



# Martinez Mustangs Mane Events

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*A Hillsborough County School*

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Visit our Web site [www.martinezptsa.org](http://www.martinezptsa.org)

## Calendar

### Soccer Schedule

#### February

- 10 vs Smith @ Sickles Field
- 19 vs Hill @ Steinbrenner Field
- 25 vs Davidsen @ Alonso Field
- 26 vs Walker @ Steinbrenner Field

#### March

- 5 vs Farnell @ Steinbrenner Field

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#### January

- 1-5 Christmas Break
- 6 Non- Student Day
- 7 Start of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter
- 13\* \*EARLY RELEASE\* Day – 3:20 Dismissal
- 20 MLK Jr. Day – No School
- 22 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards – Online
- 23 Soccer Paperwork Due Online
- 27\* \*EARLY RELEASE\* Day – 3:20 Dismissal
- 27 Soccer Tryouts
- 30 PTSA Board Meeting 8:30am

#### February

- 3\* \*EARLY RELEASE\* Day – 3:20 Dismissal
- 4 Mustang Jam
- 5 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Progress Reports
- 7 Non- Student Day
- 10\* \*EARLY RELEASE\* Day – 3:20 Dismissal
- 10 Conference Night 3:50-5:50pm
- 17 President's Day – No School
- 24\* \*EARLY RELEASE\* Day – 3:20 Dismissal
- 27 PTSA Board Meeting 8:30am

## Note from the PTSA President

Welcome to 2020 Martinez families! I hope you all enjoyed your time off for Winter Break.

As we start the second half of the school year, we have our popular dodgeball style Mustang Jam event quickly approaching. This year it will be held on February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. Have your student see their PE teacher for information on forming or joining a team. There will also be a PTSA general membership meeting held that evening prior to the games at 5:45 in the cafeteria.

Also, a reminder to all of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents to "Save the Date" for the eighth grade dance on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will even be opportunities for the current 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents to chaperone the dance and get a preview of what is in store for your student's 8<sup>th</sup> grade year. Be on the lookout for the volunteer request via email.

It is also time for the PTSA to start planning our committees for the 2020-2021 school year. There will be several positions such as President, Treasurer, VP of Programs, and more that will need to be filled. If you are interested in getting more involved at Martinez and would like information, please email your name and contact information to [martinezptsa.president@gmail.com](mailto:martinezptsa.president@gmail.com).

Jennifer Bommarito  
Martinez PTSA President



## STAY IN THE KNOW

[www.martinezptsa.org](http://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](http://www.sdhc.k12.fl.us)

## MUSTANG NEWS

### Martinez Staff Favorites

For the moments when you would like to show your appreciation to a Martinez staff member, we now have their "Favorites" available to you. A "Favorites form" was provided to every staff member at Martinez so that they can be rewarded or recognized, with their favorites. The forms are now available for you to view on line at <http://martinezlutzfl.ptaptsa.org/staff-favorites> & there is also a binder in the front office containing the same information. As we receive the forms from the Martinez staff, we will be updating the binder and website. We hope that you will find this helpful when you would like to show your appreciation to your teachers, a favorite student nutrition or custodian member, as well as your guidance counselor or administration. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Bridget Verrecchia at [martinezptsa.spiritwear@gmail.com](mailto:martinezptsa.spiritwear@gmail.com).



### January

Gabriel G	3	Freddie P	8
Kathryn B	3	Molly B	27

## 2019-2020 Martinez PTSA Board

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**Teacher Appreciation:** Cheryl Michel

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Get your teams formed now for.....



## 2020 Mustang Jam

*Who:* Martinez Students and Faculty

*What:* Pinball Tournament

*When:* Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> from 6-8PM

*Where:* Martinez Gym

*Why:* To compete against fellow students, your favorite teachers and HAVE FUN!

*See Coach Bowman or Coach Topping for a team entry form.*

# **SAVE THE DATE**

**8th Grade Dance**

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019**

**Limited sizes still available!**

Email Jennifer Bommarito at [martinezptsa.president@gmail.com](mailto:martinezptsa.president@gmail.com)  
with requested size for availability.

Cost is \$20



## **MARTINEZ MIDDLE SCHOOL 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE T-SHIRTS**



- NYC: A Night in the Big Apple themed shirt with all 8<sup>th</sup> grade student names listed on the back
- Shirts may be worn on Fridays with uniform bottoms
  - Proceeds to benefit the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance



## **Martinez Middle School Results**

*Congratulations to the following students who are representing Martinez Middle School and moving on to County to compete for a chance to represent Hillsborough County at States. Results for County will be on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the Hillsborough County Council PTA/PTSA Reflections Award Ceremony at MOSI in Tampa. The Top 3 Visual Art Winners and Photography Winner will be displayed at Westshore Plaza Mall January 8<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. All other category winners work will be displayed at MOSI on January 12<sup>th</sup> and will be open to the public for viewing.*

*Good Luck at County!*

*Go Mustangs!*

### **Dance Choreography**

Alyssa Hayman – 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Film Production**

Alyssa Hayman – 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Literature**

Alyssa Hayman – 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Photography**

Alyssa Hayman – 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Visual Arts**

Alyssa Hayman – 6<sup>th</sup>

Malia Kirschman – 6<sup>th</sup>

Madison Mountain – 6<sup>th</sup>



## ***The World of a Teen***

**Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Steinbrenner Auditorium**

**6pm**

**The Steinbrenner PTSA will be hosting an informative and interactive program called “*The World of a Teen*”. All teens and parents of teens are invited to attend.**

**A panel of experts will be discussing the challenges facing today’s teens. Topics will include dating, drugs, alcohol, stress, social media, peer pressure and more. Panelists will include; licensed psychologists, a local attorney, a Special Agent with the FBI, our own Deputy Bennett and the founder of the NOPE Task Force of Hillsborough (Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education).**

**“World of a Teen” will be held in the Steinbrenner Auditorium and will begin [at 6pm](#). Mark your calendars to attend this exciting event.**

**Hope to see you there!**



Below, we recognize our Business sponsors from the community who donated services or items for our Meet and Greet raffle, as well as Student Family businesses who donated. We hope you'll support these businesses who have partnered with us in our efforts to improve our school. Additionally, we want to say a special thank you to our families who donated at the \$250 threshold or higher.

