Pasta Fest Supports Mira Loma Athletics

Live and Silent Auction

Saturday, April 23, 5 pm, Mission Oaks Community Center

- $30 VIP ticket includes meal, $10 drink or raffle tickets, one dessert, one bottle of wine per VIP table (8 to a table). Reserve your VIP table now!
- $20 Adult meal ticket includes pasta (choose from four different sauces: meat sauce, marinara, Alfredo or pesto) salad and garlic bread.
- $20 take-out meals available.

Tickets on sale HERE
Make Sure Your Graduate’s Diploma is Correct

Parents, send your senior students to the window of the VP’s office to verify (in pen) the correct spelling of their name as it should appear on their diploma. Students may stop by before school, during break and lunch or after school to sign their initials if it is correct. If their name is incorrect, they must see Ms. Forte, the principal’s secretary to record the correct spelling. The deadline to initial or make changes is Friday, March 18.

UPDATED: Important notice regarding student data

A recent lawsuit against the California Department of Education (CDE) could impact students across the state, including those from San Juan Unified.

CDE is currently engaged in litigation with two nonprofit associations comprised of parents and guardians of children with disabilities. The plaintiffs in that litigation have requested numerous documents, as well as student data collected and stored by CDE, which may include personally identifiable student information.

To comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), CDE was ordered, among other things, to inform parents and students of the disclosure of such information.

However, it now appears that any disclosure of student records by CDE will be more restricted than initially thought. In response to public outcry over the case, a federal judge has ordered that CDE maintain custody of the most sensitive of its databases, the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System, also known as CALPADS, while running searches for information requested by the plaintiffs. According to the CDE, the court also reiterated that no student’s personally identifiable information will be released to the plaintiffs unless and until they demonstrate to the satisfaction of the court the security of the student data.

The extent of the disclosure of student data is still being litigated. In the meantime, parents with concerns about the release of student data are still encouraged to submit
a **Notice and Objection form**. The form must be printed out and sent via traditional email to:

United States District Judge Kimberly J. Mueller  
C/O Clerk of the Court  
Robert T. Matsui United States Courthouse  
501 I St., Room 4-200  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Attn: Document Filed Under Seal

*Please note that this form cannot be submitted to San Juan Unified or any of its schools. It must be mailed to the judge.*

San Juan Unified is not currently a party to this lawsuit. Please understand that the district is not required to disclose any student information, nor does it intend to do so. However, any information previously provided to the CDE by San Juan Unified could be subject to disclosure as a part of this lawsuit. For more information, please visit the CDE's website.

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**Mira Loma Receives Civic Learning Award**

Mira Loma has been selected to receive a Civic Learning Award of Merit from the Judicial Council of California. The Civic Learning Award celebrates public schools' efforts to engage students in civic learning. The award program also identifies models that can be replicated in other schools. The competition is co-sponsored by California Supreme Court Chief Justice Tani Cantil-Sakauye and California State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson.

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**Senior Irving Huerta Receives ACT Honor**

Mira Loma senior Irving Huerta was selected as the...

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**Parent Organization Donation Links**

Please consider making a donation to support your student’s education. To make a donation to our parent organizations and academic programs, click [HERE](http://www.miralomasar.org).  

**Sports A Rama 2016**

**Get Your Yearbook**

Yearbooks are available for purchase online at [miramomyearbook.us.to](http://www.miramomyearbook.us.to).

Get yours now for $85.

**Mira Loma BINGO Raises Thou$ands for our Matadors**

The Booster Club manages a weekly bingo night (every Monday) that allows the many sports, clubs and organizations at MLHS to raise much needed funds to support our school. We raise between $80,000-$100,000 a year for our school when people volunteer. Sign up for a shift [HERE](http://www.miralomasar.org).

**Senior Families: It’s Never too Early to Plan**

It's all on the website. Go to [Home](http://www.miralomasar.org).
Student Readiness Award recipient for the ACT College and Career Readiness Campaign. As part of the campaign, the ACT chooses one exemplary student from each state to receive an academic scholarship. The campaign was developed to draw attention to individuals and institutions that “are doing more with less, overcoming personal or community obstacles and serving as examples to others working to improve the condition of college and career readiness for all,” according to the ACT website.

