VISTA MURRIETA

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PONY EXPRESS

Bronco Families,

We have officially completed our second full week of school, and it is great to see our campus settling into the rhythm of a new year. Classrooms are busy, activities are underway, and our Broncos are getting into their routines and finding their place within our school community.

We appreciate the continued support and partnership of our families as we move into week three.

Here are a few important updates and reminders as we wrap up another successful week at VMHS.

Class schedules are finalized. The master schedule has been balanced and finalized, and the schedule-change process is complete.

Some students experienced teacher or period adjustments as part of the balancing process necessary to maintain appropriate class sizes and contractual student-load requirements.

Our master schedule is carefully constructed, and each student's schedule is part of a larger system. What may appear to be a simple change can impact multiple classes throughout a student's day and can also affect a teacher's overall student load. We are required to maintain contractual student-load parameters across the master schedule, not simply the number of seats that may appear to be available in an individual class period.

With the balancing process complete, student schedules are now considered final.

Requests based on teacher, period, class, or lunch preferences cannot be accommodated. We appreciate your understanding and support as we move forward with consistency and allow our students and teachers to focus fully on instruction and a successful school year.

The warm weather continues, and we want to make sure our students are taking care of themselves throughout the school day, as such, water fountains and water refill stations are available throughout campus, ensuring all students have access to drinking water during the school day. We also have shade structures, air-conditioned hallways, and larger air-conditioned indoor spaces available during breaks and lunch. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these areas when they need a reprieve from the heat.

As we move into our third week, we will be more actively reinforcing our district dress code expectations.

Students are expected to wear appropriate school attire and remain within dress code throughout the school day.

Please take a few minutes to carefully review the MVUSD dress code with your student. We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations before students arrive on campus each day. Our priority is to keep students in class and learning. Addressing dress-code concerns during the school day can take students away from valuable instructional time. Following expectations from the start helps us minimize interruptions and maintain our focus on teaching and learning.

Attendance matters and so does being on time.

We saw a significant number of tardies this week, so this is an important reminder that being present and being on time go hand in hand.

Our tardy policy is in place, and students will receive detention upon their third tardy. Traffic around campus can be busy, particularly as we approach the first bell, so students (especially student drivers) should plan mornings accordingly and allow enough time for traffic, parking, and any stops they choose to make before school. Whatever the morning routine may include, students are responsible for arriving in class, on time, and ready to learn. A few extra minutes of planning can make a big difference.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS ARE BACK!

Thank you for your support of our Vista Murrieta High School Broncos as we kicked off our football season last night! It was wonderful to see our students, families, staff, and community together in Bronco Stadium. As usual, our student section was rocking with school spirit and Bronco pride! That energy and enthusiasm are part of what makes Friday nights at VMHS so special.

We look forward to seeing our Bronco families back in the stadium next Friday, August 28, at 7:00 p.m. as we host Damien High School. Wear your navy and gold and come out for another great Friday night in Bronco Stadium! Tickets can be purchased on GoFan.

As we close out week two, thank you for your continued partnership and support. We are off to a strong start and look forward to all that this year will bring for our students and our Bronco community.

Have a wonderful weekend, Bronco Families and Go Broncos!

Kind regards,

Mrs. Scallion

Mrs. Celeste Scallion
Principal
Vista Murrieta High School

ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



Mr. Dunn
Assistant Principal
9th Grade
Student Support
Health



Mr. Galloway
Assistant Principal
Co-Athletic Director
10th Grade
AVID
VAPA
Math



Mrs. Waddleton
Assistant Principal
11th Grade
Science
CTE
Careers/ICT



Mrs. Scallion
Principal



Mrs. Burow
Assistant Principal
12th Grade
Counseling
Social Science
World Language



Mrs. Velardez
Assistant Principal
Special Education
English
EL



Mr. Save
Assistant Principal
Co-Athletic Director
Athletics
PE

REMINDERS

WEEK AT A GLANCE:

AUGUST 17:
A Day

AUGUST 18:
B Day

AUGUST 19:
A Day
Late Start
Make-Up Picture Day
Freshmen Ice Cream Social

AUGUST 20:
B Day
Office Hours
Friday Night Football: Extreme Spirit & Future Broncos

AUGUST 21:
A Day

UPCOMING EVENTS:

AUGUST 23:
Cars and Coffee

AUGUST 31:
Back to School Night

A/B CALENDAR

AUG 17- AUG 21				
17	18	19	20	21
A	B	A	B	A

August 19 Late Start
August 20 Office Hours

E-TRANSPORATION CLASS

Together with the Murrieta Police Department, VMHS is hosting an E-Transportation Class. If your student intends to ride an e-bike or e-scooter to school, a parent or legal Guardian is invited to attend this presentation.

Thursday, August 20
11:40am
PAC

SAFETY COURSE & APPLICATION

ATHLETICS

Stay informed about upcoming tryouts and sporting events through our Athletic Website. Athletic tickets can be purchased through GoFan.

VMHS ATHLETICS



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 you helping us to reserve this function for true emergencies.

DRESS CODE

Please refer to the **VMHS 2026-27 Student Handbook** for details.

BACK TO SCHOOL LUAU



ASB CARD

DON'T FORGET!

Buy your ASB Card!

With an ASB Card you can enjoy free admission to all regular home athletic events, discount on dances, yearbooks, and many other activities.

MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY

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Students and Staff
Don't miss out for Yearbook & Digital ID Pictures

School Picture Day

Wednesday, August 19
MPR

VMHS PTSA

VMHS PTSA IS BETTER...WITH YOU!
Your membership helps make great things happen — from scholarships and grants to library resources, teacher appreciation, and more!

JOIN VMHS PTSA

No volunteering required—your membership alone makes a difference! Support your child. Support your school.

Useful Links: **VMHS Website**

COUNSELING CORNER

COUNSELING TEAM



Mrs. Ponce
AVID
East Hall



Mrs. Padilla
A-Ce
East Hall



Mr. Tyler
Cha-Ge
West Hall



Mrs. Osorio
Gi-Lew
West Hall



Mrs. Candaele
NCAA & Li-N
West Hall



Mrs. Ammen
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Mrs. Malloy
Se-Z
East Hall



Mr. Bennett
School
Psychologist
Grades 10 - 11



Mrs. Mendoza-Blied
School
Psychologist
Grades 9 & 12



Ms. Cortez
School
Social Worker

SCHEDULE CHANGES

Broncos, please know that schedule changes were not made during the first week of school. Counselors are currently prioritizing students who are without a schedule or who are missing a course.

Schedule Change Request Forms will be addressed the week of August 17.

Schedule change requests are considered for the following criteria:

- an incomplete schedule
- course already completed
- a duplicate class
- prerequisite not met / level change
- movement of Early Release or Late Start period
- missing graduation requirement
- course level placement issue

We appreciate your patience during this process!



