductions

District Mission

School Counselors  
Overview

How to Prepare  
Students and  
Parents for  
Academic Success

Guidance Lessons

College Awareness

Grading Periods

Tutoring Options

Tips for Finals

Important Dates

Tech Help

Parent Feedback

# INTRODUCTIONS

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Kristen Harris - Principal

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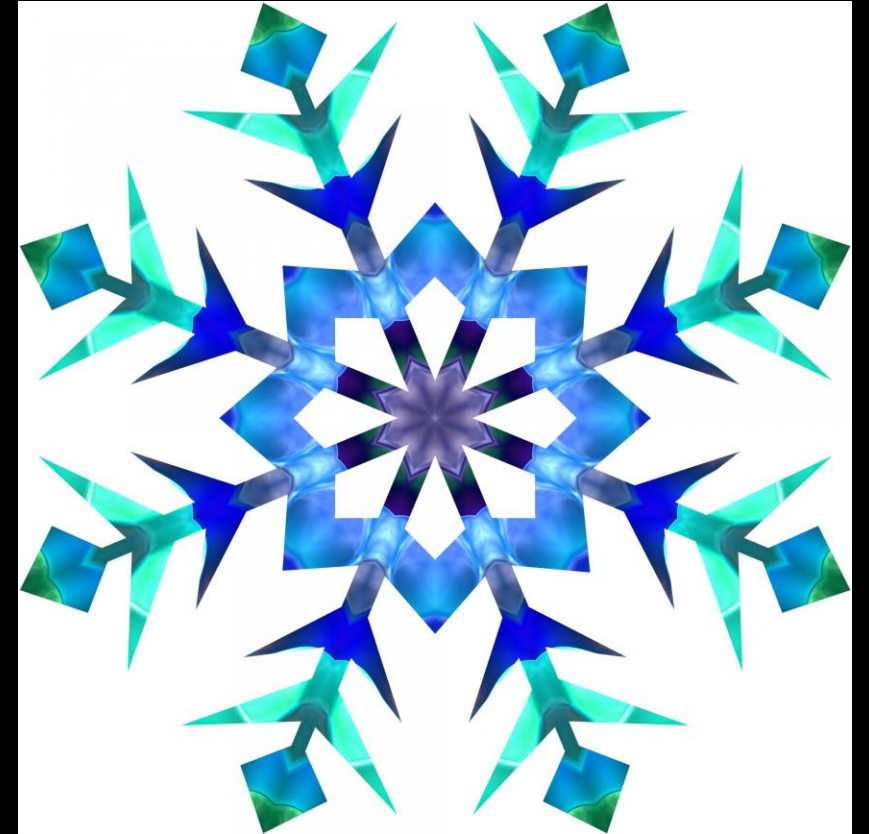
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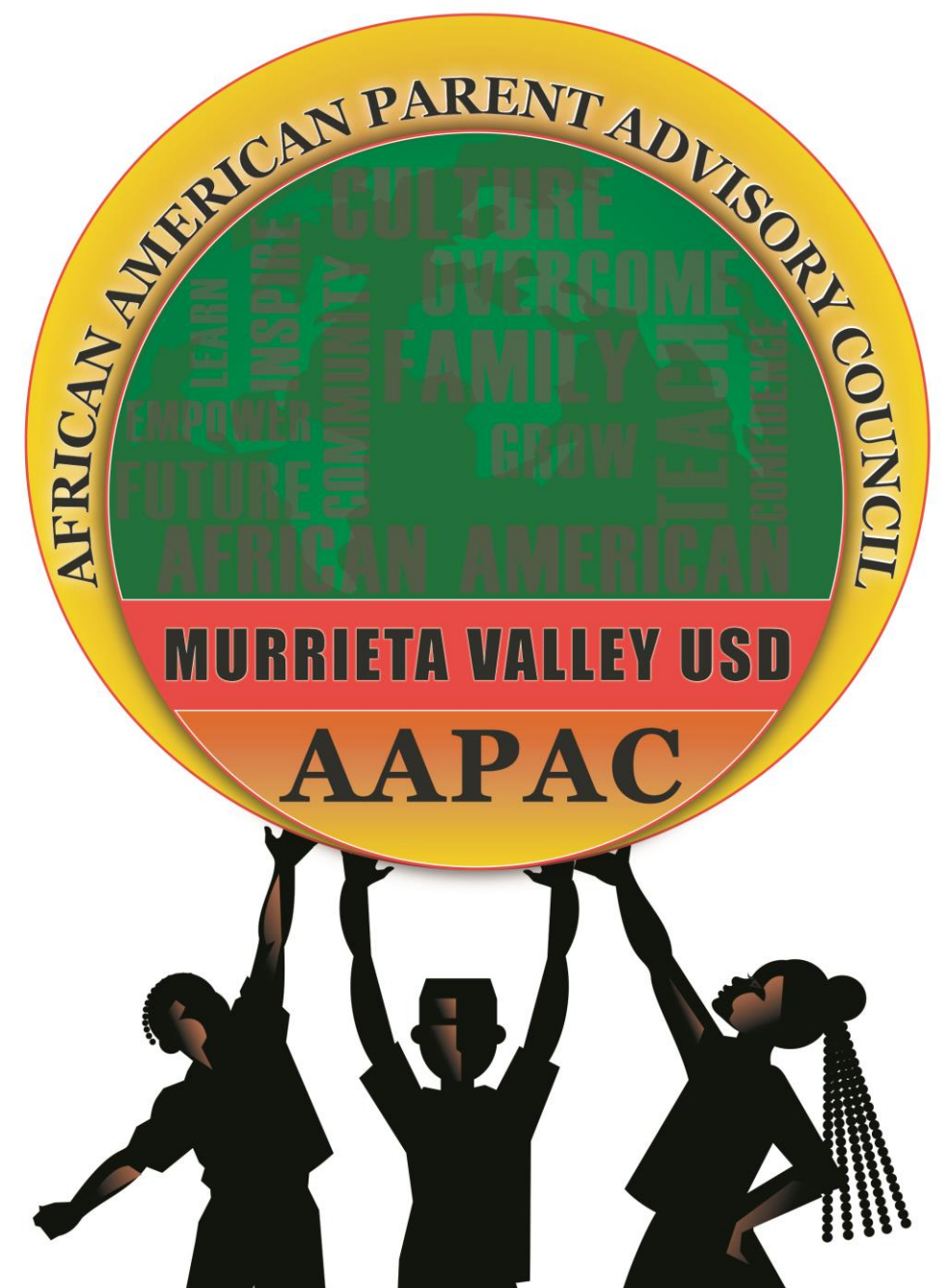