Please see [HERE](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=1f9686400a&view=pt&search=inbox&th=1535d42cb80745c6&siml=1535d42cb80745c6) for more information.

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**Black Box Theatre’s Spring Production: “The Big Think”**

Mira Loma Theatre’s spring production, “The Big Think,” opens **March 10th.** Join us for this humorous and heartwarming play about the art of education and the positive legacy it leaves behind.

**Show Dates:**
March 10, 11, 12
March 18, 19
March 31, April 1, 2

**Show time:** 8:00 pm

**Ticket Prices:** $10
General Admission / $7 Student

To purchase tickets, click below


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**Matador Athletic Wear**

Click [HERE](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?ui=2&ik=1f9686400a&view=pt&search=inbox&th=1535d42cb80745c6&siml=1535d42cb80745c6) to view and purchase Matador athletic wear for students and families. A portion of the sale supports Mira Loma Athletics.

**Get your MataWear**

New MataWear, including winter clothing, is available during lunch in C6. Get your MataWear and show your Matador spirit!
National Science Bowl, Here We Come!

Mira Loma students Adith Arun, Claire Burch (captain), Muthu Chidambaram, Richard Duan and Pranav Kodali won their regional competition and are advancing to the finals of the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C. April 28 to May 2. The National Science Bowl is one of the premier academic competitions in the country, bringing together thousands of middle and high school students to compete in a fast-paced question-and-answer format where they solve technical problems and answer questions on a range of science disciplines.

James Hill has been coaching Mira Loma's team for 17 years, and the team has won the National Science Bowl five times.

Please see HERE for more information.

Graduating Seniors:
It’s Time to Place Graduation Ceremony Orders

If you have not yet placed your order for graduation cap and gowns, announcements, class rings or other graduation keepsakes, please do so as soon as possible.

To place your order, click HERE.

If you have any questions, you can contact the company via email at customerservice@jostensnorcal.com or by phone at 916-989-3909.

IB Students need IB hoods and cords
All IB seniors will need IB graduation regalia (hoods and cords), in addition to their cap and gown.

Diploma Students require the following items:

- Hood (V-shaped)
- Blue cord (representing completion of IB program)
- Silver cord (for those who completed MYP sophomore year)

Associate Students require the following items:

- Stole (Tie-shaped)
Certificate Students require the following items:

- Blue cord (representing completion of IB program)
- Silver cord (for those who completed MYP sophomore year)

Orders must be submitted no later than March 11. All orders will be processed through PAYPAL. Items will be delivered to students at Senior Check Out.

Any questions, please contact jenniecy@hotmail.com

End-of-Year Student Assessments

Students in the San Juan Unified School District will take their end-of-year assessments in English-language arts (ELA), mathematics and/or science this spring. These tests are administered to students as part of the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP), California’s statewide assessment system.

Students in 11th grade will take the ELA and math assessments, and students in 10th grade will take the science assessment. The tests will be administered between April 4 and May 27; the exact dates will be communicated to you next month.

Practice and training tests are available for your student to try out the ELA and math computer-based assessments. These practice tests are an opportunity for your student(s) to experience items similar to those on the end-of-year tests for ELA and math. Please see www.sanjuan.edu/testing.

Make Sure your Voice is Heard

An opportunity for students, teachers and parents

Our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) helps define the services that will be used to support low income English learner and foster youth students in the next three years. Your ideas, suggestions and questions for improvement are vital to ensure that our actions are aligned with the needs of our students so that they can be successful. Click HERE for more information.

Kaplan and Mira Loma are proud to work together to pave the path to your child's success here on campus.

A strong SAT or ACT score can open doors to more colleges and scholarships. Invest in your student’s future by enrolling him or her in a Kaplan SAT or ACT course with an expert teacher.

- Proven, score-raising strategies
- 1000+ practice questions and proctored tests
- Higher score guaranteed or your money back
**Earn $$$ for your Team or Club! It’s EASY!!!**

**Race for the STARS** 5K Run/Walk is Sunday, **April 24**. Your sport/club will receive $10 for every adult and $5 for every student/child registration. Be sure to check “Mira Loma” when you register. Registered runners receive a race t-shirt. There are raffle prizes, live music and food. Join the fun and raise money at the same time.

1. Get the word out to your team/club to register. Each club/team assigns a representative who will keep their own roster of registered runners.
2. As you register, submit your name to your team rep.
3. After the race, team reps submit the list of names [here](#).

