

MARAUDER MASK

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Happy
New Year



Principal's Message

Good Afternoon, Marauders.

We hope you enjoyed your Winter Break.

There have been a large number of tardies to Period 1. Please remember that Period 1 begins promptly at 8:35AM; all students should be on campus before the 8:28AM warning bell to ensure they make it to Period 1 on time.

As you may have noticed, construction fencing has gone up as we begin our next construction project. A few things to note:

- The first (most eastern) row in the North parking lot is reserved for construction staff.
- Both the Admin and South parking lots have been impacted by construction fencing, please plan accordingly.
- The Admin Lot (near the flagpole and Main Office) has temporarily changed to visitor parking - our staff who previously parked in that parking lot will be parking in the North and South parking lots during this construction project.
 - The open spots on the north side of the parking lot have been converted to visitor parking (we will be repainting the ground/curbs as soon as possible).
 - Please do not parallel park along the blue fencing or in the red zone.
 - Please do not drop-off/pick-up in the Admin Parking Lot
 - Morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up should take place in the North and South parking lots
 - **The traffic lanes need to be left clear at all times for emergency response vehicles.**

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move through this construction project.

There is an M6 (Saturday School) session scheduled for tomorrow - please encourage your student to attend if they need support ahead of the end of the semester or need to clear absences for the Winter Formal.

Thank you.
Principal Sabins

[Bell Schedule](#)

I would like to share that Mira Mesa High School Engineering students who are in the Intermediate Class (All are Sophomore's) – Andy Ly, Tu Nguyen, Jayden Bui, Julian Garcia and Shrikant Yadavalli participated in KnightHacks, a hackathon organized by The Society of Women Engineers (SWE), at The Bishop's School on Saturday, December 16th, 2023. Our team took home second place with their project, BiasBusterAI, an AI-based application trained to detect gender bias and make the STEM field a more inclusive space.



Counseling News

“Challenges are gifts that force us to search for a new center of gravity. Don’t fight them. Just find a new way to stand.” - Oprah Winfrey

FINANCIAL AID

The FAFSA and California Dream Act applications are now open, but the FAFSA will be unavailable intermittently as the federal government monitors website performance. Our recommendation is for students and families to start by creating their FSA IDs at this link: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing> until the FAFSA website becomes more stable. Applications will not get processed until later this month. Counselors will host financial aid application workshops Tuesdays and Thursdays during lunch in the upper library. The deadline to submit applications is April 2nd, and it is now a CA law for all seniors to submit a financial aid application.

ARTICULATION PROCESS

Counselors are continuing to meet with 9th-11th grade students who missed meeting with their counselors for articulation. Counselors were also at Challenger and Wangenheim the 4th and 5th and will finish up with our middle school articulation the 8th and 9th.

COLLEGE COURSES

Second semester college classes begin January 29th. If students need to complete any online documents for their second semester college class, they will get an email to the email address they used on their Miramar application. If you have questions about the Miramar college program at MMHS, please contact Mrs. Morales jmorales4@sandi.net or Mrs. Blum, mblum@sandi.net.

AP ACCOMMODATIONS

Counselors sent an to parents/guardians who have a child with an IEP or 504 Plan AND is scheduled to take an AP exam this May regarding permission for MMHS to request accommodations for their AP exams. If you did not get the email, download the document here, fill it out, and return it to Mrs. Blanchard in the Counseling Office or via email at dblanchard@sandi.net by January 8th.

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SUBMITTING A FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION IS A CA LAW

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION WORKSHOPS

JANUARY

4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30

FEBRUARY

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UPPER LIBRARY DURING LUNCH

BRING COMPUTER

**SUBMITTING FAFSA?
CREATE FSA ID PRIOR
TO WORKSHOP AT:**



Cash for College Events 2023 - 2024



Cash for College are workshops where students and families can receive help with completing their Financial Aid Application. These free workshops are open to all students and families in San Diego and Imperial Counties.

- 1/20/24 - 9:00am - 1:00pm - All County Fin Aid Blitz & Virtual
- 1/24/24 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Chula Vista High & Virtual
- 1/27/24 - 9:00am - 11:00am at RBVHS (Vista) & Virtual
- 1/31/24 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm at El Camino High & Virtual
- 1/31/24 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Valhalla High & Virtual
- 2/10/24 - 9:00am - 11:00am at Crawford High & Virtual
- 2/10/24 - 9:00am - 11:00am at Oceanside High & Virtual
- 2/24/24 - 9:00am - 11:00am at RBVHS (Vista) & Virtual
- 2/24/24 - 9:00am - 11:00am at Sweetwater High & Virtual
- 2/24/24 - 9:00am - 11:00am at Monte Vista High & Virtual
- 2/28/24 - 5:00pm - 7:00pm at Madison High & Virtual