



# Senior Information Class of 2021

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## **Special Thanks...**

Thank you to the **Senior Class Officers** who have worked diligently throughout the year to provide quality activities for the Class of 2021.

President – *Nathan Yang*  
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The Class of 2021 has been very fortunate to have **Mrs. Kathleen Wiczak** as their class advisor and **Mrs. Heather Just** as their senior administrator.

## **Cap & Gown and other graduation ceremony info:**

It is our sincere hope we are able to provide a traditional commencement ceremony at the conclusion of this school year in accordance with all public health guidelines. If we are unable to do so, we will provide a virtual event and photo opportunities including graduation gowns and regalia. Once we can confirm the nature of this ceremony, we will communicate information regarding graduation tickets, event parking, and any other details relevant to this event.

Vista Murrieta High School is working with Herff Jones as our vendor for graduation products and other high school memorabilia such as class rings. All graduates participating in our commencement ceremony will be asked to wear a cap, gown, stole and tassel. Students will continue to have the option to select either blue or white cap and gown. For those students who wish to purchase this cap and gown unit to keep, the cost will be \$60 plus tax. Students may also elect to borrow a cap and gown unit but must return the unit prior to receiving their diploma.

Contact **HERFF JONES** to order:

Website: [www.herffjones.com](http://www.herffjones.com)

Phone: 1-866-238-5336

Email: [tlarson@herffjones.com](mailto:tlarson@herffjones.com)

**Herff Jones** representatives will be on campus as soon as we are able to allow in-person contact.

Links to senior catalogs and senior packets are below. Also, a QR code link for those that wish to borrow their Cap & Gown units.

Hard copies of the senior ordering packets are available for pick-up at the VMHS front office as well.

- High School Ring Catalog
  - <https://www.herffjones.com/catalogs/hs-ringcatalog/>
- High School Graduation Essentials Catalog
  - <https://www.herffjones.com/catalogs/graduationcatalog/>
- Link to sign Cap & Gown Borrow Agreement: <https://bit.ly/2IPHGKf>



Scan with your smart phone camera

## **Order Deadlines**

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – Deadline to order custom graduation announcements**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 – Deadline to purchase Cap & Gown unit or complete the Cap & Gown Borrow Agreement**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 – Deadline for final payment on grad packages**

**Announcements will be delivered to the school in mid-April**

**Cap & Gown distribution will be at the school in mid-May**

*Orders can be made online at [www.herffjones.com](http://www.herffjones.com) and at VMHS when in-person contact is allowed. Payments can be made by cash, check, or credit card. There is a \$60 deposit required on all graduation packages and a deposit is required on class rings, amount dependent on metal choice.*

## **COUNSELING CORNER:**

### **FAFSA -- FINANCIAL AID Assistance:**

Mrs. Sandra Almaraz is our FAFSA counselor for Vista Murrieta High School. Office Hours are 8:30-4:30 at VMHS. Students can contact her at [salmaraz@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:salmaraz@murrieta.k12.ca.us) or via her bookings link.

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/FAFSACOUNSELING@MurrietaUSD.onmicrosoft.com/bookings/>

Students and parents are welcome to schedule a meeting with Mrs. A to assist with completing the FAFSA application. Students are also welcome to email her any questions they may have. Please make sure you are checking your Microsoft student email for email communications from VMHS.

Upcoming FAFSA event: FAFSA Overview Nov 17<sup>th</sup> presented by MSJC 6pm via zoom. Link will be sent to all seniors prior to the event. We will also be sending out information about one-on-one Workshops for parents and students who need individualized help filling out their FAFSA.

Keep submitting your FAFSA to be entered to win our various prizes!

## **MURRIETA DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS**

Students from the Class of 2021 who have maintained the required total cumulative GPA may apply for scholarships from the Murrieta Dollars for Scholars. More information will be communicated once the application window opens and deadlines are determined. Applications will be *available online only* at [www.murrieta.dollarsforscholars.org](http://www.murrieta.dollarsforscholars.org).

