NEW Sample SAT Test and Mock ACT January 16, 2016

Mira Loma IBPO invites all Mira Loma students and students from other high schools to take the full-length new (sample) SAT or mock ACT exam under simulated testing conditions. The practice test date is **Saturday, January 16, 2016 at 7:30 am**. The test will conclude by noon. Fee is $20 if you register before January 8, and $25 after January 8. Click [HERE](#) to register.

Your fee includes both the (sample) SAT or mock ACT Exam and the Results Seminar, which takes place Saturday, January 30, 10-11:30 am in the Cafeteria. Online registration will close on January 14 at 10 pm. If you register online, you will need to present your receipt at the check-in desk.

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**Mata your calendar:**

- **12/1** - Financial Aid Night, Cafeteria, 6:30-7:30 pm
- **12/2** - ISSPO Meeting, F3, 6:30 pm
- **12/3** - Asian Art Fair, Cafeteria, 7:45 am-12:10 pm
- **12/3** - IS Visitation Day, F3, 7:30-11 am
- **12/4** - ISSPO Winter Social, 3:15 pm, F4
- **12/4** - Student Government Dance, Cafeteria, 8-11 pm
- **12/9** - Holiday Concert, Cafeteria, 7-9 pm
- **12/9** - PTSA Meeting, Library, 7 pm
- **12/15** - FINALS - MINIMUM DAY (1st and 2nd period classes), 7:45-12:30 pm
- **12/16** - FINALS - MINIMUM DAY (3rd and 4th period classes), 7:45-12:30 pm
- **12/16** - IBPO Meeting, F3, 6 pm
- **12/17** - FINALS - MINIMUM DAY (5th and 6th period classes), 7:45-12:30 pm
- **12/17** - Boosters Meeting, F3, 7-8 pm

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**From the Counseling Office**

**Attention Graduating Seniors and Parents:**

**Financial Aid Night**

Financial Aid Night is **Tuesday, December 1, 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Cafeteria. College Counselor Margie
Amott will be speaking to seniors and their parents about FAFSA and Cal Grants.

**Cash for College**
Cash for College Nights are scheduled at the following high schools:

- Encina High School, Thursday, January 7, 2016, 6-8 pm
- Del Campo High School, Thursday, January 14, 6-8 pm

This is an opportunity to sign up for financial aid (FAFSA) with the benefit of experts in the room available to answer your questions. Both seniors and their parents are welcome to attend.

**Annual Holiday Toy Drive**
**Sponsored by French Club**

The Mira Loma High School French Club is holding its 12th annual toy drive until **December 15th, 2015**. We wish to involve all Mira Loma families and hope to increase the number of toys that will bring joy to a child in need at this time of year. All toys will be donated to the Salvation Army.

We ask that you generously give a new toy. Another option is to have a donation box at your place of work and bring in donations from your work colleagues. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Please bring your toys to Room A-215 or to the library. Thank you for helping to make this toy drive a success.

**‘Tis the Season for End-of-Year Donations**

There’s still time left to make a donation to your child’s academic program before the year’s end.

Please consider making a donation to ISSPO, IBPO, PTSA or Booster Club. For your convenience, you can make your secure, one-time or recurring online donation simply by clicking **HERE**.

**Finals Week Schedule**
December 15 - 1st and 2nd Periods, 7:45 am - 12:30 pm
December 16 - 3rd and 4th Periods, 7:45 am - 12:30 pm

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**Sponsor the Baseball Team**
Interested in sponsoring our baseball team? Please click **HERE** for more information.

**Barnes & Noble Book Drive Supports our Library**
The Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce and Barnes & Noble at the Sunrise Mall have joined together to provide new books to the nine high school libraries in the San Juan Unified School District.

Please purchase a book at the Citrus Heights Barnes & Noble between now and January 1, 2016, for the Mira Loma High School library from our wish list. You may also make a monetary donation. Last year’s partnership generated more than 1,000 books.

**Daily Bulletin Updates**
Athletics, Mira Loma TV and Daily Activities
December 17 - 5th and 6th Periods, 7:45 am - 12:30 pm
December 18 - Minimum Day

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**Crab Feed Updates**
MLHS Booster Club is gearing up for the 2016 Crab Feed and Fundraiser. This year it is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at La Sierra Community Center, 5325 Engle Road, Carmichael, same location as last year.

Our next crab team meeting is December 17 at 5:00 pm in F3, just prior to the Boosters meeting.

