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A Note From the PTSA President

Meghan's Minutes



Dear Mustang Families,

We have been very busy at school this past month with two Spirit Nights, Mustang Jam, sno-cone treats for Mustang Mastercard Honor Roll incentives, conference night meal for the teachers and staff, and the incoming 6th grade Orientation Night. Mustang Jam and 6th Grade Orientation were a big success, and they could not have happened without the work of our committees and the support of administration, staff, teachers, and volunteers. I'd also like to thank the NJHS students who conducted tours for our incoming families! I had the privilege to hear some of their presentations and they were remarkable examples of the Martinez family.

We have started our nomination process for our PTSA board and committee chairs for next year. If you are interested in learning more about the open positions and/or would like to volunteer, please reach out to martinezptsanomcom@gmail.com. The interest form link has been sent out via parent link and is available on our social media sites.

Finally, the third quarter ends on 3/20. As we quickly approach Spring Break, we hope all our families are able to enjoy the week off from school and come back refreshed and ready to start the last quarter of the year!

Meghan McGuinness
PTSA President

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give."
-Winston Churchill

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MUSTANG YEARLY

2023-2024

ENJOY YOUR FLIGHT



AUGUST

- 8/10: First Day of School
- 8/18: Welcome Back Dance
- 8/22: PDQ Spirit Night 4-10pm



SEPTEMBER

- 9/1: Picture Day
- 9/4: Non-Student Day
- 9/15: Custodian Appreciation Day
- 9/18: Conference Night I
- 9/19: Calusa Pizza Spirit Night
- 9/20: PTSA Gen MTG I
6PM, Cafeteria
- 9/25: Fundraiser Kick-Off



OCTOBER

- 10/12: 1st Grading Per. Ends
- 10/13: SNS Appreciation Day
- 10/16: Non-Student Day
- 10/18: Tijuana Flats Spirit Night
- 10/20: Steinbrenner Showcase for 8th Grade Students
- 10/21: 1st Annual Color Run
2PM-5PM @MMS
- 10/22: Reflections Entries Due
- 10/26 & 10/27: 8th Gr @ JA

NOVEMBER

- 11/2: Steinbrenner Showcase for 8th Grade Students & Families
- 11/3: Pizza Party Membership Incentive
- 11/7: Picture Re-Take Day
- 11/9: Honor Roll Sno Cone incentive
- 11/9: Bus Driver Appreciation Day
- 11/9: California Pizza Kitchen Spirit Night @ Int'l Mall
- 11/10: Non-Student Day
- 11/16: Great American Teach-in
- 11/17: Western Day
- 11/20-11/24: Fall Break
- 11/28: Conference Night II



DECEMBER

- 12/12: PTSA Spirit Night @Panera
- 12/22: 2nd Grading Per. Ends
- Reflections Celebration, TBD

Winter Break:
12/25/23-1/5/24



JANUARY

- 1/8: Return to School
- 1/15: Non-Student Day
- 1/18: Three Bros Spirit Night
- 1/24: PTSA Gen MTG II
6PM, Cafeteria
- 1/27: Community Day II



FEBRUARY

- 2/6: BJ'S Spirit Night, 5-9PM, SR 56
- 2/8: Mustang Jam, 6PM (Gym)
- 2/9: Student Services Apprec. (Counselors/Psychologist/Social)
- 2/12: Conference Night III
- 2/14: Out of Uniform Day ([purchase online!](#))
- 2/16: Non-Student Day
- 2/20: Moe's Spirit Night, 5-9PM
- 2/22: Spring Open House for rising 6th Graders (5:30PM-7:00PM)



MARCH

- 3/4: Non-Student Day
- 3/6: Chipotle Spirit Night (Odessa)
- 3/20: 3rd Grading Per. Ends
- 3/28: Spring Pictures
- 3/29: Non-Student Day



Spring Break:
3/11/24- 3/15/24



APRIL

- 4/5: Support Staff Appreciation (Clerical/Paras/School Nurse & Deputy)
- 4/12: Administrator Appreciation (Principal & Ass't Principals)
- 4/29: Awards Night (all grades)
- 4/26: Volunteer Appreciation Day
- 4/29-5/3: • Teacher Appreciation Week



MAY

- 4/29-5/3: • TAW Con't.
- 5/8: PTSA Gen MTG III
6PM, Cafeteria
- 5/24: Last Day of School



*ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. PLEASE SEE PAGE 16 FOR THE 8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES CALENDAR!