## **SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT**

Seniors who have applied through the Murrieta Dollars for Scholars and are invited to attend the Senior Scholarship Night event will be awarded their scholarships. This event is combined with students who attend Murrieta Mesa and Murrieta Valley High School. More information will be communicated once details of this event are confirmed.

## **Community Service Hours Requirement – WAIVED for the Class of 2021**

## **YEARBOOKS:**

**Early-bird Yearbook Sales:** July 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec 31<sup>st</sup> - \$85 (from bookkeeper or online at Jostens.com for everyone).

**Customized Yearbook** sales July 1<sup>st</sup> through Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. - Prices vary (fill out & submit form online at Jostens.com)

**Mid-level yearbook pricing** - \$90 for all - Jan 1<sup>st</sup>-\*29<sup>th</sup> (from bookkeeper or online at Jostens.com for everyone).

**Final yearbook pricing** - \$100 for all - Jan 30<sup>th</sup> until books sell out.

**\*WE WILL SELL OUT! Guarantee your book and purchase before January 29<sup>th</sup>, otherwise, you may not get one. Supplies will be very limited this year.**

**Senior Formal Cap and Gown Pictures:** Seniors need to take a formal senior photo with our partners at **Studio 94** prior to Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. This is the last day to take photos and still get them in the yearbook. Contact Studio 94 ASAP to set up an appointment. The yearbook photo for your school is a head and shoulders photo. In the past, Studio 94 has used their tuxes and drapes as the standard required attire. Due to social distancing policies, we are suspending the use of tuxes and drapes for the yearbook photo this year. We have developed new wardrobe requirements for the yearbook photo so that we maintain a high standard of appearance. The new required attire will be a black or dark shirt or top. We cannot allow t-shirts or shirts with messages on them.

WEBSITE: <http://www.studio-94-photography.com/>

**Senior Casuals:** Due to COVID restrictions, all senior casuals will take place when seniors schedule an appointment with Studio 94 for their Senior Portraits. These are not mandatory; however, most seniors choose to do them for the yearbook. Speak with a Studio 94 representative for more information and to schedule an appointment. WEBSITE:

<http://www.studio-94-photography.com/>

**Personalized Senior Graduation Yearbook Ads** may be purchased through the Josten's link: <https://www.jostens.com>. Early-bird pricing through Dec. (Prices vary depending on sizes) Full price January through Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. After that, ads are subject to remaining available space only, if there is any.

**Senior Quotes and Accomplishments:** Submit online at the VMHS website yearbook page through by **Dec. 11, 2020**.

**Senior Superlatives:** Nominate your favorite seniors online at the VMHS website yearbook page (specific dates TBD)

### **Yearbook Distribution**

Due to COVID-19 and a lack of activities during the fall and early part of winter, VMHS has pushed back the distribution date of all 2021 yearbooks to the summer of 2021 (mid-to-late JULY) to ensure that we have enough time to get more of the Winter and all possible Spring events in before having to submit the book to the publisher for the six-week turnaround time. Although we understand this may be frustrating to many, it is our goal as a staff and publication to make sure we do our best to provide quality coverage of as many events and activities as possible. Once we determine the actual distribution date, notification will be sent out.

As a means of giving students who purchased a yearbook something to get signed while still in school, we will distribute autograph sections to each student near the end of the school year so that they may still get the signatures and then be able to attach the signature pages into the book itself later. We appreciate your understanding and hope that this delay provides us with the opportunity to include as much as we can, up to, and including graduation coverage.

## **CLASS AWARDS**

Vista Murrieta's year-end awards are held during the annual CLASS Awards Night sponsored by Renaissance. Departmental, leadership, athletics, arts and outstanding citizenship winners are recognized at this event. The Class of 2021 valedictorian and salutatorian are also announced. This awards night is scheduled for **Monday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the VMHS Performing Arts Center**. Students will receive an invitation prior to this event if they are a CLASS award recipient.



## **DIPLOMAS**

**PARENTS:** Please verify your senior's name and spelling on ABI prior to **December 18, 2020**. Once diplomas are ordered, they cannot be changed. Any changes must be mailed to [drausa@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:drausa@murrieta.k12.ca.us) or [mmorris@murrieta.k12.ca.us](mailto:mmorris@murrieta.k12.ca.us).

