Dear Ram Parents and Students,

Can you believe we are already in December!? We only have a few school days left before we start Final Exams (please make sure your student checks with their teachers for the exam schedule).

I hope you are able to get out and enjoy one of our upcoming choir concerts or band/orchestra concerts. They are always amazing, as was our recent Drama productions of “Bang Bang Your Dead” (an anti-bullying play we do annually). With these productions as well as all of our Winter sports, there are many chances to get out and support our students.

We need your help!!!!!! – There is a serious epidemic with young people today, and Mesa is not excluded – vaping. Kids are experimenting and using this electronic smoking more and more. As the technology advances in this industry, it is easier and easier for kids to hide it from parents and school officials. We recently held a staff development where our School Resource Officer educated our staff on what the e-cigarettes (vapes) look like and how our kids are able to use without being caught. I know we have all seen the giant puffs of smoke coming from cars where the driver or passenger is vapping. That is not how these new devices work. They are subtle, look like USB Thumb Drives, and do not generate clouds of smoke. Please have conversations with your kids about this topic. Do not be afraid to go through their stuff (blame me when they get upset about you doing this). If you find something on your student, take a close look at the liquid in the device. If it is thick and moves like honey, it is what is referred to as “WAX”, which is a marijuana product. It will not have the pungent smell like smoking marijuana. Finally, take some time to search the internet for the dangers of vaping. It is not a harmless alternative to smoking that many of our students think.

Thank you for all you do in supporting Mesa!

Steve Ellis
Principal
Attention Freshmen!

Link Crew will be hosting Cocoa and Cram on Monday, December 17th from 2:45pm-4:30pm in the Rams Den! This is a FREE event open only to Freshmen! Come study for finals with freshmen teachers and Link Crew leaders! Hot chocolate and cookies will be served with Christmas music playing in the background. Santa will even be making an appearance! Let’s get festive—holiday attire is encouraged to be worn! See you there!

Saturday PRIDE Tutorial

December 1st 8am-12:15pm
• Make-up assignments
• Receive tutoring in subjects they are struggling in
• Make up tests and quizzes
• Make-up absences
Parents can sign up their child online. For more information go to Murrieta Mesa’s website and click on the Parents tab.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH
DON’T MISS THE
ASL SHOW
6:30—8:30pm
IN THE GPAC

ENJOY AN EVENING OF SONG!
WINTER CHORAL CONCERT
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH
7PM IN GPAC

WINTER BREAK
DECEMBER 24 TO
JANUARY 14

BAND CONCERT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
6PM IN THE GPAC

STUDENT OF THE MONTH LUNCH
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12th AT LUNCH

FINALS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 to FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21
The true gift of the holiday season is showing support for those in need. Each year, staff members are encouraged to donate gift items for financially challenged Mesa families during the holidays. You can help too, by donating unwrapped gifts, cash or gift cards to our students’ and their families.

If you have the means to do so, please support our Mesa students and their immediate families by donating. Anything you can contribute is greatly appreciated! If perhaps you know of a student/family in need this season, please email me the student’s first and last name by Monday, December 10, 2018.

If you would like to donate please drop off your unwrapped gift no later than Friday, December 14th.

May Your Holiday Season Be Filled With Wonder!!

Ms. Kesha Andrews
Attention Seniors!

Please use the following link [http://surveys.5starstudents.com/173c13](http://surveys.5starstudents.com/173c13) to vote for senior and teacher superlatives. Voting will happen this tomorrow. Follow us on Twitter @yearbookmesa for important information.

Senior baby picture ads are due Dec. 4th. Parents must order through [www.theyearbookcompany.com](http://www.theyearbookcompany.com) or can check out the yearbook page under programs on the school website.

Use the following link to open and create your Parchment account that will allow you to send your transcripts to the colleges of your choice. [https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/237819/account](https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/237819/account)

JOSTENS ON CAMPUS AT LUNCH DECEMBER 5TH & 6TH!

Jostens deadline is Friday, December 7!

COMMUNITY SERVICE!

**CHECK THE BOARD IN STUDENT SERVICES REGULARLY FOR UPDATED OPPORTUNITIES!**

SATURDAY SCHOOL DATES

SATURDAY—December 8th

Future Dates:

- January 26th
- February 9th
- March 23rd
- April 20th
- May 18th
- June 1st

These are to clear discipline and “no go” status.

(Sign up with Mrs. Blancato or Mrs. Rivera in Student Services)

Yearbooks for sale $81 w/USB and $86 w/out USB. Senior parents regular deadline for Recognition Ads is Dec. 4th. Go to [https://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/domain/2248](https://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/domain/2248)

or

[http://www.theyearbookcompany.com](http://www.theyearbookcompany.com)
WE ARE COLLECTING TOYS FOR VETERAN FAMILIES AGES

PLEASE BRING NEW TOYS HERE IN ITS UNOPENED PACKAGING ON OR BEFORE 12/4/18

Toys will be distributed w/Santa on Dec 7th (and up to Christmas) 5:30-9:00 pm and continue until 12/24/2018. Military & Veteran families join us for free food and fun @ Chapparal High School 27215 Nicholas Rd, Temecula, CA
# ACT & SAT Test Dates (2018-2019)

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2019 FORD ECOSPORT GIVEAWAY

ENTER TODAY!

Log into WWW.GOSCHFORDEDUCTIONFIRST.COM to enter.
Have you ever said to yourself, “There Ought to be a law...”?

Once again in 2018, high school students from Senator Stone's 28th California Senate District are encouraged to propose legislation that may become law in California.

“There Ought to be a Law” is open to all high school students – grades 9-12 – in the 28th Senate District. The contest encourages students to submit ideas for improving the quality of life in Riverside County and the State of California.

“By asking our high school students to propose new laws, I am hoping to tap into their bright, inquisitive minds and also to inspire them to get involved in politics and public service,” said Senator Stone.

Past winners of the competition include Roberto Ortega, a senior at Shadow Hills High School in Indio, and Alyson White, a senior at Rancho Mirage High School,

Both Alyson and Roberto were guests of Senator Stone in Sacramento where each testified before a Senate sub-committee.

The deadline for students to submit their proposed legislation is December 7, 2018. For more information and an entry form visit: www.Senate.Ca.Gov/Stone .