



Martinez Mustangs Mane Events

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Visit our Web site www.martinezptsa.org

Calendar

February

- 1* *EARLY RELEASE* Day
- 4 Report Cards Available Online
- 8* *EARLY RELEASE* Day
- 11 NJHS Virtual Induction
- 12* Non-Student Day
- 15* Non-Student Day / President's Day
- 22* *EARLY RELEASE* Day
- 22 Virtual Conference Night 3:45pm
- 23 Martinez Dance Team Tryouts

March

- 1* *EARLY RELEASE* Day
- 8* Non-Student Day
- 13-21st* Spring Break
- 22 Return To School
- 26 End of 3rd Grading Period
- 29* *EARLY RELEASE* Day

Soccer Schedule

February

- 8 vs Smith @ Sickles
- 16 vs Hill @ Steinbrenner
- 22 vs Davidsen @ Alonso
- 25 vs Farnell @ Steinbrenner

March

- 3 vs Walker @ Steinbrenner

Note from the PTSA President

Dear Mustang Families,

Time flies fast and we are already in second semester. I would like to welcome all those students who has transitioned to Brick and Mortar from E-Learning. I realize how difficult it may be for new students to adjust into school atmosphere. I wish all the best to our students both in campus and E-Learning to finish off this year strong.

Although many of PTSA events are still limited, we are trying to find ways to celebrate and reward our student's success. We will be providing ice creams for MasterCard incentives on 2/19. We are also working on the school wide fundraiser incentives in campus. Feb 1st thru 5th is the National School Counselor's Week. Thank you counselors for making difference in the lives of students, staff, and families.

We value our families here at Martinez, and we will continue to achieve great things thanks to the tremendous support of our families, staff, and community partners. We are fortunate to fund grant request from teachers, and Martinez PTSA will continue to become valuable resource to our students and staff.

If you are interested in a PTSA position we have openings for the 2021-2022 school year. Please reach out to me at martinezptsa.president@gmail.com.

We wish our students and families to stay strong and healthy!

Thank you,

Sonya Choi

2020-21 Martinez PTSA President



STAY IN THE KNOW

www.martinezptsa.org

Newsletter. The Martinez PTSA newsletter will be sent to all registered families each month.

Facebook. Join the Martinez PTSA Facebook page for the latest school news.

School news. Martinez Middle Web site: <http://martinez.mysdhc.org/>

District news. Hillsborough County School District Web site: www.sdhc.k12.fl.us

MUSTANG NEWS

Our friends and neighbors at Steinbrenner High School PTSA has invited Martinez to a virtual event February 10th. A panel of experts are going to be gathered together to answer questions regarding the challenges facing our teens. The event is great for middle school parents too. Since it is virtual this year, it is a great way to see what is going on with teens today and you don't have to leave your house. Parents and teens can ask questions anonymously and experts will weigh in. Attached below are 2 flyers for Steinbrenner High School PTSA virtual event **THE WORLD OF A TEEN**.

Amy Pardo
VP Programs
PTSA Steinbrenner High School



February Birthdays

Nolan R. 4

Giana S. 11

Emily M. 16

Emma H. 18

Lily H. 18

Logan M. 19

Jackson G. 22

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Hello Martinez families,

Your Martinez FFA wanted to present a quick reflection on the successful end to the interesting year forever known as, 2020.

- ◆ Our Big Buddy program is mentoring the little buddies from McKitrick, monthly.
- ◆ Martinez FFA represented well the poultry, dairy goats, and beef cattle at Hillsborough County livestock Show.
- ◆ Several of our Dairy Goat team members have competed in 2 additional shows across Florida.
- ◆ Your Beef Cattle team traveled to South Florida to participate in an additional competition.
- ◆ We are sure you notice the holiday card hung on the fence outside McKitrick and hope to inspire other clubs to participate next year by hanging their holiday wishes on the fence.
- ◆ Two of our dairy goats gave birth on the land lab this year.
- ◆ Several of our leadership teams competed in competitions this year, such as: Food science, Citrus judging, Tool identification, Vegetable judging, Horse judging, Dairy cow evaluation, and Livestock judging.
- ◆ A team of 6 competed in a recycle competition hosted by the Florida aquarium

Looking forward to 2021 we are excited that things are calming down and FFA is ramping up !

A few things we still have to look forward towards is;

- ◆ One more dairy goat to give birth
- ◆ Four more dairy goat shows
- ◆ Three more beef cow shows
- ◆ Several more leadership competitions such as:
 - *Aquiculture
 - *Floriculture
 - *Ornamental horticulture
 - *Creed speaking
 - *Extemporaneous public speaking
- ◆ National FFA week we will try to make as campus-friendly and interactive as possible
- ◆ The culmination of our fundraiser honoring the memory of Brayden McCormack
- ◆ The Florida State Fair which was postponed until April.

We hope to see many of you at some of our upcoming events. ✨

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hessel

FFA Advisor/Agriscience

Martinez Middle School

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"What we become depends not on conditions, but on decisions." ~ Hal Urdan

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Thank You!



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Dr. Karan Lamb is the owner of Lamb Psychological Services and a Florida licensed psychologist with experience treating children, adolescents, and adults in individual, family, and group therapy. She provides evidence-based psychotherapy for anxiety (generalized, social, specific phobias, and panic), Obsessive Compulsive spectrum disorders, (OCD), and Body Focused Repetitive Behaviors (BFRBS).



