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MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Magruder Memo

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Dear Magruder Families,

As we head into Thanksgiving Break, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive families who make Magruder Middle School such a special community. Every day on our campus, we see the positive impact of your partnership, from cheering on our Mustangs at extracurricular events to encouraging kindness, curiosity, and strong habits at home. Thank you for entrusting us with your children and for all you do to support our school.

This Issue's Principal's Parent Challenge: The Thanksgiving Tech Break & Family Outing
With a full week off from school routines, Thanksgiving Break is the perfect opportunity to step away from phones, tablets, and gaming consoles to recharge together. Your challenge this issue is to schedule a **Screen-Free Family Adventure.**

1. **Pick a "Tech-Free" Window:** Choose an afternoon or evening during break where the whole family puts devices away.
2. **Explore Locally Together:** Check out the **Thanksgiving & Holiday Family Events flyer** below for seasonal parades, pier lightings, and free workshops—or open our **Magruder Guide to Free & Low-Cost Local Activities** for dozens of year-round South Bay museums, tide pools, nature centers, and library programs.
3. **Bonus Photo Challenge #MustangsUnplugged:** Snap a quick photo of your family out and about, share it on social media, tag us at @Magruder_torrance, and include **#MustangsUnplugged** so we can celebrate our Mustang families in action!

Wishing you and your loved ones a safe, restful, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Keely Hardage
Principal
Magruder Middle School



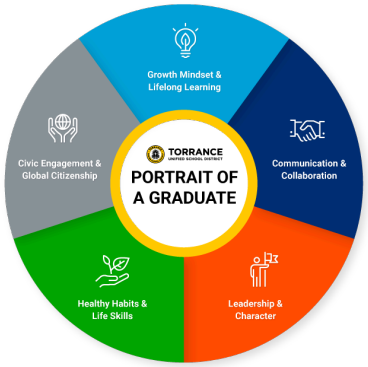
Save the Date



- Week of Nov 23 - No School, Thanksgiving Holiday
- Dec 3 - Volleyball vs. Jefferson
- Dec 4 - Family Lunch Day, don't forget to pre-register!
- Dec 4 - Winter Dance 5-7pm
- Dec 8 - Progress Reports Available for Quarter 2
- Dec 8 - PTSA Association Meeting
- Dec 10 - Volleyball @ Richardson
- Dec 11 - Volleyball vs. Casimir @ NHS
- Week of Dec 14 - Holiday Spirit Week
- Dec 15 - ELMAC Parent Meeting
- Dec 15 - 6th Grade Toy Fair
- Jan 4 - First day back from Winter Break



Portrait of a Magruder Mustang



What is a Portrait of a Graduate? It is the TUSD collective vision that articulates the desired outcomes of all K-12 students in Torrance Unified, including competencies and personal qualities that positions them for success in life and career.

At Magruder, Mustangs embody these skills and characteristics in a variety of ways every day—both inside and outside the classroom.

Growth Mindset and Lifelong Learning

Students in Project Lead the Way (PLTW) put their coding and engineering skills to the test as they experimented with 3D printing! By designing, troubleshooting, and fabricating custom name tags from scratch, our Mustangs experienced the engineering design process firsthand. Working with emerging technology fuels curiosity, creative problem-solving, and the resilience to refine ideas from concept to creation.

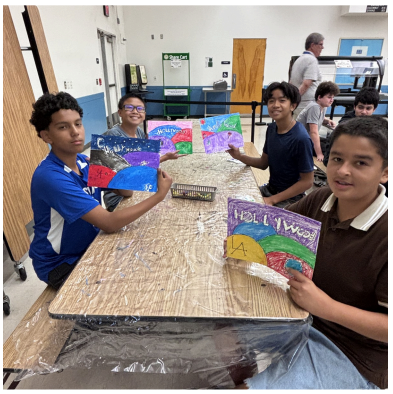




Communication and Collaboration

Creativity was on full display across campus this week during our PTSA-sponsored Adventures in Art sessions! Working alongside dedicated parent volunteers, students explored new artistic techniques and expressed their ideas visually. A huge thank you to our wonderful PTSA for partnering with Magruder to provide well-rounded enrichment opportunities that nurture creative communication and community connection.









Leadership and Character

We proudly celebrated another inspiring group of Mustangs at our latest Student of the Month Assembly! Recognizing students who consistently model kindness, responsibility, and strong work habits reinforces the positive character values at the heart of our campus culture. Highlighting student leadership and playing fun class competition games allow us to celebrate what it means to be a Mustang every day.









Civic Engagement and Global Citizenship

Congratulations to Magruder's own **Lavin Ghobrial** for winning 3rd place in the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Small Business Art Contest! Lavin was officially recognized by the Mayor of Torrance and the Director of the Chamber of Commerce for this fantastic accomplishment. Engaging with local civic programs connects our students directly with city leaders and showcases how young artists contribute to the vibrancy of our Torrance community.



