

Pony Express

Vista Murrieta High School -28251 Clinton Keith Road, Murrieta, CA



Impact: Connect, Engage, Inspire

CHARACTER
LEADERSHIP
ATTITUDE
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Aurora Padilla

Eric Peterson

Diana Ruiz

Dione Tyler

We had a great first few days. Like always, students were greeted to school by cheering leadership students as they walked onto campus. We had expectation and safety assemblies, practiced safety drills, and practiced school cheers.

We also had activities in class that hopefully helped the students and teachers get to know each other better. Study after study show that one of the most powerful factors positively impacting student achievement is a positive student/teacher relationship. This is reflective of this year's staff motto, which is Impact: Connect, Engage, Inspire. Students who are connected to school, who trust their teachers, will be so much more inspired to achieve academically.

Be sure that your child not only comes to school consistently and ready to learn, but also encourage your child to get involved. We have a wealth of clubs, sports, and activities to jump into, and each one offers the opportunity for making new friends, getting connected to campus life, and creating memories to last a lifetime. We will have our first club rush soon, and this will be the perfect time for students to find other students with similar interests.

As a parent, you can also help your child be successful by staying informed. Be sure you check the ABI Parent Portal regularly to check grades and attendance, and become familiar with teachers' Power Learning (formally Haiku) pages. You may also choose to see various fun and informative messages and photos by following me on Twitter: @principalwager.

There's some great energy in the air this year, we are excited for the 2019-2020 school year and hope your child is too. Let's Go Broncos!

Mick Wager
Principal
Vista Murrieta High School

AUGUST 19TH IS A LATE START MONDAY.

SCHOOL HOURS ARE

8:30-2:30



PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY

WEDNESDAY, 8/21/19.

All students who did not get their picture taken during registration will need to do so next Wednesday between 7:00AM – 3:00PM in the MPR. It is important that all students, including Seniors, are photographed each year.

Counseling Page

New Counselor Alpha

If you need to see or speak with your child's counselor please contact one of their secretary's to schedule an appointment.

Jackie Moran ext: 6690

Catherine Whitaker ext: 6676

Dione Tyler (Cu-Hi)

Diana Ruiz (AVID)

Claudia Hill (Sc-Z)

Demetrius Caldwell (A-Cr)

Karen Candaele (Ho-Mi)

Aurora Padilla (Academic/Intervention)

Eric Peterson (Special Projects)

Gabriella Arizola (Mu-Se)



Schedule Changes! Counselors are currently collecting schedule change request forms in the East and West Hall Offices. At this time, they will only make changes for students that do not have a class, if their schedule reads "See Counselor", or if they are placed incorrectly in a class. With over 3,600 students we have to abide by teacher contracts and cannot prioritize teacher/period/lunch changes based on school policy. Counselors will work on balancing the master schedule, again, on Tuesday and will attempt to accommodate as many requests as we can. Until then, students will have to wait patiently. 😊

2019-2020 Bronctorial Dates:

October 12th, 2019

November 9th, 2019

December 7th, 2019

AVID/Link Crew Study-A-Thon December 14th 2019

February 8th, 2020

March 7th, 2020

May 16th, 2020

Mental Health: The Counseling team would like to welcome **Ms. Angie Curiel** our new Mental Health/Social Worker! Ms. Angie will be assisting counselors with Tier 2 interventions such as running support groups, crisis intervention, community referrals and collaborating with school staff and families. In addition, she will also support Counselors with Tier 1 interventions such as Project 99, mental health presentations or anything that would require mental health supports for students. Welcome Ms. Angie!



Like us on Facebook and to keep up on Counseling events and updates! You can find us as Vista Murrieta High School Counseling

Friendly Reminders



From Our Administration

MESSAGES & DELIVERIES: Students should be responsible for remembering their own work, lunches, clothing, sports equipment or other necessities; therefore, we **DO NOT ACCEPT** items for drop off or for delivery to students. We appreciate your assistance in helping us to reserve this function for true emergencies. Please refer to VMHS 2019-20 Student Handbook.



MVUSD DRESS CODE AR 5132(A)

The Governing Board believes that the responsibility for the dress and grooming of a student rests primarily with the student and his or her parents or guardians and that appropriate dress and grooming contribute to a productive learning environment.

Therefore, the Board expects students to give proper attention to personal cleanliness and to wear clothes that are suitable for the school activities in which they participate.

School-directed changes to a student's attire or grooming should be the least restrictive and the least disruptive to the student's school day. Any school dress code enforcement actions should minimize the potential loss of educational time. Administration and enforcement of the dress code shall be gender neutral and consistent.

This policy applies to all individual schools. Schools may not enact more restrictive or less restrictive dress and grooming codes.

Minimum Safe Attire

Student attire and grooming must permit the student to participate in learning without posing a risk to the health or safety of any student or school district personnel.

- Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent (for example dresses, leggings, or shorts) and shoes.
- When the body is standing straight, clothing must cover the chest, back, torso, stomach, and lower extremities from armpit to armpit to mid-thigh. Tops must have a strap and at no time may any part of a student's buttocks be exposed.**
- Clothing must cover all undergarments. No underwear or undergarments may be visible at any time. Clothing may not be seen through.
- Outside sports apparel and hats that are not directly related to the current school of attendance are prohibited.
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, shop classes, field trips and other activities where unique hazards or specialized attire or safety gear is required. Bare feet are not permitted at any time.

Attire and/or grooming depicting or advocating violence, weapons, criminal activity, gang-related activity (including clothes, accessories, or colors identified by MPD as gang-affiliated), use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs, pornography, foul language, hate speech, or clothing that could be considered dangerous or that could be used as a weapon are prohibited.

Dress Code Enforcement

No list of dress and appearance guidelines for students can be written that will anticipate all potential dress and grooming extremes. In the case of questionable dress or grooming that is not specifically covered in the list above, the administration will make the final decision. Appropriate action will be taken at that time, and when necessary, contact will be made seeking parental cooperation and assistance.

The administration retains the sole discretion to make the final determination whether clothing, jewelry, accessories and/or appearance meet acceptable standards. All school certificated and classified personnel shall be responsible for reporting violations of this dress code. When a dress code violation occurs, the students will be required to change into proper attire. Continued viola-

STAGE COACH

VMHS BACK TO SCHOOL DANCE

Dj & LIVE
PERFORMANCES

FREE w/ ASB
\$5 w/OUT

NACHOS
& GAMES



August 23 • 7-10 PM

ATTENTION BRONCOS: Friday is our annual western themed Back to School Dance from 7:00 – 10:00 PM in the quad! Entrance is **FREE** at the door w/ ASB, or \$5.00 without! Remember to bring your student ID card & don't miss out on snacks, drinks, games & a live DJ!

FRESHMEN!!

Link Crew is hosting the Annual Freshmen BBQ next Friday, 8/23 from 5:00 to 6:30PM at the lunch tables in the Quad. It is FREE and a great way to visit with classmates prior to the Dance!!

ASB ELECTION PAPERWORK:

Any Class of 2023 students interested in running for an executive position pick up your paperwork in the ASB office P117 or the Trading Post, A140. Deadline to turn it in is 3PM, Thursday, 8/22 in the Trading Post.



Spirit Days

Come on Broncos, let's start the year off right showing our awesome VMHS school spirit and participation in our 1st Spirit Days leading up to our annual western theme Back to School Dance

Wednesday – Line Dancing – Wear Stripes

Throwback Thursday – Wear Past BBC

Friday – Western Dance – Wear Country Western/Cowboy Hats



Please join the VMHS PTSA for our first General Association Meeting on August 19, 2019 at 6pm in the VMHS Library