



Senior Information Class of 2026

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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 2026.

President – *Jake Munzaa*
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The Class of 2026 has been very fortunate to have **Mrs. Julee Heckermann & Mrs. Ciri Reed** as their class advisors and **Mrs. Brianna Burow** as their senior administrator.

VISTA MURRIETA

- Required to participate in the graduation ceremony: Cap, Gown (Navy or White), Memory Tassel and VMHS stole
- Cost \$72 plus tax
- Borrow Program: Your senior can choose to borrow the complete unit. All four items will need to be returned on a specified day, and then they will receive their diploma. If you want to purchase any of the four items, you can do it on the return day and pick up your diploma. To secure a borrowed gown, please utilize the QR code below. (borrowed units are excluded from special early delivery program)



- If you already have some of the items required, but need to purchase individual items (i.e., gown only, stole only, etc.) those individual items are available for preorder online at www.moongradservices.com under the individual items tab. They will also be available for purchase during cap and gown delivery on April 8th & April 15th
- All cap & gown units ordered, as well as custom announcement orders, will be distributed on campus April 9th & borrowed sets on April 15th
- How to order:
 - Online at moongradservices.com now through 1/21/26
 - On-campus order dates:
 - 10/29/25 Both lunches, outside the ASB room
 - 11/19/25 Both lunches, outside the ASB room
 - 1/21/26 Both lunches, outside the ASB room

1/21/26 ORDER DEADLINE

Order online at moongradservices.com

Dallas Moon / Moon Grad Services 805.716.0278 or moongradservices@gmail.com

YEARBOOKS...

Yearbook Sales:

August - Dec 31st \$100 w/ASB or \$110 w/o ASB Card

Jan 1st - Feb 28th \$110 for all

March 1st (until sold out) \$120 for all.

Orders placed after March 1st are limited so don't wait - we only order a limited extra amount and once those sell out, that is it!

Customization and payment plans available online at Varsity.com

Yearbook Senior Dedication Ads are also available at Varsity.com. Prices and sizes vary. Limited spaces are available, so don't wait. Prices go up in December, and sales close in February or when sold out - and we do sell out every year.

Senior Yearbook Dates/Info:

Senior Panoramic Picture: All seniors will have the opportunity to be a part of the senior panoramic picture on Thursday, Oct. 16th. The picture will be taken during Office Hours. Students **MUST** be present on that day to be included.

Senior Superlatives: Voting will take place in Sept-Nov. The link will be available on the VMHS Website Yearbook Page in early September.

Senior Quotes: A link will be available on the VMHS website Yearbook Page in early Sept. All quotes are due by Dec 12th.

Senior Casuals: These pictures will take place on Dec 8th and 9th during the student's English classes (or during lunch or break either day). There will be no other dates available, so please plan accordingly.

Senior Formal Portraits: Schedule these photos with Studio 94 any time between now and the end of Christmas Break. Any photos not taken before the end of Christmas Break **WILL NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE YEARBOOK** because of deadlines. Schedule an appointment soon so you don't miss out. For those who do not wish to pay for a sitting at the studio, there will be an opportunity for a **FREE** sitting on Dec 10th in room E118 from 12:30-4:30 PM. These are limited to one image and will not be retouched. No appointment is necessary. Please come dressed in a dark, **FORMAL** top (No T-Shirts, Tank Tops, Hoodies, Jerseys or anything printed with graphics will be allowed - No exceptions!)



COUNSELING CORNER...

FAFSA – FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP DATES: Please check with the College & Career Center for opportunities to receive counseling on FAFSA completion. If you have specific questions, please call your student's counselor. Don't forget to launch your FAFSA application through your CCGI account.

MURRIETA DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS...

Students from the Class of 2026 who have maintained the required total cumulative GPA of 3.25 may apply for scholarships from the Murrieta Dollars for Scholars. Applications will be **available online only at www.murrieta.dollarsforscholars.org**. Students must complete their online application and submit it online by the due date. Online applications will open January 5, 2026, and close on February 13, 2026. **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**



40 Hours of Community Service are required for the Class of 2026. However, all students wishing to earn the Community Service cord (200+ hours) can submit by April 10, 2026.

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. Faxed or emailed guest passes from local schools will **NOT** be accepted! **Scanned copies will only be accepted from high schools that are more than 15 miles away.**

5 Star Digital ID/ID cards are mandatory for admission to all dances.

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

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- Major discipline issues
- Outstanding library books or outstanding debts

Seniors not on track for graduation who have not completed credit recovery courses by April 2026 will be included on the No-Go List.