# District Mission Statement

The mission of the African-American Parent Advisory Council (AAPAC) is to support the academic and social-emotional growth of African-American students.

## Goals:

- Educate and inform parents of district resources, policies, and programs.
- Empower the lives of all African -American children and families by providing the knowledge and skills necessary to advocate for high-quality educational experiences.
- Encourage and support parents to engage with educators and administrators in positive partnership
- Celebrate African -American culture and traditions district-wide .
- Support cultural proficiency development and equitable practice.



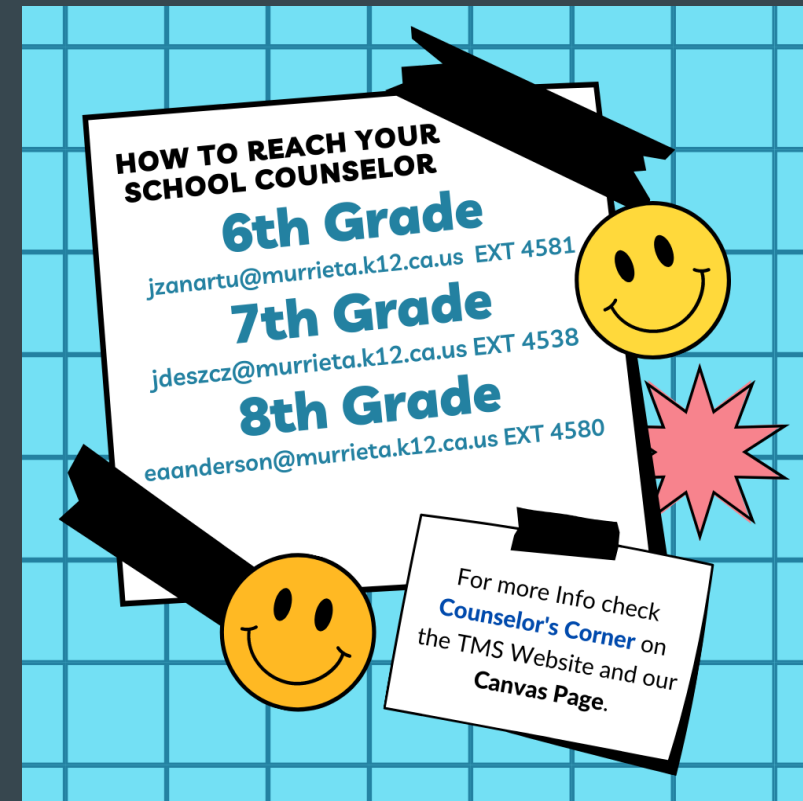


# School Counselors

We are here to help YOU with:

- Academics
- Social/Emotional Support
- College and Career Readiness

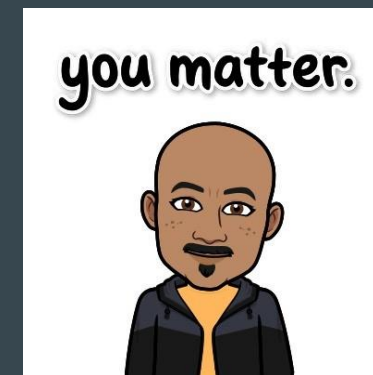
You can find us in **student services**.




**Mrs. Zanartu**  
6th Grade



**Ms. Deszcz**  
7th Grade



**Mr. Anderson**  
8th Grade




# HOW TO PREPARE YOUR STUDENT FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS – TIPS FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS



Get organized  
and stay  
organized



Ask questions  
and get help





Build A Foundation On Which to Succeed



Set Expectations



Teach & Model Personal Responsibility & Accountability



Provide Support



Provide Stability

# HOW TO PREPARE YOUR STUDENT FOR ACADEMIC SUCCESS- TIPS FOR PARENTS

# TIPS FOR SUCCESS!



Get a good night sleep (9-11 hours)

Set a daily schedule

Be present, pay attention, and participate during class lessons!

Be sure to take notes during lessons!

Attend Office Hours regularly

Plan for approximately 2 hours of homework each day on average.

Be sure to fill the rest of your day with self-care activities such as exercise, listening to music, connecting with others, etc.



*Guidance  
Lessons  
and/or  
One-on-One  
Lessons*

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A-G Preparation

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HS Graduation Requirements

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GPA Calculation

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Transcript Reviews , including credits

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Academic Planning- HS Prep/College Prep Classes

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College Fieldtrips

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# *College Awareness at the Middle School Level*



[CaliforniaColleges.edu](http://CaliforniaColleges.edu)

- Awareness of strengths and interest Inventories
- Higher Systems of Education- UC/CSU, University vs Community College, private vs public
- Colleges Searches
- FAFSA Information



# *College and Career Kick-Off*

Career Speakers  
Career Clusters and High  
School Pathways  
CTE Programs  
FAFSA and Financial Aid  
topics: Loans vs  
Grants/Scholarships  
College Admissions  
Education- including national  
admissions test  
(ACT/SAT/PSAT, ect.)  
GPA Calculation



