## Upcoming Events

**9/17/2014**
- President's Meeting - All Parent Org's (Public)

**9/18/2014**
- F3 - Booster Board Meeting

**9/26/2014**
- Football (home) vs. Galt 50th Homecoming

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IBPO Monthly Letter to Our Community:
Get involved, be connected...
It's your student and their future

President: Carol Paskulin

On behalf of the IB Parent Organization, we welcome our new and returning families to the 2014-15 school year! We are so pleased that your student is joining us at the finest college preparatory program in the Sacramento region. The tremendous success of the IB program at Mira Loma is due to our outstanding students, faculty, administrators and families.

The IBPO exists to actively assist and support faculty, students and families of the Mira Loma IB program, as well as the Mira Loma community at large. As such, the IBPO provides essential financial support, communication, and volunteer resources to maintain the excellence of the MYP and IB programs. Think of the IB Parent Organization and its parent volunteers as a resource to assist you in navigating the MYP and Diploma years.

We must have your email address in order for you to receive our MYP and IB specific communications. Please provide your email addresses through our IB Parent Organization webpage at http://www.sanjuan.edu/miraloma.cfm. From the main school webpage, select Students & Families, select Parent Groups, select IB Parent Organization and IBPO contacts.

While we understand that a public education is free, a superior, top quality education is not. Each year we need to raise substantial funds to pay for significant program costs not covered by the School District. We appreciate that you have chosen to send your student to Mira Loma’s IB program, and expect that you will contribute time and money to ensure that our nationally recognized program remains strong.

IBPO sustains its financial resources by parent donations, corporate matches of those donations and various scrip opportunities provided by Amazon and the local grocery stores. Please visit our IBPO donations and IBPO scrip webpages for additional details.
Finally please join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6 pm for the IBPO Meetings. Every MYP and IB parent is welcome. We would love to meet you.

Thank you,

Carol Paskulin
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International Passport Program

In its 11th year at Mira Loma High School, the International Passport Program is an academic program designed to meet the needs of students who have previously not been successful in school. The Passport students might be struggling with learning English as their second language. They might have learning disabilities. There may have been circumstances that caused them to fall behind in their academics. They might have had attendance or behavioral problems that put them academically behind their peers. The one connection that all Passport students have in common is a need for a little extra support and attention so that they can be successful at Mira Loma High School.

The four main goals of the Passport Program are to provide support for students, to give them a sense of belonging, to give them access to full opportunities at Mira Loma and to advocate for them on campus.

SUPPORT
Passport students will learn the skills required to be successful in their academic classes. Many students come to the high school without the study and organizational skills necessary for success. Passport students will learn the seven habits of an effective teen. They will learn how to take Cornell Notes. They will be required to keep an orderly notebook for all of their academic classes. This extra support will bring higher grades in all of their classes, a better Grade Point Average and better scores on the Common Core assessments. Students will also be focusing on their post-high school future through the newly adopted Career Choices curriculum.

BELONGING
The Passport students that start together in their freshman year will remain with the same group of students all of the years they are in the Passport program. This will allow them to build relationships that will be much deeper than is capable in a traditional classroom setting. These students will be able to help each other through the difficult teenage years of high school. Mira Loma High School also has some world-renowned academic programs for honors and college-bound students. The Passport program gives struggling students an academically successful group.
that they can identify with. They belong to the mainstream life here at Mira Loma because their program is held in equal importance as every other program on campus. Passport students also meet together on a regular basis with other Passport students to hear guest speakers, social events and possible field trips.

ACCESS

Just because a student joins the Passport program does not mean that they have to stay in this program all four years. One of the goals of the program is to encourage Passport students to move out into the other academic programs that Mira Loma High School is so well known for. Passport students might start as freshmen because of limited English ability, but by their senior year they could receive the world-renowned International Baccalaureate diploma. Or a student that did not get good grades in their eighth grade year could start as a Passport student in their freshman year and by bringing up their grades could move into the International Studies program in their sophomore year.

