



**MURRIETA**  
Valley  
HIGH SCHOOL

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# Nighthawk News

Dear Parents and Students,

We are approaching the end of the semester with our final exams set for the week of December 16<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. Monday December 16<sup>th</sup> is one of three non-late start Mondays for high schools in our district, with the next being during finals week in June. Wednesday through Friday of finals week are minimum days. With Office Hours, SMART Saturdays, along with before school and after school tutoring our students with 2 or more D/F's has decreased and our average student GPA has increased. We are purposeful in our efforts to help students to be successful.

Early in December our activities ramp up with our Winter Band Concert, our Winter choir concert, our Dancing with the Nighthawks and our annual holiday play "Elf". Our winter sports (girls basketball, boys basketball, wrestling, girl's water polo, competitive cheer) are in full swing. The Murrieta Valley High School Boys Water Polo and Girls tennis teams won Southwestern League championships this season. Our girl's volleyball team finished as CIF Division 2 runner-ups and competed in the State tournament. Our competitive cheerleading teams qualified for the state competition. Two of our four robotics teams qualified for the State competition. Fifty-eight of our AP/IB students competed in the Ragnar Trail run to raise money for charity. They raised more than \$3000 for Animal Friends of the Valley. We had 19 students sign their letter of intent/commitment to an athletic college scholarship earned. Our Murrieta Valley High School Crimson Cadets led by Mr. Brad Pulverenti have qualified to participate in the 2019 Southern California School Band and Orchestra Association (SCSBOA) Field Championships! Participation in this season ending event continues a long tradition of excellence for the MVHS Band Program. Our Seniors presented Senior Projects on November 1st. Ninety-four percent of our seniors were successful in completing this. There will be guidance and additional opportunities for students to complete this requirement.

Enjoy three weeks off for Winter break. We look forward to having our students back for the beginning of the second semester on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>. We are hopeful that our students and families have a great time connecting during this holiday season.

Doing it the R.I.T.E. Way (Respect, Integrity, Teamwork, & Excellence),

Dr. Mark Pettengill, Principal  
Murrieta Valley High School

**MVHS Nighthawks do it the R.I.T.E. Way**

**With Respect Integrity Teamwork & Excellence**

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## Bell Schedules

**Please note: we do not publish our bell schedules online or via social media for your student's protection. Students receive a copy of the bell schedules at registration. Copies are also available in the front office. A/B/C day calendars are available in their handbooks or our website. We ask that you do not publish our bell schedule/times on social media.**



## Important Dates

Nov 25-29	NO SCHOOL
Dec 2	Late Start
Dec 5-6	Office Hours
Dec 7	SMART Saturday
Dec 9	Late Start
Dec 12-13	Office Hours
Dec 16	Regular Start Mon
Dec 17	C Day
Dec 18-20	Finals/min day
Dec 20	End of Fall Semester
Dec 23-Jan 13	Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
Jan 14	Back to school
Jan 20	NO SCHOOL
Jan 27	Late Start
Jan 29	Recess Wednesday

## Attendance Procedures

Students who arrive late to school, and parents who are here to pick up their students early from school should go directly to the Attendance Office for assistance.

Parents or Legal Guardians are required to come to the attendance office, present picture identification and sign an off campus pass in order to pick up a student. Students will not be released to any individual unless prior arrangements are made with the attendance office, by the parent or legal guardian. For more detailed information on the attendance policies please refer to our website or student guidebook. Safety is our number one priority and we appreciate your understanding.

Please call at least one hour ahead if you are picking your student up early/releasing them to drive.

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## Counseling Corner

### Senior/ASB Event Dates

11/22-12/11	Toy Drive Continues
11/22	Last day to verify name in Aeries
11/25-29	Thanksgiving Break
12/2	Fall Varsity Breakfast
12/5	Senior Wings
12/12	Herff Jones—lunch
12/12	Dancing w/ the Nighthawks
12/13	LINK Winter Fest
12/13-12/14	Winter Choir Concert

#### \*\*\*SENIORS\*\*\*

This is the time to be sure you are receiving information from the school and your counselor! MVHS has accounts on Facebook, Twitter and TikTok as well. Be sure that you can log into Aeries and Office 365. Look to your Aeries Communications or Outlook for reminders from your counselor and teachers. Watch the kiosk and daily announcements for information about events, activities and deadlines. Don't miss out on the fun and excitement of your senior year by forgetting your deadlines.

### College Presentations

**Dec 11:** University of Colorado,  
Colorado Springs

New colleges are added often—please sign up in the green binder at Mrs. Gaines' desk at least 24 hours in advance.