# GRADING PERIODS 21/22 SCHOOL YEAR

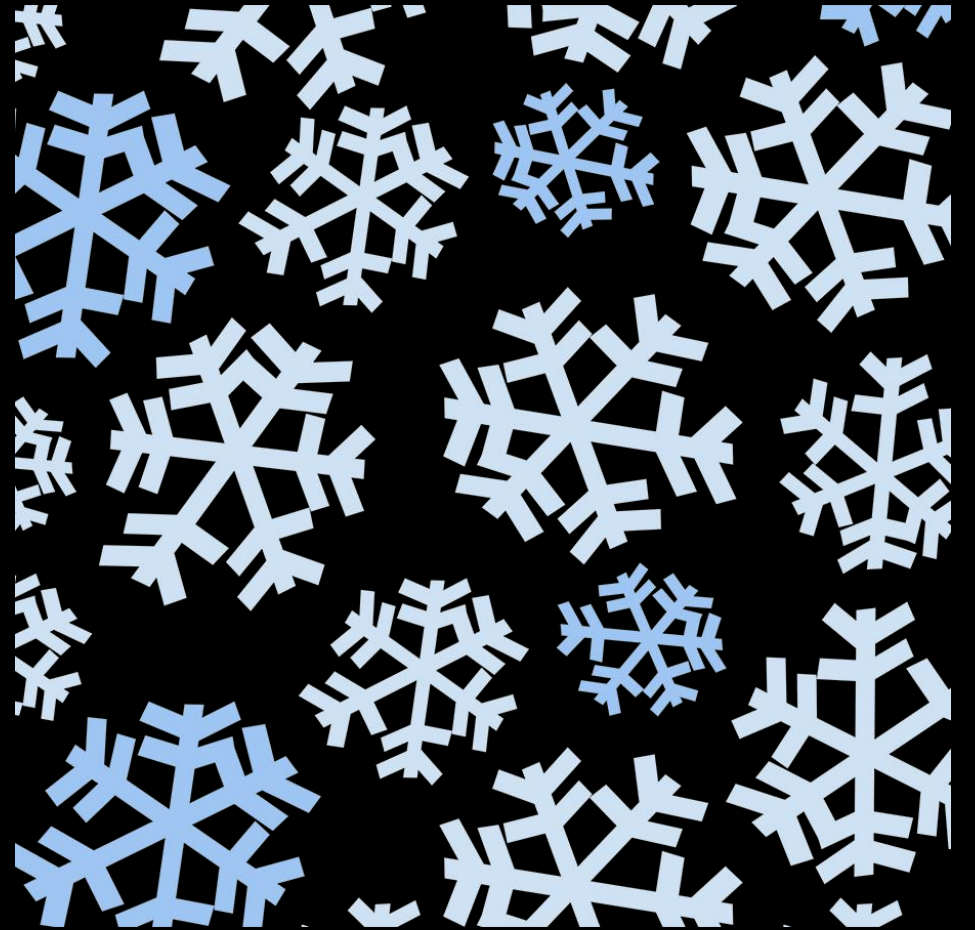
<b>Semester</b>	<b>Grading Period</b>	<b>Last Day of Period</b>
1st Semester	Final Grading Period Semester 1 Grade	Fri, 12/18/2020
2nd Semester	6 Week Progress Report	Thurs, 2/17/22
2nd Semester	12 Week Progress Report	Fri, 4/15/22
2nd Semester	Final Grading Period Semester 2 Grade	Fri, 6/3/22

# TUTORING OPTIONS

Before School Tuesday – Friday  
8:15-8:55 AM in the Library

After School Wednesday 2-3 PM  
in the Library

Office Hours – Contact individual  
teachers for information







**FINALS ARE COMING SOON  
- WEEK OF 12/13 - 12/17 -  
HOW TO PREPARE**

Ask teachers about submitting any late or missing assignments

Attend tutoring options and any available teacher office hours

Study and take notes

Attendance Matters! Attend school every day



# IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Dec. 1: Favorite Holiday Shirt

Dec 3: I Am Day

Dec 9: Unite for Kwanzaa (Wear Black, Red and Green

Dec 9: Choir Concert

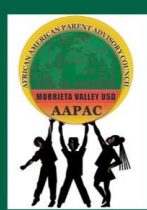
Dec. 10: School Dance





## TECH HELP

- Aeries
- Canvas
- Parent Square
- <https://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/Page/37522>
- Or visit the AAPAC drop-down menu on our Thompson website



## African-American Parent Advisory Council

A.A.P.A.C.

The mission of the African American Parent Advisory Council, is to support the academic and social-emotional growth of African American students.

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Meeting Dates:  
Wed, Sept. 15, 2021  
Tues, Nov. 9, 2021  
Wed, Feb. 16, 2022  
Tues, May 3, 2022

Meeting times are 6:30 – 8:00pm and are currently scheduled to be virtual.

Registration form will be sent out before each meeting to receive log-in information.



# District AAPAC Meeting Dates

## 2021-2022

All families please be sure to “opt in” to emails from the AAPAC

<https://forms.office.com/r/M4LZq4N0aP>

If you would like to continue to receive these notifications, please look for the "Parent Group Opt-In" district email that will be forthcoming within the next couple of days. If you choose not to Opt-In, you will no longer receive the AAPAC notifications.

## Upcoming Events

Check out Murrieta Valley USD AAPAC webpage and AAPAC Facebook

<https://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/aapac> and <https://www.facebook.com/MVUSDAAPAC/>



QUESTIONS,  
COMMENTS, AND  
PARENT FEEDBACK



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THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

Thank you!