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**Support FBLA: Rent your Suit from Men’s Wearhouse**

Men’s Wearhouse is offering Mira Loma Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) a great fundraising opportunity. If you will be attending the upcoming Junior Prom or Senior Ball and need a suit or tuxedo, rent from Men’s Wearhouse to support Mira Loma FBLA. Simply mention Mira Loma when you rent your suit. We also have coupons for 30% off rentals. See Ms. Yang in Room A216 if you would like one. Please show your spirit and support Mira Loma FBLA.

For more information, contact [byang@sanjuan.edu](mailto:byang@sanjuan.edu)

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**Student Art on Display at Crocker Museum**

Mira Loma High School student artwork will be on display at the Crocker Art Museum in March for the Youth Art Month show. Aliya Chen, Felicia Chen and Jacqueline Tsang will have their paintings displayed in the community gallery **March 3rd through April 3rd**. An Artist Reception and Awards ceremony will be held at the Crocker on Saturday, **March 19**, 3-5:30pm. Please come out to support our student artists.

![Aliya Chen](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ui=2&ik=1f9686400a&view=pt&search=inbox&th=1535d42cb80745c6&siml=1535d42cb80745c6)
Scholarships for Seniors
The Mira Loma High School Booster Club, International Studies Students and Parent Club, Parent Teacher Student Association and the Tindell family are offering scholarships to graduating seniors. Students must complete a scholarship form for each of the scholarships they're interested in applying for.

For more information, click on the links below.
Booster Club Scholarship
ISSPO Scholarship
PTSA Scholarship
Tindell Family Health Sciences Scholarship

Sports-A-Rama
Come join the fun. Sports-A-Rama is Friday, April 8, 7:15-10:15 pm. Ticket prices are as follows:

Students: $5; Adults: $10. We’ll have food trucks on site.

For more information about the events, rules and schedule, click HERE
IB News

Proctors Needed
Please volunteer to proctor IB exams for juniors and seniors taking their tests in May. Proctoring involves helping to distribute test materials, monitoring students and collecting materials at the end of the exam. Parents from every grade level are invited to volunteer. This is an opportunity for freshman and sophomore parents to see what is in store for your students when they take their IB exams.

Sign up HERE to volunteer. Please sign up for more than one session if you can. These tests cannot be administered with proctors.

Email salachid@gmail.com if you have any questions.

IB Exams Schedule
For a schedule of IB exams, click HERE.

Intel Matching Donations
Attention Intel Families:
Intel will match your donation to the IB program dollar for dollar. The new matching gifts program will allow employees to make donations using credit cards and submit a receipt to request a match for their donation made directly to the IB program. Please contribute HERE today.

Any questions may be directed to communitygiving@intel.com.

Thank you to all of our donors. For our updated Annual Fund Donor List, click HERE.

Grocery and Amazon Purchases Benefit IB
For grocery store programs, make sure Mira Loma IB is designated in your grocery store accounts. The key is clicking on our link each and every time you shop Amazon.

Amazon gives anywhere from four to eight percent of the purchase price to MLHS IBPO whenever you shop on Amazon.

Click on the logo to redirect to Amazon. Questions: Contact Mira Loma IB Parent and Scrip Chair Allan Biscocho

Passport News

Scholarships Available
Juniors, please see the Elks’ National Foundation website http://www.elks.org/ENF/scholars/enfscholars.cfm for scholarship information.

Career Choices Curriculum
One hundred fifteen Passport freshmen and sophomores are planning their futures with our new Career Choices curriculum. Students are actively developing a “10 Year Plan” as they map out their educational and professional post-secondary pathways. Students who successfully finish the program will have their own individualized student portfolio. Check out www.CareerChoices.com.

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Family Education Opportunities

At San Juan Unified School District, we believe that learning starts at home and continues at school. Parents, caregivers and community members are invited to attend workshops to learn to better support their students’ academic and social-emotional success in school.

Please, click HERE for a list of classes offered in both English and Spanish.

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Safe and Sober Grad Night

Mira Loma’s Grad Night keeps our kids safe while they enjoy a fun all-night party with their friends. We need volunteers. Please Contact Amy Edmiston

Grad Night Flyer   Grad Night Form

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