It has been such a joy to me, personally, to serve in this way and see all the goodness and generosity here in our midst. We appreciate you!

With Mustang Pride,

Wanda T. Grimsley

VP Ways & Means

### **Community Business Sponsors**

Tropics Boat Tours - Clearwater

Altitude Trampoline Park - Tampa

Clearwater Marine Aquarium

TreeHoppers – Aerial Adventure Park – Dade City

TopGolf - Tampa

Daddio's Pizza (Formerly Uncle Maddio's Pizza) - Lutz

Starbucks - Odessa

Jersey Mike's Subs - Lutz

Tijuana Flats - Lutz

Target – Lutz

Jeremiah's Italian Ice – Tampa

### **Martinez Family Business Donors**

Van Dyke Animal Clinic – The Lynch Family

1<sup>st</sup> Choice Fasteners & Tools, Inc. – The Sampson Family

RHW Interior Design – The Waller Family

Chisholm & Beach, PLLC – The Chisholm Family

New Homes Solutions – The Anderson/Mackey Family

## **Family Donor Special Recognition**

Amelia Langlois

Hannah Williams

Ella Lawrence

Matthew Leon

Ryan Reichmuth

Eli Bedingfield

Johanna Barnett

Kierstyn Gordon

Alyssa Hayman

Logan Hylton

Henry Dorrell

Jacob Ward

Ryley Waller

Ben Glas

Kristina Galchenko

Ava Gelyon

Jack Lynch

Brynn McCardle,

Caden Sanchez

Madison Kuster

Sophia Ioannidis

Ben Lejkowski

Saige Sampson

Ryan King

Ben Parker

Adrienne Locke

Julian Roig

Mina Thackeray





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](http://www.martinezptsa.org)

Please make checks payable to Martinez Middle School PTSA

Please contact Laurie Grantham with any questions at [lauriepgantham@hotmail.com](mailto:lauriepgantham@hotmail.com)

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## New This Year! E-Membership Cards

PTSA Membership: It's Not Too Late To Sign Up!

Support your PTSA by becoming a member. Anyone can sign-up. VOLUNTEERING IS NOT REQUIRED. Your membership dues help support important student programs and incentives, teacher grants, building improvements, and so much more.

All students who become a Martinez PTSA Member will receive a FREE DONUT treat on Student Member Appreciation Day. Student members also have voting rights at all general PTSA meetings.

Questions? Please contact Leslie Nixon at [martinezptsa.membership@gmail.com](mailto:martinezptsa.membership@gmail.com)



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# Martinez Middle School PTSA Membership

## 2019-2020

**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

Your PTSA Membership helps fund:

Student Programs

Department & Teacher Grants

Family Activity Nights

School Needs & Improvements

Student Incentives

And so much more

**ALL STUDENT PTSA MEMBERS** will get a **FREE DONUT** on Student Membership Appreciation Day (student must have a valid 2019-2020 Martinez PTSA membership card **in his/her name** to receive the FREE DONUT). In addition, every student PTSA member will have voting rights at all PTSA General Meetings.

**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?**

(Print clearly)

(Circle one)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (I'm a Parent, Student, Grandparent, Teacher)

**\*\*Required info!!** needed for e-membership card delivery, DONUT ticket delivery, & questions:

Parent Contact info: Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Student Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Student Member Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Homeroom Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact Leslie Nixon with any questions: martinezptsa.membership@gmail.com

Total paid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ cash \_\_\_\_\_ check # \_\_\_\_\_ CC (last 4 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

# 2020

## *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](http://www.YearbookOrderCenter.com)  
Use order number 2686

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

Tier 1 = \$35 (NOW - 9/30/19)

Tier 2 = \$40 (10/1/19 - 1/13/20)

Tier 3 = \$45 (1/14/20 - 4/11/20)

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

*Deadline for dedication ads is November 30, 2019.*

#### QUESTIONS?

Email Dawn Perez @  
[dawn.perez@sdhc.k12.fl.us](mailto:dawn.perez@sdhc.k12.fl.us)



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



We are excited to announce that Mascot Universe and the Martinez PTSA have partnered together, as of April 2019, to sell the Martinez polos, spirit wear and even PE uniforms! One stop shopping for all of your Martinez uniform needs! With our new 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](http://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.

\*New spirit wear designs for the 2019-2020 school year.

\*PE uniforms must be purchased through Mascot Universe, in lieu of purchasing them at school. A new option for a female style gym short is being offered this year.

\*PE shorts are for PE! **PE SHORTS MAY NOT BE WORN AS A UNIFORM SHORT WITH THE REQUIRED POLO. THEY MAY ONLY BE WORN DURING GYM CLASS!**

\*Effective for the 2019-2020 school year, 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!**

\*Shoe requirements follow the Hillsborough County dress code which state “no tennis shoes with wheels or bedroom slippers”.

\*Students must wear their polo shirts Monday through Thursday, with the option on Friday, to wear a Martinez spirit shirt, a college t-shirt or their uniform polo.

\*Students may wear a hoodie, along with their uniform shirt underneath.

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](mailto:martinezptsaspiritwear@gmail.com).