### AP/IB Testing Information

For all information regarding  
Advanced Placement (AP)  
and International Baccalaureate (IB) tests,  
please visit our website:

**<https://tinyurl.com/y2r7bsj7>**

**Deadline was November 8th.**

**\$40 late fee per test until the final deadline  
on December 15th.**

***See Ms. Castro or Ms. Fields for information.***

**SAT:** Mar 14 (register by Feb 14)

**ACT:** Feb 8 (register by Jan 10)

For these tests, register at **their** websites directly—you cannot register or pay through MVHS. Remember: fee waivers may be available if you qualify for free/reduced lunch programs. See your counselor for more details.





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## Nighthawks Run Ragnar

8 teams competed in Ragnar Los Coyotes this year. Every runner tackled 15 miles of HILLY, WILD terrain; altogether they ran 960 MILES and raised over \$2000 for charity! . They ran during the day and during all hours of the night. Ragnar Los Coyotes is the toughest of all the Ragnar Trail Relays due to its elements (very dusty and cold at night), plus ELEVATION. ALL 8 teams CROSSED the finish line!!! Thank you to Mr. Crookshank, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Thornburg, Mr. Bunch and Dr. Pettengill for their support.

## Nighthawk Cheer Goes to Nationals

Under the direction of Program Director, Mike Henderson, and Assistant Coaches, Kati Spry and Diana Alvarez, our JV & Varsity Coed cheer teams competed in their National Qualifying competition on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. Varsity Coed placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the most competitive division of the competition, and our JV Team won **Division Champions** in another highly competitive division! Additionally, **BOTH TEAMS WERE INVITED TO NATIONALS!** This is a first for Murrieta Valley Cheer, and we can't wait to see where this journey takes us!



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## Senior Culminating Projects

Congratulations to 458 Seniors who successfully completed their Senior Culminating Project on Friday, November 1st. This is a graduation requirement.

**Wednesday and Thursday, December 4 & 5 have been designated as SCP make-up dates.** Students who still need to present will be assigned a specific time and date to re-report. Contact Mrs. Irwin x5410 if you have any questions



## **FAFSA/DREAM**

### **Assistance**

If you or your student are in need of assistance in submitting your FAFSA or Dream Act, please sign up to see

Mrs. Almaraz in the

Counseling office (clipboard).

She is here on Tuesdays and select

Thursdays only.

Counselors are also available during Office Hours for assistance with FAFSA or DREAM Act.



## **Elf the Musical**

**ELF** is the hilarious tale of Buddy, a young orphan who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. Buddy is raised unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth.

**Dec 4-7th@ 7pm in the PAC**

**Tickets are \$6 w/ASB and \$8 w/o ASB**



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## DECEMBER Newsletter for MCJROTC

### 170 cadets in the program

LE-1s: 64                      LE-3s: 35  
LE-2s: 56                      LE-4s: 15

### Past Events:

Marine Corp Ball (Nov 2)

Company Formation (Nov 4)

Veterans Day Parade (Nov 11)

Basic Leadership Course (Nov 15)

Pushes our LE-2s to work together  
as a cohesive team.

Delves into more intensive JROTC  
functions.

### Cadets of the Month:

*Senior Lance Corporal Guillen*

*Junior Cadet Private Francoeur*

### Future Events:

Company Formation (Dec 2)

Santiago Raider Competition (Dec 7)

Orange Glen Drill/ColorGuard

Competition (Dec 14)



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## Message from the Health Office:

Cold and flu season is upon us. If your child is calling or texting you that they are ill at school, ask them to check in at the Health Office—they need to see the Health Office before being released from school. Students with a fever or vomiting **MUST** go home.

When you arrive at school to pick them up, please check in at the Welcome Center next to the main entrance arch. The welcome center personnel will call the Health Office for your child. Students will only be released to their *parent or guardian* as documented in Aeries. If you would like your child released to someone different, even on your emergency list, please let the Health Office know ahead of time. Safety is our number one priority and we appreciate your understanding.

## CHATS WITH THE PRINCIPAL



*Please join Dr. Pettengill as he gives an update on our school and answers questions.*

January 28th—5:30pm

March 3rd—9:00am

April 7th—5:30pm

May 12th—9:00am

## Dr. P's Trivia Questions:

1. How many feet are in 2 miles?
2. In 1997, Reed Hastings and Marc Randolph founded this company after Hastings had to pay a \$40 late fee for losing the movie Apollo 13.
3. Who is the only Disney title character to not speak in a Disney film?
4. Who is the only US president who did not live in the White House?
5. How many states do not have Chik-fil-a?
6. A single day Disney pass currently costs \$97. When the park opened in 1955, what was the cost of a single day admission?
7. What city will host the 2020 Summer Olympics?
8. What is the name of SpongeBob's pet snail?
9. How many UC campuses are there? Name them.
10. What is 729 squared?



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## Student Handbook

Every student received a copy of the 2019-2020 Student Handbook at Registration/first day.