ADVOCACY

Passport students will remain in their group all four years with the same teacher of their Passport elective class. This will allow them to get to know this adult better than any other adult at Mira Loma. This teacher will be their advocate on campus. Students will be able to talk to this teacher when they are having problems with any other adult or student. Students will be able to get advice on how to handle difficult situations from someone who knows them as well as knowing the other adults on campus and how the educational system works at Mira Loma. This advocacy will enable the Passport student to be more successful than if they were on his or her own.

As the Passport coordinator, I am willing to meet with you and your child to discuss what he or she thinks would help them at Mira Loma High School and to see if they qualify to become a Passport student next semester or next year. Whether your child’s goal is to go to a four-year university or just graduate from high school, the Passport Program can help them accomplish this goal. If you are interested in finding out more about this opportunity, use the information below to contact me.

2014-2015 Registration for the Passport Program:

If your student is not enrolled in the IB or IS programs and you feel they need additional academic support at Mira Loma, please contact Program Coordinator John Kuzmich at jkuzmich@sanjuan.edu, or at 971-5360 ext. 6626 for more details.
MIRA LOMA PASSPORT PARENTS are BECOMING INVOLVED!!!

FOOD DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PASSPORT LUNCH!!! YUMMY!
On the first Friday of each month, the teachers and counselors of Passport each invite two deserving students to a sandwich lunch. The Passport Program is in need of salads, fruit bowls and desserts for its upcoming Passport Lunches.

PARENT VOLUNTEER HOURS
Parents of Passport students are encouraged to volunteer at Mira Loma’s Bingo Nights. Shifts are for four hours on Monday nights. You can earn up to $30 for the Passport Program in one shift! These essential funds will assist Passport students in the program’s activities and field trips. It is an easy and fun way to get involved in your child’s education!

PARENT DONATIONS
If your business or office has ANY extra office supplies that it no longer needs, please consider donating it to the Passport Program. We need folders, three-ring binders, pens, highlighters, pencils, notepads, paper, and almost anything that will help students succeed in school. All donations are greatly appreciated and tax deductible. Thank you!!!

If anyone would like to contribute or volunteer, please contact the Passport Program Coordinator, John Kuzmich at jkuzmich@sanjuan.edu or at 971-5360 ext. 6626.

Thank you for your support!
Welcome back Mira Loma Students and Families! We have had a rocky start in 2014-2015 and want to thank the Mira Loma community for their patience and understanding. Mira Loma currently has 1677 students. The counseling office has given schedules to over 150 new students since August 1. We have added 6 sections to our schedule since school started and closed 2 sections. What does this mean for your children? It means a lot of change. The students have been handling these transitions beautifully.

Counselors held an extremely successful Senior College Night on September 3. The cafeteria was bursting with seniors and their parents as we spoke about graduation, college and how to get a letter of recommendation from your counselor. Thanks to all who attended. Senior Parents: SAVE THE DATE- Financial Aid Night is October 29.

Counselors will begin visiting classrooms in October. Each year we visit all students to discuss relevant information such as graduation requirements, college requirements, Mira Loma programs as well as walking students through our Career and College website, NAVIANCE. Find the link on the Mira Loma webpage under the “College and Career”.

The PSAT is scheduled for October 18, 2014. This test is an effective way for students to practice taking the SAT. Juniors can be considered for the National Merit Scholarship Program depending on their scores. 10th and 11th graders are given 1st priority for this test, but we will accept 9th graders depending on space. This year we will administer 240 exams. The cost is $20 and students can pay in the Financial Office beginning on September 15.

Zangle/Q has had a change in passwords and many people are having trouble logging on. If you have trouble please have your child visit the counseling office. Ms. Roesser can help them. If you are having trouble, please call the counseling office at: 971-7467.

Thank you and we are all looking forward to a wonderful 2014-2015 school year.

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Jenny Bang  jenny.bang@sanjuan.edu  (letters:  Mi-Pq)

Janice Cataldi  janice.cataldi-price@sanjuan.edu  (letters:  Pr-Z)
Hello Mira Loma Speechers and Debaters!

The team officers and Mr. Sullivan would like to take the opportunity to remind you of some important business matters for this forensics season.

1. **Registration is now closed.** We kept registration for the team open for almost a month, and signups are now closed. We have started curriculum and completed formalities, so if you missed the deadline, you can always remember to sign up next year.