Healthy Habits and Life Skills

Volleyball season is officially up and running at Magruder! Our student-athletes hit the court for their first two matches against Calle Mayor and Hull, displaying impressive hustle, teamwork, and sportsmanship. Competing in school sports strengthens physical wellness, time management, and perseverance, essential life skills that serve our Mustangs well both on and off the court.





Magruder Announcements & School Reminders

Save the Date: Winter Dance December 4th!

Don't miss out on our upcoming Winter Dance on December 4th from 5-7pm. Tickets will go on sale the week of November 30th for $5. Students must be in good academic standing to attend.

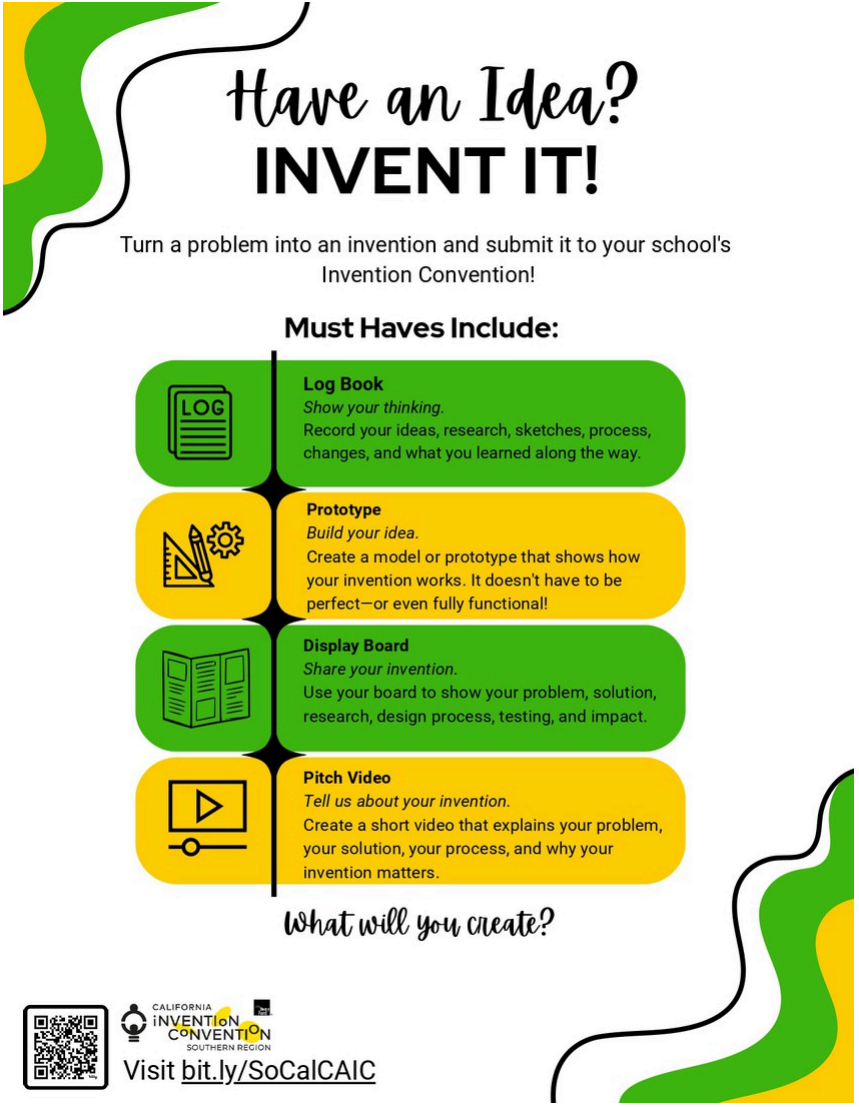


TUSD Early College Program Info Night

8th Graders! Are you interested in applying for the TUSD Early College Program? The Early College Application is available now! Applications are due by Friday January 8th. Please visit the website for more information including copies of the slides shown at the info night, the application, and more.

Invention Convention is Coming Soon!

Interested in participating in this year's Invention Convention? Stop by room 36 or email Ms. Viviani at viviani.haley@tusd.org for more information!



Order your 26-27 Yearbook now!



It's time to start thinking about the **2026–2027 Yearbook!** Every year we sell out and you do not want your student to miss this opportunity.

Click here to purchase your yearbook

8TH GRADE PARENTS ONLY!

We are now accepting **baby photos** for our 8th grade section! Please email a baby photo of your student to **Ms. Perez** at perez.melanie@tusd.org **by December 18th.**

8TH GRADE DEDICATIONS

Want to celebrate your 8th grader with a special dedication in the yearbook? Space is **limited**, so don't wait! **Purchase a dedication space here.**

Thank you for helping us make this year's yearbook extra special!

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