



# MOUNTAIN VISTA

High School

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! I'm thrilled to join you all at Mountain Vista High School, where I look forward to working together to help our gifted learners reach their highest potential.

This is my first year at MVHS, but I bring with me four years of experience as a GT facilitator from MRMS and 27 years in education. My goal is to ensure that our high ability learners receive the challenging and enriching experiences they need without experiencing burnout. We aim to balance academic rigor with attention to students' social and emotional needs.

Gifted education is about much more than just acceleration; it's about differentiation, critical thinking, and confidence-building. At the high school level, our students have access to a wide range of opportunities, including Honors and Advanced Placement courses, Concurrent and Dual Enrollment options, Mentorships, Service Learning, and various Extracurricular and Leadership activities.

In January 2022, MVHS established the GT Student Advisory Board (GTSB). This board, composed of passionate students from various grades, meets weekly to foster Agency, Belonging, and Connectivity within the GT community. This year, the GTSB plans to enhance our GT culture through more social events, improve interactions between upper and underclassmen, support our feeder schools, and focus on both academic and mental health support. A new GTSB website will be launched in the second semester to facilitate these initiatives. Information on joining this group will be communicated through the GT Canvas Course Module.

As your GT facilitator, my mission is to support all stakeholders, connect with GT students, and empower the GT Student Board as they drive positive change. I'm excited for the journey ahead and am eager to partner with you to provide the best educational experience for your child. 9th-12th ALP Goals can be found in students GT Canvas Course Module and uploaded to their Naviance account. All ALP goals are due on September 20, 2024.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I'm here to support and advocate for your child's success and well-being. Let's make this school year a great one! If you ever have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

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