2. **Website:** The website URL is [www.miralomasd.wix.com/info](http://www.miralomasd.wix.com/info). Please continue to access it regularly to find resources, practice timings, and contact information.

3. **Payment Schedule:** There is a payment schedule on the website as well. On it are signup dates and payment deadlines for both league tournaments and invitationals. These deadlines are **absolutely mandatory** and not flexible. Please copy these deadlines to your calendar so as to not miss them.

4. **Parents:** We appreciate your cooperation in our year of reestablishment. Remember- **We need you.** We thank you for your understanding in signing up for judging. Remember, if every parent signs up to judge, each of you will feasibly only have to judge a maximum of 2 times in the year. Also, we need help for coordination for UOP, Stanford, and Berkeley invitationals. Due to the fact that these tournaments range for multiple days and sometimes multiple locations, we need parent liaisons to help us remain organized and keep the students safe and happy. If you are interested in helping us out, please email [TISullivan@sanjuan.edu](mailto:TISullivan@sanjuan.edu) ASAP to indicate your interest. We thank you in advance.

5. **Upcoming Tournaments:**
   a. September 20th: Debate/Congress @ Ponderosa High School
   b. October 5th: Speech @ Woodcreek High School
   c. October 24th-26th: John Schamber Invitational @ University of Pacific

Thank you for being a part of our speech and debate family and we look forward to having a productive season filled with wins and lessons, growth and friendships, and most importantly, a lot of fun.
Dear Parents, every year the yearbook has a section for parents to give their seniors a special goodbye or words of encouragement as they complete an important phase of their life. This will be a wonderful surprise at the finale of your student’s senior year in May, because these messages are kept a secret until the yearbook distribution. Deadline: January 17th, 2015.

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**Size of Ad:**

- Business Card (3.6 x 2.3 inches): $30
- ¼ Page (3 ¼ x 5 inches): $60.00
- ½ Page (7 ½ x 5 inches): $100.00
- Full Page (7 ½ x 10 inches): $180.00

**How to submit photos and text**

Photos: For the best quality images, please submit original, un-cropped prints of photographs or digital photos burned to a CD (in jpg or pdf format). Scanned photographs do not maintain the same resolution when scanned for the yearbook, and the quality of the images will suffer. Photos may also be emailed to Dave De Ruyscher – dderuysscher@sanjuan.edu. All original photos will be returned to the purchaser upon distribution of yearbooks in May 2015.

Text: Please type or neatly handwrite any text you would like to appear on the page. All text will be retyped and positioned on the page for best quality.

Layout: You may design your own page, numbering your pictures for placement, or our design team will create a layout for you that best utilizes the text and photographs submitted. Parents will be contacted when the design is complete and will be given the opportunity to preview and approval via email.

Miscellaneous: Please make sure all pictures and messages are appropriate for a high school yearbook. Ads can be designed for siblings, best friends, sports teams, clubs, large groups, individuals and more. Please contact Mira Loma Yearbook staff if you have any questions.
Sample Senior Ads

Full Pages Ads (7.5x10 inches) Are available for $180
Half Page Ad (7.5x5 inches) $100
Quarter Page Ad (3.6x5 inches) $60
Business Card Page Ad (3.6x2.3 inches) $30
Booster Club

The Mira Loma Booster Club now meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm in room F3. We are accepting membership registration on line or printed registration. If you do printed registration, drop it off at the front office. Bingo is always looking for more volunteers. Parents should begin volunteering for bingo to contribute to their student's grad night now! Sign up here. The 2nd annual Crab Feed is March 14th. Tickets can be purchased online on the Mira Loma website or in the front office. For more information about Booster Club, Bingo or Crab feed please email:
Booster Club email: MLboosterclub@gmail.com
Bingo email: miralomabingo@gmail.com
Crab Feed: miralomahscrabfeed@gmail.com

Thank you, Georgia Schaaf
Mira Loma Booster Club President
Breast Cancer Walk

Join Team Mira Loma High School for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk on Sunday, October 19 at 8 am at the Capitol. Sign up to join our team at makingstrides.acsevents.org. Contact Aleashia Mahlman-Carpenter at amahlman-carpenter@sanjuan.edu if you have any questions.