**\*\*Request final official transcripts through [www.parchment.com](http://www.parchment.com) prior to Senior Check-Out day on May 28<sup>th</sup>! If you have any questions or concerns, please see your counselor.**

**CHECKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED FOR ANY VMHS PURCHASES – CASH, DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD ONLY.**

### **Junior/Senior Prom:**

Please be aware that all scheduled events are subject to change in accordance with all district, local and state public health guidelines. We continue to plan for a junior/senior prom to take place in May. While we are unable to guarantee the event will occur at this time, we wanted to share the event date for families to save the date.

“Wilson Creek Winery” in Temecula  
Saturday, May 1st from 7:00-11:00 PM

Wilson Creek Winery is located at 35960 Rancho California Road, Temecula, CA.  
This event is sponsored by the junior class and ticket prices are still TBD

### **THE FOLLOWING POLICIES PERTAIN TO ALL DANCES:**

**Guest Passes for All Dances** are mandatory for guests of VMHS students who do not attend school at Vista Murrieta. Only one guest is allowed per student. Guests must be of high school age, and no individual over the age of 20 years old will be allowed. Guests 18 – 20 years old must include a copy of their driver’s license or legal California ID card attached to their guest pass. Guest passes must be picked up at the Trading Post or Bookkeeper and returned with payment to the bookkeeper.

**School ID cards are mandatory for admission to all dances.**

**\*\*All students and guests MUST have a photo I.D.\*\***

**No-Go Policy:** Vista Murrieta High School plans activities and events for students in the spirit of equity and inclusion to connect all students to our campus community. Prior to ticket sales opening for a particular dance, a No-Go list will be posted in the Student Support office. A student may be placed on the No-Go list for one of the following reasons:

- 2 or more Ds or any Fs in core classes required for graduation

- GPA below 2.0
- Excessive absences, tardies or truancies
- Major discipline issues
- Outstanding library books or outstanding debt.

We have found the No-Go list to be an effective motivational tool to encourage struggling students to seek guidance and/or intervention. While a student may be initially placed on the No-Go list, our ultimate goal is to support these students and help them identify concrete steps to improve their grades, their behavior and/or their attendance. Should students find themselves on the No-Go list, we encourage all of these students to meet with their counselor in order to develop an action plan. Some of these steps may include meeting with their teachers, attending tutoring sessions, attending Broncotutorials on Saturdays, improved attendance or improved behavior. The No-Go list is not intended to be punitive, but the first step in struggling students getting the support they need. We want all students to be eligible to attend school dances and other events.

### **Disneyland Grad Nite:**

Disneyland has cancelled all high school Class of 2021 Grad Nite festivities. As the health and safety guidelines for the end of the year become more clear, we will plan end of the year events accordingly to celebrate the Class of 2021.

### **Stay tuned for additional events:**

As we continue to move towards reopening our campuses to students, we are also planning some fun activities and events to engage our students and greater community. We encourage all students to continue watching BNN news broadcasts every Monday, Tuesday and Friday, read the weekly Pony Express, visit the Bronco Life page in Canvas periodically, and follow the leadership Instagram and Twitter accounts @vistamurrietahs to stay informed as we develop these plans.

### **SENIOR DATES TO REMEMBER:**

<b>October 1</b>	FAFSA Application 2020-21 OPENS
<b>December 1</b>	Deadline to verify senior's name and spelling on ABI
<b>December 11</b>	Deadline for senior quotes and accomplishments for the yearbook
<b>March 3</b>	Deadline to purchase Cap & Gown unit or complete Cap & Gown Borrow Agreement
<b>March 29-April 2</b>	Spring Break
<b>May 1</b>	Junior/Senior Prom at Wilson Creek Winery 7PM-11PM
<b>May 3 – 14</b>	AP Exams

**May 17**  
**June 3**

CLASS Awards 6pm  
Graduation Commencement Ceremony 6pm