School calendars, policies, bell schedule, school map, information about clubs and activities, graduation requirements and more information can always be found in this handbook, which also serves as a student planner.

An online version is available on the MVHS website:

<https://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/cms/lib/CA01000508/Centricity/Domain/3048/MV%20Guide%202019-2020.pdf>

## Bookkeeping Info:

- PE clothes
- Parking permits
- Workbooks
- ASB cards

Cash or credit card only— no checks.

For online purchases, please go to:  
<https://bit.ly/2AsVhCs>

**User name:** Student ID  
**Password:** first initial last name (ie, jsmith)

**Remember:** Students are able to go to Bookkeeping 15 minutes before or after school, at their lunch or break ONLY. If using a parent's credit card, they must have a signed Credit Card Authorization Form. We do not take cards by phone.

## Aeries/ABI Accounts

**STUDENTS:** Please check for your access into Aeries/ABI. If you cannot access your student account, please select "Forgot Password", then go to your Office 365/9 digit student email account to reset your Aeries password. You can only access Aeries using your Office 365/9 digit student email account.

**PARENTS:** Please check for your access into Aeries/ABI. You will need access to Aeries to see your student's report card and progress. If you cannot access Aeries, please select "Forgot Password", then follow the link to reset your password.

*If you need assistance in accessing Aeries,  
please contact Mrs. Gaines  
x5290*



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## Tardy Policy

### Period 1:

7:24am      *First bell*  
7:30 am      *Students are in class,  
warm-up activities begin.  
Tardy students line up at  
the window to receive a  
tardy slip.*

5th tardy:      *Students meet with  
counselor for intervention*

6/8+ tardy:      *Students receive Monday  
morning detention  
(7:30-8:15am)*

### Periods 2-7:

Students need a pass from attendance if they are going to be late to class. We conduct tardy sweeps; late students need to go to the attendance window to obtain a pass to class.

### Tardy Consequences:

Monday morning detentions as explained above. If discipline is not served, students are placed on the No Go List and are unable to participate in activities.

## Drop-off Policy

We do not accept delivery of items or phone messages for students including books, homework, jackets, lunches, phones, phone chargers, water bottles, sports equipment, balloons, flowers, gifts, money, delivered food items or messages given to students during class time. Please do not ask our staff to accept or deliver these items.

## Info From the Health Office:

Students who become ill during the school day may go to the Health Office during class time with a pass from the teacher, or anytime during break or lunch. Students are **NOT ALLOWED** to text/call parents to be called out of class for illness. We are not able to call the classrooms during class time.

Parents who are here to pick their students up from the Health Office will go directly to the Welcome Center and will need their photo ID.

Students who have an oral temperature of 100F or higher, or are vomiting, **MUST** go home and may not drive themselves.



## Dr. P's Trivia Answers

1. 5280 x 2 (10,560 feet)
2. Netflix
3. Dumbo
4. George Washington
5. (3) Hawaii, Alaska, Vermont
6. \$1
7. Tokyo, Japan
8. Gary
9. 10 (Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Merced, Riverside, SD, SF, SC, Santa Barbara, LA)
10. 27

# **SMART Saturdays**

**When:**

**8am-12:15pm**

**September 14**

**October 12**

**November 2**

**December 7**

**February 8**

**March 7**

**April 18**

**May 16**

**How do I sign up?**

**[https://](https://tinyurl.com/y4ljpwlb)**  
**[tinyurl.com/](https://tinyurl.com/y4ljpwlb)**  
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**Come in for help in any subject!**

**Get one-on-one tutoring with college tutors  
and teachers, group collaborative tutoring,  
or catch up on your work independently.**

**Computers & textbooks are available.**

**Must have your school ID!**

## Not Receiving Emails From Your Child's School?

- ✓ Check your spam or junk folder
- ✓ View your email providers settings.
- ✓ Add the **signalkit.com** and **murrieta.k12.ca.us** to your safe senders list or contacts.



Opting out of all messages means you will not receive important school & teacher messages, reminders or other school updates relating to your child.

**Aeries Communications is the ONLY district approved mass communication system used for teacher, school and district messages.**



**MURRIETA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL**  
**2019-20 STUDENT A/B/C CALENDAR**  
**180 Student Attendance Days (numbered 1-180)**

**H** - Holiday - No School  
**S** - Saturday or Sunday  
**R** - Rally - 6 Days

**C** - C Day - 5 Days  
**SM** - SMART Saturday - 8

**P** - Preparation Day  
**PD** - Professional Development Day  
**LS** - High School Late Start - 26 Days  
**RW** - Student Engagement Wed - 16 Days

**HM** - Finals/Mln Day - 7 Days  
**\*** - College/Career Kick Off/Mln Day  
**SCP** - SCP/No School  
**OH** - Office Hours - 54 Days

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