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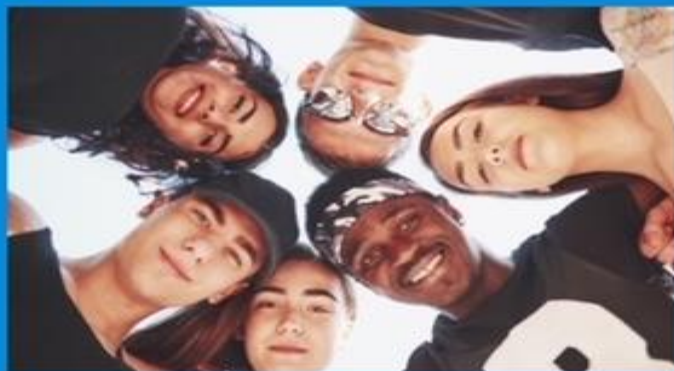
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STEINBRENNER PTSA PRESENTS

THE WORLD OF A TEEN



A PANEL OF EXPERTS ASSEMBLED TO DISCUSS
THE CHALLENGES FACING TODAY'S TEENS

SOCIAL MEDIA | DRUGS | RELATIONSHIPS | STRESS | AND MORE

INTERACTIVE AND INFORMATIVE

FEBRUARY 10, 2021 6 P.M.

VIRTUAL EVENT

OPEN TO ALL PARENTS AND TEENS

LOGIN INFORMATION ON STEINBRENNER PTSA WEBSITE
WWW.STEINBRENNERTAMPAFL.PTAP TSA.ORG

THE WORLD OF A TEEN



SPEAKERS

HIGH SCHOOL ISSUES/TRENDS

Deputy Anthony Bennett
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, STEINBRENNER HS

Michelle Gonzalez
SPECIAL AGENT, FEDERAL BUREAU OF
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HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Jennifer R. Silliman
GROUP SUPERVISOR, HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS

2021 *Martinez Mustang* YEARBOOK

**PRE-ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK
BY PHONE OR ONLINE**

Yearbooks will not be available for purchase through the school by cash or check at this time.

**Call 1-866-287-3096 OR go to
www.YearbookOrderCenter.com
Use order number 2686**

***The earlier you order, the more you save..**

Tier 1 = \$35 (NOW - 9/30/20)

Tier 2 = \$40 (10/1/20 - 1/11/21)

Tier 3 = \$45 (1/12/21 - 4/10/21)

***8th Grade Dedication Ads
are to be designed and purchased online.***

Deadline for dedication ads is December 12, 2020

QUESTIONS?

Email Dawn Perez @
dawn.perez@sdhc.k12.fl.us



***YOU ARE ONLY
GUARANTEED A
YEARBOOK IF YOU
PRE-ORDER!**



**Please print the birthday marquee order form below and send it to the office marked
PTSA Birthday Marquee!**

BIRTHDAY MARQUEE

Have your child's name displayed on the Martinez Marquee for the week of his/her birthday!

The cost is \$20. Reserve your spot today!

Student's Name: _____

Birth Month _____ Date _____

Homeroom _____

Telephone Number (only in case there is a question) _____

I give permission for my child's name to be displayed on the Birthday Marquee at Martinez Middle School:

_____ (parent's signature)

Paid by check # _____ or cash _____ pay online @ www.martinezptsa.org

Please make checks payable to Martinez Middle School PTSA

Will also include a special acknowledgement in the MMS E-Newsletter

Please contact Martha Burke with any questions at Mhburke001@aol.com

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Martinez Middle School PTSA Membership

2020-2021

Help us accomplish great things by becoming a Martinez PTSA Member.

Your donation is tax deductible. **NO VOLUNTEERING REQUIRED.** By becoming a member, **YOU** are helping fund PTSA programs & initiatives, and have voting rights at all PTSA General Meetings. **Anyone can become a member.**

ALL STUDENTS The OUT OF UNIFORM incentive for students has been extended to October 30. When your student becomes a Martinez PTSA Member, s/he will receive a free ticket to dress out of uniform on Student PTSA Member Appreciation Day (date TBA).

To order your PTSA Membership for you and your family, go to <https://martinezlutzfl.ptapsa.org/> and click on "online store".

How many Memberships are you purchasing?

- ☐ **\$7 - One Membership**
- ☐ **\$14 - Two Memberships**
- ☐ **\$20 - Three Memberships**
- ☐ **\$25 - Four Memberships**
- ☐ **\$30 - Five Memberships**

Who is becoming a Martinez PTSA Member? Email required!! for e-membership card delivery.

(Print clearly)

(Circle one)

Name: _____ Email: _____ (I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)

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Info needed for student's Out of Uniform pass delivery & questions:

Parent Phone: _____

Student Member Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

Student Member Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____



Online Ordering for 2020-2021

Mascot Universe and the Martinez PTSA are continuing their partnership to sell the Martinez polos, spirit wear and even PE uniforms! One stop shopping for all of your Martinez uniform needs, as well as if you have students at Steinbrenner and Mckitrick. With our partnership, you will be able to visit the Mascot Universe location and make your uniform purchase or you can purchase your merchandise online at Martinezapparel.com, with the option to pick up your order at their location, 19259 N. Dale Mabry, Lutz, FL, or they offer shipping to your home for a fee. We hope this is a beneficial partnership for all of our Martinez families.

**PE uniforms are only required for 7th & 8th grade students.*

***Uniform bottoms can be Tan or Black khaki pants, shorts, capris or skirts.*

*****ABSOLUTELY NO basketball shorts, NO yoga pants, NO leggings, NO jeggings, NO sweatpants, and NO workout tights!**

If you have any questions regarding the school polos, spirit wear or PE uniforms, you are welcome to reach out to me, Bridget Verrecchia, at martinezptsaspiritwear@gmail.com.