Broncotutorials: Students with D or F grades in academic core classes will be recommended to attend Broncotutorials on Saturdays from 7:30am until 12:00pm. They will have the opportunity to meet with teachers and academic tutors. These will be *offered throughout the course of the school year.*

C.L.A.S.S. AWARDS...

Vista Murrieta's year-end awards are held during the annual CLASS Awards Night sponsored by BNA. Departmental, leadership, athletics, arts, and outstanding citizenship winners are recognized at this event. The Class of 2026 valedictorian and salutatorian are also announced. This awards night is scheduled for **Monday, May 18th 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 in Aeries prior to January 31, 2026. Once diplomas are ordered, they cannot be changed. Any changes must be emailed to drausa@murrieta.k12.ca.us or jmoran@murrieta.k12.ca.us **BEFORE** January 31, 2026.

****Request final official transcripts through www.parchment.com prior to Senior Check-Out Day on May 29th! If you have any questions or concerns, please see your counselor.**



CHECK OUT/GRADUATION TICKETS...

Students must meet graduation requirements, return all library books, turn in their Senior Survey, and clear any financial obligations before going through Senior Check-Out to receive their graduation tickets.

We are currently reviewing capacity limits to determine how many free graduation tickets will be available for each senior.

JUNIOR/SENIOR PROM

Saturday, April 25th from 7:00-11:00 PM.

Kona Kai Resort

is located at:

1551 Shelter Island Dr, San Diego, CA 92106

This event is sponsored by the junior class and more information will follow.



Ticket sales begin on Monday, March 9th for Juniors and Seniors. Tickets may be purchased either at the bookkeeper windows or on the school website <https://mvusd.graystep.com/Index.aspx#/65497/99> under the heading "Student Store" on the front page of the website. *(You will need your student's permanent I.D. number to make online purchases. **Guest Pass tickets cannot be purchased online.**)*

TICKETS ARE NOT SOLD AT THE DOOR FOR PROM!

A charter bus is provided for the students who need a ride to the event.

Permission slips must be picked up from the Trading Post. To purchase a charter bus ticket, bring the completed permission slip and receipt for prom ticket purchase to the Trading Post. Bus tickets will not be available online and should be purchased immediately after prom ticket purchase to ensure seating.



Tickets are limited, so purchase early!

A limited number of additional tickets may be purchased from the bookkeeper once we determine how many additional tickets are available. Stay tuned to the weekly Pony Express Newsletter and other senior communications for the date that graduation tickets will go on sale. Once on sale, they will be available online by logging on to <https://mvusd.graystep.com/Index.aspx#/65497/99>, our Student Webstore. **Seating capacity is limited, so there is no guarantee that all seniors will be able to purchase additional tickets. These additional tickets are only available until they are sold out.** All tickets (both free and any additional purchased tickets) will be available for senior students to pick up after successful completion of Senior Check-Out on May 29, 2026

Want Graduation Reserved Seating? The only reserved seats for graduation are the Press Boxes (top of home side stadium) which are auctioned off in May. This is a great opportunity to add some extra seats with an awesome view and shade. The auction is conducted in the Athletic Office in the old-fashioned way, by open bid for several weeks with the highest bidders winning seating for 6-20 people. The donation is tax deductible with all proceeds going to the Athletic Department. If you have any questions regarding Reserved Box Seats, please feel free to contact Even Daarstad at edaarstad@murrieta.k12.ca.us.



COMMENCEMENT – June 4, 2026 **BRONCO STADIUM – 6:00 PM**

COMMENCEMENT...

REHEARSALS for commencement are **MANDATORY** in order to participate in the graduation ceremony! All seniors who are attending graduation **MUST** attend both practices which are scheduled for **June 2nd** and **June 3rd** – students are to meet in the gymnasium at the scheduled time each day. **Please be sure to make arrangements to have this day off with employers, etc.**



Students must report to the gym at 4:00 pm on Graduation Day.

PLEASE BE ON TIME!

****Vista Murrieta High School does not allow floral or candy leis, airbrushed gowns or other alterations to the cap and gown.***

GRADUATION 2026 MAY BE ENJOYED VIA “LIVE STREAM” IN THE VMHS AIR-CONDITIONED PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED FROM THE BOOKKEEPER OR WEBSITE ONCE GRADUATION TICKETS GO ON SALE.

