



Martinez Mustangs Mane Events

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Calendar

February

- 7 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**
- 14 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**
- 18 Non-Student Day**
- 21 President's Day - Non-Student Day**
- 28 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**

March

- 7 Non-Student Day**
- 11 End of 3rd Grading Period**
- 14-18 Spring Break**
- 21 Non-Student Day**
- 22 Students Return to School**
- 28 EARLY RELEASE Day – 3:30p Dismissal**

Note from the PTSA President

Hello Mustang Families!

As this goes to print, our students are in the process of receiving incentives for the 2nd quarter report cards. Congratulations to all the students who made honor roll, and thank you to our amazing teachers and staff for their guidance and instruction! Even in the midst of multiple staff and student absences during this most recent wave of COVID, our school continues to come together as a team and support each other. Thank you!

Many of you may have heard about our recent Mustang Jam. The students signed up in teams through their PE teachers and faced off in some very exciting pinball games. Our school dance team, the Sensations, performed during the event to pump up the crowd and show some school spirit. Thank you so much to our PTSA Vice President co-chairs of Programs and the coaches for organizing this fun evening! We also held our 2nd General PTSA meeting just prior to the games and had an opportunity to meet some new families to our school. Thank you to all those who attended!

We continue to work on our PTA School of Excellence project, helping students and their families during the transitions from elementary to middle school, and middle to high school. Keep an eye out for more information in the future on this, which will be posted on our PTSA FaceBook page, PTSA website, and Instagram. We try to post information about upcoming events and helpful tips and tools for families.

We continue to have more volunteer opportunities available at school. The 8th Grade committee will be holding donut sales very soon, and the school is also planning more events. Please make sure that you have reached out to our VP of Volunteers with your contact information if you are interested in these opportunities. If you have already done this, we will email out a Sign Up Genius form each time we need volunteers. You must also have a serve form on file. We are also planning for Teacher Appreciation Week in May. If you or your company would like to contribute any items (food, waters, snacks, gift cards, paper goods, etc.) please get in contact with us.

Please consider joining our PTSA if you have not done so already. Please make sure to include next to each name whether you are signing up a parent, student, grandparent, etc. Dues are only \$7 per person and help support a wide range of programs and events geared toward educating and building a sense of community. Volunteering is appreciated but not required. You can support our PTSA through your donations, membership, and/or time. You may join our PTSA through our website and make payments for the birthday marquee.

Thank you so much for all you do to support our school and your children. Go Mustangs!

Sincerely,

Cindy Bailey
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

Meet Your PTSA

Every month we will continue to highlight PTSA board positions/committee positions in an effort to better let you know what we do and who to contact.

Please like our Facebook page and check out our PTSA website regularly to stay up to date on PTSA events at our school. However, if you have a specific question about a school policy/issue, please contact the school directly as we can only answer questions directly related to PTSA.

Our 8th Grade committee chairperson, Tracy Wilsie, is working together with her committee to plan the 8th grade events for this year, order 8th grade T-shirts, and plan fundraising events, such as the ever-popular donut days. Keep an eye out for those donuts when dropping off your kids in the morning car line!

Our Co-Vice Presidents of Programs, Megan McCardle and Crissy Blair, are the two responsible for planning our recent Mustang Jam with the PE staff and Sensations dance team. This event was a huge success and the students and families had a blast! We look forward to putting on this event again next year! Thank you so much to everyone who planned the event and participated!

We have a fantastic team this year and we welcome anyone who would like to help out. We are currently looking to fill some positions for next school year as some families move on to high school, so please feel free to reach out to us if you are interested in joining or would like more information.

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February

Kaden K 2/9

Caroline R 2/17

Jackson G 2/22

Hiram C 2/24

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

FEBRUARY 9, 2022
6-7:30 P.M.

**Virtual Event FREE to
All Parents and Teens**

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STEINBRENNER PTSA WEBSITE

WWW.STEINBRENNERTAMPAFL.PTAP.TSA.ORG

THE **WORLD** *OF A* **TEEN**

EXPERT PANEL

HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Dr. Rushabh Vakharia, Doctor
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Steinbrenner High School

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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: _____
- Birthday Month: _____ Day: _____
- 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 _____ or pay online @ www.martinezpts.org

Please make checks payable to: Martinez Middle School PTSA

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

(Please contact Jessica Diefenderfer with any questions at diefenderfer13@gmail.com)

I want to stay informed.

Sign me up to receive the PTSA e-newsletter delivered directly to my e-mail box.

Name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Phone number (In case there is a question about your e-mail address): _____

Student grade level(s) ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

You will receive a monthly e-newsletter from the PTSA and informative e-mails about school and PTSA events.

Like the Martinez Middle School PTSA Facebook page for all of the latest updates from your PTSA!



**Martinez Middle School PTSA
Membership
2021-2022**



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.**

Join today at <https://martinezptsa.myschoolcentral.com> or turn in this form to receive your electronic card.

ALL STUDENTS who register by September 30th will get a **FREE SPECIAL SURPRISE** on Student PTSA Member Appreciation Day. A 2021-2022 membership card must be purchased in student's name to be eligible for the special surprise.

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 surprise delivery & questions:

Parent Phone: _____

Student Member Name _____ Grade _____ Homeroom Teacher _____

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Questions? Please contact Amy Smith at martinezptsa.membership@gmail.com



Martinez Middle School Uniform Policy

Shirts

- **Type:** Polo Style/Collared Shirt (May be purchased through Mascot Universe or any other store)
- **Colors:** Solid black, gray, or teal
- Students may wear Martinez Middle School spirit shirts or College Shirts on Fridays.

Pants

- **Type:** Shorts, long pants/bottoms, skirts, or skorts (May be purchased at any store)
- **Colors:** Khaki or black
- **Length:** All pants must be mid-thigh
- No jeans, leggings, jeggings, basketball shorts, or sweatpants.

Outerwear

- Students must wear their collared uniform shirts under their sweatshirts, hoodies, and/or jackets.

Students have two uniform outerwear options:

- **Option 1:** Martinez Middle School embroidered hoodie, sweatshirt, or jacket purchased from the Martinez Middle School uniform vendor.

OR

- **Option 2:** Solid-colored (black, white, or gray) hoodie, sweatshirt, or jacket. Outwear cannot include large logos, designs, words, and/or symbols.

Shoes & Accessories

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

Martinez apparel can be purchased through Mascot Universe in store or online.

Location: 19259 N Dale Mabry Hwy, Lutz, FL 33548 **Telephone:** 813-933-2333

Website: <https://mascot-universe-627394.shoplightspeed.com/middle-school/martinez/>



Online Ordering for 2021-2022

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 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 Brandy Khorsandian, at martinezptsaspiritwear@gmail.com.

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Thank You!



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