

# Rebel Reflections

This week marks the first grading period of the second semester. I highly encourage parents/guardians regularly check Parent Q Connect, as well as student check their Student Q to ensure they are staying apprised of academic progress. It is also important to understand how grades are calculated. Grades are calculated on a 70% Summative Assessments (tests, quizzes, labs, projects, presentations, etc.) and the remaining 30% is Formative Assessments (classwork, homework, etc.). For those in applied classes the percentages are 60% Summative and 40% Formative). Students are allowed to retake Summative Assessments, based on each course's PLC policy to help improve their grade. Do not wait to improve a grade, make it a rule that if a C is not earned, a retake needs to be done. Please note, this rule does not apply to the final for the semester.

Congratulations to all of our students who were honored this past week with our 2.8 GPA or above dance that was held this past week. Ms. Cavazos and our Renaissance team put on a great event. A huge thank you to Mr. Chafatinos our Digital Audio Recording teacher for DJing the event. Also a huge shout out to Mrs. Gutierrez and our ASB on putting on a terrific Winter Rally. It was great seeing our Winter Sports teams being honored, as well as performances from our Cheer, Conservatory of Dance, and Band.

This coming week we will be hosting our AB Arrival for the Class of 2030. If you have an 8th grade student, we highly encourage you to come and meet our programs and to get your questions answered, especially as the district is opening a new 7-12 school, Oak Grove Academy.

With the addition of the new school, the district has redone both the middle school and high school boundaries. Our site was impacted. Those of you who have been assigned to a new school have been given a notice to return to our school site if you wish your student to remain at A.B. Miller for next school year. Please find out more information about the boundary change and how you may be impacted at: [School Boundary Maps and Maps to Schools](#)

I am here to serve you and our students. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you navigate high school. You are welcome to reach out via phone at (909) 357-5800 extension 10117 or by e-mail at [barbara.kelley@fusd.net](mailto:barbara.kelley@fusd.net).

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Dr. Barbara Kelley, Principal

## Counseling Corner

### **Why High School Grades Matter for Financial Aid**

High school grades are more than just letters on a report card. They play a major role in helping students pay for college. Many financial aid programs use a student's high school GPA to determine eligibility and award amounts.

#### **Cal Grants (California State Financial Aid)**

Cal Grants are state-funded awards that help cover college tuition and other educational expenses. To be considered, students must submit either the FAFSA or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) and meet minimum GPA requirements.

- **Cal Grant A: Minimum 3.0 GPA**
- **Cal Grant B: Minimum 2.0 GPA**

Students must maintain good grades throughout high school to meet these requirements. GPA verification and financial aid applications must be submitted by the state priority deadline (typically **March 2**).

#### **California Dream Act Applicants**

Students who are undocumented or otherwise ineligible for FAFSA may apply through the California Dream Act Application (CADAA). Dream Act students may qualify for:

- Cal Grants
- State-funded grants
- Institutional and private scholarships

Just like FAFSA applicants, high school GPA is a key factor in determining eligibility for these programs. Strong academic performance is essential to access and keep this financial aid.

#### **Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA Applicants Only)**

Federal aid programs, such as the Pell Grant, are available only to U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens who submit the FAFSA. While there is no high school GPA requirement to apply, students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) once in college, which includes:

- Maintaining a minimum college GPA
- Completing enough credits each term

Failure to meet these standards can result in loss of federal financial aid.

#### **Scholarships**

Many scholarships are merit-based, meaning they are awarded based on academic performance. High school GPA is often a primary consideration for scholarships offered by:

- Colleges and universities
- Private organizations
- Community groups

Higher grades increase the likelihood of earning scholarship funds, which can significantly reduce college costs.

### Upcoming Events

- February 2—Boys Basketball vs. Indian Springs High School starting at 3:45 PM
- February 2—Boys Soccer vs. Indian Springs High School starting at 3:45 PM
- February 2—Girls Soccer @ Indian Springs High School starting at 3:45 PM
- February 2—Varsity Girls Basketball @ Indian Springs High School starting at 6:00 PM
- February 4—Boys Soccer @ Pacific High School starting at 3:45 PM
- February 4—Girls Soccer vs. Pacific High School starting at 3:45 PM
- February 4—Girls Basketball vs. Pacific High School starting at 4:30 PM
- February 4—Boys Basketball @ Pacific High School starting at 4:30 PM
- February 5—AB Arrival for the Class of 2020 in the gym starting at 6:00 PM

## Athletic Director's Message

Fontana A.B. Miller High School is one of four member schools that comprise the Mountain Valley League.

A.B. Miller fields teams in 21 boys', girls' and co-educational sports at two to three different levels (Varsity, Junior Varsity, and Freshman).

To participate in a team, each student athlete is required to maintain at least a 2.0 grade point average. To help our student athletes make the academic grades necessary, A.B. Miller runs an academic accountability program for its student athletes. The staff member who developed and oversees the program is responsible for tracking grades, making parent contact, tutoring, and serving as a liaison between student athletes, teachers, and parents.

If you have any athletics questions, please reach out me at pfeimh@fusd.net or call me at (909) 357-5800 ext. 10114.

*Michael Pfeiffer Jr.*  
Athletic Director

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AB Miller Athletics will be using **GoFan** for ALL home games for ALL levels (Freshman, JV, and Varsity). Many of our opponents will also be using **GoFan** for away competitions. Please use the QR code below **GoFan** and purchase your tickets.



## Drop Off and Pick Up

Students may enter or exit one of two ways in the morning and at the end of the school day.

**From the Cypress Avenue Side of Campus**, please enter the parking lot from the northern gate near the tennis courts. Proceed to drop your student off and exit the southern gate. This parking lot is for student parking as well and is locked 15 minutes after school begins in the morning and is unlocked 15 minutes before the end of the school day.

**From the Oleander Avenue Side of Campus**, please use the northbound drop-off. Please do not sit and park in the morning, rather drop off and proceed north towards Highland Avenue to ensure that traffic keeps flowing. Students then need to walk in or out of the campus through the gates between the library and the Q-building (two-story building). This entrance will be open until 8:40 AM.

**Students arriving after the gates are closed**, need to proceed to the Attendance Office in the Oleander Avenue Parking Lot. Students check themselves in using our electronic pass system in the Attendance Office and quickly proceed to class, to minimize classroom interruptions and your students learning loss.

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<b>English</b>	Mrs. DeSart (S-5): 7:30-8 AM Mrs. Harbour (H-20): 7:45-8 AM Mr. Manuel (H-10): 3:30-4:30 PM	Mrs. DeSart (S-5): 7:30-8 AM Mrs. Harbour (H-20): 7:45-8 AM Mrs. Kennedy (H-6): 3:30-4:30 PM Mr. Manuel (H-10): 3:30-4:30 PM Mrs. Richier (H-16): 3:30-4:30 PM Mrs. Whyte (BC-3): By Appointment	Mrs. DeSart (S-5): 7:30-8 AM Mrs. Harbour (H-20): 7:45-8 AM	Mrs. DeSart (S-5): 7:30-8 AM Mrs. Harbour (H-20): 7:45-8 AM Mrs. Kennedy (H-6): 3:30-4:30 PM Mrs. Whyte (BC-3): By Appointment	Mrs. DeSart (S-5): 7:30-8 AM Mrs. Harbour (H-20): 7:45-8 AM Mrs. Kennedy (H-6): 3:30-4:30 PM Mrs. Whyte (BC-3): By Appointment
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