****THERE IS LIMITED SEATING FOR THIS EVENT****

Students must arrive at 4:00 p.m. and report to the gymnasium. Due to limited parking, students are encouraged to be dropped off or to carpool. Stadium gates will open at 4:30 pm. Admission to the ceremony is by **TICKET ONLY** and seating is first come, first served.

Due to the importance of the day, please adhere to the following guidelines for the Commencement Ceremony:

- Arrive on time, 4:00 p.m. in the gym, as late arrivals cannot join the procession.
- Dress appropriately. Business casual is recommended.
- Do not wear high or spiked heels, due to safety reasons and to protect the all-weather track and field. You will also be walking a long distance.

The Murrieta Valley School district has a tradition of providing an inspirational graduation ceremony, and we ask that seniors refrain from bringing items such as cell phones, noisemakers, signs, beach balls, squirt guns, etc. Guests should refrain from bringing any balloons or signs that could obstruct the view of others in their seats. These are not appropriate for the ceremony.

ADDITIONAL PARKING - Bronco stadium and our school parking lots fill to capacity quickly, so additional parking will be made available at an alternative site. MVUSD school buses will act as shuttle service ***free of charge*** to and from the stadium entrance. The shuttle service runs from 4:30 to 9:00 pm.

Disneyland Grad Nite...

Sunday, May 31, 2026

Tickets are available to purchase starting January 22, 2026, either online or with a bookkeeper. Tickets are sold first come, first served until February 27th or until sold out. Seniors do not need to purchase their tickets at the same time as their friends. Participating seniors will select their buses during Office Hours on Thursday, March 12th with a completed permission slip. Seniors who do not have a permission slip will not be able to sign up for a bus until they submit a completed permission slip.



The cost for Grad Nite 2026 is \$350.00. ***Price includes a Park Hopper ticket with admission to both Disneyland and California Adventure during the daytime hours, the late-night Grad Nite event at California Adventure and bus transportation.*** Tickets can sell out quickly and are limited to what Disney has granted us– be sure to purchase your tickets early. **This event is for VMHS students ONLY – Guests are not allowed. All students MUST ride the bus to Disneyland to be part of this event. Students will not be permitted to drive their own cars. NO Grad Nite ticket refunds for any reason including: No Go List, date conflicts, etc.**

THE GRAD NITE BUSES LEAVE VMHS ON May 31st AT 9:00 A.M. AND RETURN TO VMHS ON June 2nd AT APPROX. 4:00 A.M.

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DEADLINE to purchase Grad Nite tickets is 2/27/26 or until sold out!!

SENIOR DATES TO REMEMBER...

December 8 & 9

December 10

January 4

December 5

January 5

January 21

January 22

February 4

February 13

February 27

February 28

March 9

March 12

March 27

April 8 & 15

April 10

April 10

April 20

April 25

May 4-15

May 18

May 28

May 28

May 29

May 31

June 2

June 2

June 3

June 4

June 5

Senior Casual Photos during your English class

Senior Portrait Sitting on campus for Yearbook only

Senior Formal Cap & Gown picture **deadline** with Studio 94

Senior Quotes/Accomplishments submission deadline

Dollars for Scholars online application opens

**Graduation Items Deadline (during both lunches):
order through Moon Grad Services**

(additional Class of '26 merchandise available)

OR

borrow Cap & Gown sets

Grad Nite ticket go on sale

(Please know that we anticipate these will sell out quickly.)

National Signing Day

Dollars for Scholars online application closes

DEADLINE to buy GRAD NITE tickets, if not yet sold out– no exceptions!!

Last Day to purchase/submit Yearbook Ads, or until sold out

Prom Tickets go on sale

Grad Nite Bus Selection with completed Permission Slip during Office Hours

Mr. Bronco

Graduation Items (Cap & Gown, Announcements) distribution during both lunches in the quad

(40) Community Hours deadline for Graduation

(200) Community Hours deadline to submit for Service Cord

Senior Scholarship Night at MMHS PAC, 6PM

JR/Senior Prom at Kona Kai Resort in San Diego, 7PM-11PM

AP Exams

C.L.A.S.S. Awards at VMHS/PAC; MPR, 6PM

Senior Farewell Rally

Yearbook Signing Party

Senior Check-Out

Senior Grad Nite at Disneyland & California Adventure

Grad Walks at MVUSD Elementary Schools, 8:30-9AM

Graduation Rehearsal, 9:30 AM

Graduation Rehearsal, 8AM

GRADUATION COMMENCEMENT

Borrowed Cap & Gown returns and diploma pickup in front of main gym, 9:30-11:30AM