VISTA MURRIETA

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# PONY EXPRESS

Dear Bronco Families,

As we enter the final six weeks of the semester, this is an important time for our Broncos to stay focused, engaged, and committed to finishing strong. A few reminders as we head into November will help keep everyone on track.

Our 12-week progress reports will be available next week and will provide a snapshot of each student's current academic performance, not a final semester grade. With six weeks remaining, there is still time for students to address areas of concern, improve their performance, and finish strong. Please review these reports with your Bronco and encourage conversations with teachers as needed. This will be the final progress report of the semester, with official semester grades available in early January.

As the semester winds down, please prioritize regular attendance and report absences promptly through our Attendance Office. Students are entitled to make up missed assignments following an excused absence. Please ensure absences are properly documented as excused in Aeries, as teachers rely on this information when determining eligibility for makeup work. Work missed during unexcused absences may not be accepted for credit. Addressing absences promptly helps students stay on track as the semester comes to a close.

**Attendance Contact Information and Absence Reporting Procedures**

For early student releases, please allow a minimum of one hour so our staff can safely coordinate departures across our campus of 3,500 students.

With cold and flu season upon us, please remind students that the Health Office is for those who are ill or need medical attention, not for expediting early releases. Limiting unnecessary visits to the Health Office helps prevent exposure to illness and ensures timely care for students who need it.

As a reminder, all high school campuses maintain a no-drop-off policy for forgotten items, including lunches, assignments, and personal belongings. While we recognize that forgotten items happen, this practice is not intended to inconvenience families but rather to support student safety and minimize disruptions throughout the school day. Please encourage your Bronco to plan ahead and bring everything needed for the day. A little preparation goes a long way!

Our teachers and administrative team share your commitment to providing every Bronco with an exceptional educational experience. When classroom questions or concerns arise, please begin by communicating directly with your student's teacher.

Assistant Principals work closely with teachers in their assigned departments and are available to provide additional support. For your reference, administrative oversight is organized as follows:

- Carl Galloway – Mathematics
- Rosa Velardez – English and Special Education
- Tammy Waddleton – Science and Career Technical Education (CTE)
- Lloyd Dunn – Health and Student Support
- David Save – Athletics and Physical Education
- Brianna Burow – Social Science and Counseling

Looking ahead, Monday, November 2, is a non-student day as our teachers participate in Professional Development. Students will return to campus on Tuesday, November 3.

And finally, don't forget to "Fall Back" this weekend! Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 1, so remember to turn your clocks back one hour. An extra hour of sleep is always a welcome bonus!

Thank you for your continued partnership and shared commitment to the success of our Broncos. Let's make these final six weeks count!

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:

**November 2:**
No School

**November 3:**
A Day
Moon Grad Services Grad Fest
Link Crew Luncheon

**November 4:**
B Day - Late Start
Stuff the Bus Gift Drive Ends
Blood Drive #1

**November 5:**
A Day - Office Hours
Principal's Advisory Meeting

**November 6:**
B Day

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Nov 10:**
GLP Session #2

**Nov 11:**
Veterans Day - No School

**Nov 23 - 27:**
Thanksgiving Break - No School

### BNN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

October 26

October 27

October 30

## A/B CALENDAR

| NOV 2 - NOV 6 | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| PD | A | B | A | B |

November 2 — PD Day - Non-Student Day
November 4 — Late Start
November 5 — Office Hours

## 12 WEEK GRADING PERIOD







Parents, stay informed about your student's progress by regularly checking Aeries and Canvas. These resources provide important updates on grades, assignments, and overall academic progress.

## TOY DRIVE

Stuff THE BUS

Acceptable Gifts to Donate:
- new and unwrapped
- intended for forages 0-17
- gift cards

LAST CHANCE
Donations benefit local youth through the Murrieta Salvation Army!
ENDS NOV 4

1 gift donated = 1 hour of community service (max 5 hours)




## BLOOD DRIVE

Blood Drive
November 4
Sign-ups during both lunches.

## MVUSD's *Partnership for Thriving Students and Families* (PTSF)



*is looking for parent representatives!*

- Explore family engagement in MVUSD
- Advise on key district initiatives, including the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- Be part of a collaborative and diverse group of district voices

**Four Meetings at the District Offices from 4 - 6 PM:**
**Dec. 3, Feb. 11, April 15, & May 20**

**Questions? Interested?**
Please email Mrs. Mutchnick-Jayx at
fmutchnick-jayx@murrieta.k12.ca.us

## AP EXAM REGISTRATION

$103 per exam

AP Exam Prices Increase After October 31

REGISTER WITH TOTAL REGISTRATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Oct 1-31 | Open Registration |
| Nov 1-12 | $10 Late Fee |
| After Nov 12 | $42 Late Fee |

**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
O-Sc
East Hall



Mrs. Malloy
Se-Z
East Hall



Mr. Bennett
School
Psychologist
Grades 10 - 11



Mrs. Mendoza-Blied
School
Psychologist
Grades 9 & 12



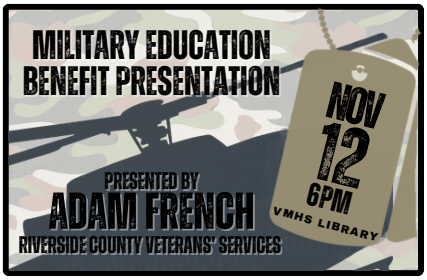
Ms. Cortez
School
Social Worker

## MILITARY EDUCATION BENEFITS PRESENTATION

Do you qualify for military education benefits?

Not sure where to start?

Join us to learn about the resources and benefits available to help fund your post-high school goals.




**TOPICS TO BE COVERED:**

- Calvet College Fee Waiver
- Post-9/11 GI Bill
- Chapter 35
- Fry Scholarship

## JUNIORS & SENIORS
## ASVAB TESTING
## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
## 8:30 - 11:30 AM

**SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 6**

ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

## MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR

OPERATION HOMEFRONT



HELP US FIND OPERATION HOMEFRONT'S NEXT AWARD RECIPIENTS!

NOMINATIONS DUE BY DEC 1

LEARN MORE ABOUT MILITARY CHILD OF THE YEAR

## DUAL ENROLLMENT

**Spring 2027 Dual Enrollment and Concurrent Enrollment deadline is Friday, November 13.**

This is a firm deadline set by MSJC. Students who do not complete the required matriculation steps and submit their DualEnroll.com request by November 13 will be placed in an alternate VMHS course. Do not wait until the last minute, as application processing, orientation completion, and account activation can take several days. Check your DualEnroll.com account regularly for missing requirements, approvals, or denied requests.

**Questions? Please contact your counselor for assistance.**

## UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY INFORMATION NIGHT

### NOVEMBER 30

This session is helpful for middle and high school students interested in applying to the Naval Academy or other military academies.

REGISTER BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

## COLLEGE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE

Nov 5
Nov 12
Nov 19

COLLEGE APPLICATION ASSISTANCE SIGN UP

**Character • Leadership • Attitude • Scholarship • Service**