Martinez Middle School PTSA

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~~884~~

900

920

940

960

980

1,000

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DEADLINE TO APPLY: 3/22/24

SEVERAL COMMITTEE CHAIR POSITIONS ARE
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YEAR! USE THE QR CODE OR LINK TO LEARN
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EIGHTH GRADE CLASS OF 2024



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- PERSONALIZED YARD SIGN
- DANCE TICKET
- \$25 DONATION

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CLASS OF '24 HOODIE.....	\$35 (DEADLINE 3/8)
PERSONALIZED YARD SIGN.....	\$20
DANCE TICKET.....	\$15



— SAVE THE DANCE DATE —
MIAMI NIGHTS

MAY 11, 2024 | 6:00PM-9:00PM

[HTTP://TINYURL.COM/MMS8THGRADE2024](http://tinyurl.com/mms8thgrade2024)

MUSTANG GOOD NEWS CAMPAIGN

WE CAN'T HIDE THAT MUSTANG PRIDE!!!

Brothers Sahil and Krishiv Patel participated in The 2024 Hillsborough Regional Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Fair held at the Tampa Convention Center on February 7, 2024.



Sahil Patel (8th Grade)

Project: Investigation on how the type of fertilizer may affect bacterial growth in soil.



Krishiv Patel (7th Grade)

Project: Considering alternative and innovative ways to irrigate during droughts.



Boys Soccer Team

Congrats to the Boys Soccer Team on their win against Farnell! Our division champs are headed to the county championships! Go Mustangs!

Spotted! NJHS Students spending their saturday at the Carrollwood Community Food Pantry on February 10th.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR INTERESTING STORIES TO PUBLISH FOR UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS AND ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA! SEND US YOUR STORY IDEAS ABOUT A FAVORITE TEACHER OR SOMETHING AMAZING YOUR STUDENT HAS ACCOMPLISHED OR LEARNED TO MARTINEZPTSA.CORRESPONDENCE@GMAIL.COM!

MAKE-A-WISH | WALK FOR WISHES

The NJHS and AVID classes are co-sponsoring a team for the Make a Wishes Walk Tampa. Please consider joining our team and/or donating as we are trying to reach our fundraising goal of \$6,000. If we reach our goal, we will be granting the wish for one child. The walk is April 13 @ 8:30 am at Water Works Park and open to all who register. Register for the walk by March 25 to receive a Walk for Wishes shirt.

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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

3/1: Connor F.

3/2: Karsyn C

3/4: Jack D.

3/9: Hayden G.

3/28: Martin A.

3/28: Priya H.



To Purchase



BOB MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL UNIFORM POLICY



2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR



Students must be in uniform every day unless otherwise noted- no exceptions!

Martinez apparel maybe purchased through:

- Mascot Universe
- Land's End or any other store

Uniform Shirts:

- Colors: Solid black, gray, or teal
- Polo Style/Collared Shirt with Martinez logo or plain/solid polo.
- Students may wear any Martinez Middle School spirit shirt or College shirt on Fridays only.

Uniform Bottoms:

- Color: Solid Black or Solid Khaki
- Type: Shorts, long pants, long solid black leggings (not short style), skorts, capris, or solid black basketball shorts (no stripes and must be able to stay up without the drawstring)
- Length: All bottoms must be mid-thigh or longer.

ABSOLUTELY NOT ACCEPTABLE: Striped basketball shorts, jeggings, sweatpants, pajama bottoms, blue jeans, bottoms with rips and holes.

Outerwear:

- Students must wear their collared uniform shirts under their sweatshirts, hoodies, and or jackets.
- Must be a Martinez Middle School logo from the vendor or solid black, gray or white.
- Must not include large logos, designs, words or symbols.

Shoes & Accessories:

- Students must wear closed-toed shoes.
- Flip flops, slides, or sandals are not allowed.
- No hats, visors, beanie caps, or bandanas on campus.



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2023-2024

8TH GRADE

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AUGUST

AUGUST 18TH:

- WELCOME BACK DANCE (ALL GRADES)



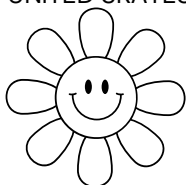
SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 8TH:

- 8TH GRADE ON THE 8TH'S

SEPTEMBER 22ND:

- UNITED SKATES FIELD TRIP



OCTOBER



OCTOBER 18TH:

- PSAT

OCTOBER 20TH:

- STEINBRENNER SHOWCASE FOR STUDENTS, 10AM-12PM

OCTOBER 21ST:

- 1ST ANNUAL MMS COLOR RUN

OCTOBER 26TH-27TH:

- JA FINANCE PARK TRIP

NOVEMBER



NOVEMBER 2ND:

- STEINBRENNER SHOWCASE FOR STUDENTS & FAMILIES

NOVEMBER 8TH:

- 8TH GRADE ON THE 8TH'S

NOVEMBER 16TH:

- GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN

NOVEMBER 17TH:

- WESTERN DAY (ALL GRADES)

FALL BREAK:

- 11/20-11/24
- RETURN ON 11/27

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 8TH:

- 8TH GRADE ON THE 8TH'S

DECEMBER 22ND:

- LAST DAY OF CLASSES BEFORE WINTER BREAK



JANUARY

JANUARY 8TH:

- BACK TO SCHOOL
- 8TH GRADE ON THE 8TH'S

JANUARY 26TH

- FIELD TRIP FORMS DUE



FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 8TH:

- MUSTANG JAM (ALL GRADES)
- 8TH GRADE ON THE 8TH'S

DATE TBD:

- CLASS T-SHIRT & HOODIE SALES BEGIN ONLINE



MARCH

MARCH 8TH:

- 8TH GRADE ON THE 8TH'S

MARCH 11TH-15TH:

- SPRING BREAK!



MARCH 22ND

- TOP GOLF FIELD TRIP

DATE TBD:

- GRADUATION SIGN SALES
- DANCE TICKET SALES BEGIN ONLINE

APRIL

APRIL 29TH:

- AWARDS NIGHT PROGRAM FOR SELECTED STUDENTS



MAY



MAY 8TH:

- 8TH GRADE ON THE 8TH'S

MAY 11TH:

- 8TH GRADE DANCE



DATE TBD:

- GRADUATION SIGNS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP
- 8TH GRADE DAY

*ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. STUDENTS WILL ATTEND ONE OF THE PLANNED DATES FOR THE JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT FINANCE PARK TRIP. PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS!



The Millman Memo

School Board Meeting Update

by Jenn Millman, MMS Advocacy Chair

Regular School Board Meeting Tuesday, February 20th @ 4PM

Superintendent Comments

- MLK day is Monday, 1/15/24. The parade will be held in the afternoon.
- Steinbrenner band took part in the NYD London parade, which attracts over 10,000 participants and over 500 million watched it.
- A \$7.9 million grant was awarded for the electric buses.
- Only 4 districts in FL received this grant.

Board Comments

- 8 th annual Brain Bowl – went from 5 schools to 80 schools and HEF donated \$5,000. Member Washington is on the African American taskforce.
- 40 Thurgood Marshall clubs are implemented.
- School online safety course will be held at:
 - Wharton on 1/25
 - Mabry on 2/8
 - Middleton on 2/29
 - Plant City on 4/24
- Wellness week: Hillsborough Healthy Schools will be advising principals on the importance of employee wellbeing. This will be on 1/17.
- In 2022-2023 school year Glazer Childrens Museum welcomed 13,715 students, teachers, and chaperones to visit and play. 4,326 participants came from Title 1 schools. Title 1 schools receive free admission. 2023-2024 school year there have been 6,316 students, teachers, and chaperones. Of those 2,339 came from Title 1 schools. The goal is to have 7,000 students from Title 1 schools.
- Joy of Giving was held over the break. 5,000 people attended; cars, food, bikes and toys were given away. Shoutout to Thaddeus Bullard.
- Tampa Bay Business Journal selected Superintendent Van Ayers as 1 of the 25 people to watch.

Regular School Board Meeting Tuesday, February 6th @4PM

Superintendent's Comments:

- HCPS is excited to partner with Nuestra America Foundation to open the first community Museum of Art and Education American at Jefferson High.
- January is national mentoring month; the first collaborative breakfast was held on 1/13/24.
- HCPS participated in both MLK and Childrens Gasparilla parade.
- Hillsborough High partnered with Visit Tampa Bay and opened a tourism academy. This will allow students to learn about tourism and possibly an internship with a local business partner.
- Current seniors must obtain a 480 SAT score if they do not meet the ELA benchmark.
- Ended the school year with an 86.2% graduation rate, 90% is our goal for 23-24.
- Shoutout to Steinbrenner who has a 96.3% graduation rate.
- 2/1/24 Excellence in Education Awards will be held on 2/1/24.
- Literacy week is 1/22 – 1/26 with the theme "Believe In Your Shelf" Building Resiliency Through Reading.
- Fast/PM2 results will be shared on 2/6/24.

MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL



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