Volunteer work is needed prior to the event:
- Obtaining donations of any size for raffle prizes, and live and silent auction items
- Selling event tickets
- Creating event signs
- Putting together raffle prize baskets, bid sheets, signs
- Prepping food
- And more!

Help is also needed on the event day (March 12, 2016):
- Set-up
- Guest registration and beverage sales
- Kitchen duties
- Clean up
- And more!

Last year's Crab Feed fundraiser was a huge success thanks to the many volunteers and donations from the community. We cannot do this without your help, so please consider signing up for one or more duties.

Contact MLHS Booster Club at miralomahscrabfeed@gmail.com if you are able and willing to help out. Thank you for your support!!
The Volunteer Spot link is [HERE](#)

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**Asian Art Fair**

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**Volunteer Opportunities**
Please click [HERE](#) to volunteer.

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**Parent Organizations**
For a link to our parent organizations, please look [HERE](#)

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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](#)

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**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](#)

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**Winter Rally! School-A-Rama!**
Mark your calendars: Friday, December 4th is our Winter Rally, kicking off the second annual School-A-Rama. The event unites local high schools in the friendly competition of Sports-A-Rama games.
Are you ready for an adventure to Japan, China and India? Come visit the Mira Loma Asian Art Fair Thursday, December 3 in the Cafeteria 1st through 4th periods. You will have the opportunity to see Taiko drum, Chinese dance and band performances. Student artwork will also be displayed, and students will read their traditional Japanese poems.

### Nominations for San Juan Unified Employees of the Year

Recognizing that there are many outstanding employees in service within our school district, the San Juan Unified School District is accepting nominations for Classified Employees of the Year. There are six nomination categories: Child Nutrition, Maintenance and Operations, Office and Technical, Para-Educator/Instructional Assistance, Support Services and Security, and Transportation. For more information on how to nominate a San Juan Unified School District employee, please click [HERE](#). Nominations are due December 1, 2015.

### Pi Day T-Shirt Contest

Students are invited to create a design for a t-shirt/sweatshirt for Mira Loma’s 15th Annual Pi Day, Monday, March 14, 2016. The design should include art for both front and back, and have no more than five colors (including black and white). Designs are due Thursday, **December 10**. Please give your design to Mrs. Hull (A205) or Mrs. Mahlman-Carpenter (B4). The winner, chosen by the Math Club, will receive a $20 gift card and a free Pi Day t-shirt.

### Get your MataWear

New MataWear, including winter clothing, is available during lunch in C6. Get your MataWear and show your Matador spirit!

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

It's all on the website. Go to Home/Students & Families/Information for Seniors

### Are you a Technically-Proficient Matador?

We need technically proficient parents willing to get involved with some of the many volunteer opportunities here at Mira Loma. We need volunteers to help with email campaigns; surveys; forms; newsletter and graphics editing; photography; webmaster; and data collection and research. Please contact Pete Bramson at [mirlomahswebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:mirlomahswebmaster@gmail.com)

### IB Families - The IBPO Annual Fund Continues!

To follow-up on the fundraising letter you received a few weeks ago, please remember to send in your Annual donation to support your student’s Mira Loma MYP/IB education. For your convenience you may make a secure one time or recurring online donation [HERE](#).

In case you are new to Mira Loma IB, the IBPO is composed of parent volunteers. So help us out today to raise money for the benefit of all our MYP/IB kids! Questions: [miralomaibpofundraising@gmail.com](mailto:miralomaibpofundraising@gmail.com)
The MYP Certificate fee of $50 is due on January 15th, 2016. The fee covers the cost of scoring all assessments, as well as fees to IBO for assessment over the two-year program.

Bring your check, payable to Mira Loma High School, to the business office.

## IB News

### MYP Field Trip to CSUS

IBMYP sophomores took a field trip to CSUS on November 4th to learn more about Japanese history and culture. Students participated in a traditional Japanese tea ceremony hosted by tea masters from the Urasenke Foundation in San Francisco. They also learned about the Japanese internment camps from a former internee, and explored artifacts in CSUS’s extensive archival collection. The field trip gave students insight into the time period, conditions and challenges faced by Japanese internees, which inspired students to create their own art pieces for their Japanese art unit in Ms. Char’s MYP Global Art Class.

### Holiday Shopping helps IB Program

Yes, your grocery and Amazon purchases will benefit Mira Loma’s IB Program

**Here’s how!** 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 the logo on the Right to redirect to Amazon.

Questions: Contact Mira Loma IB Parent and Scrip Chair Allan Biscocho

### New IB Website

The International IB Organization has created a new website to help parents understand and make the most of the programs offered in partnership with IB World Schools.

The website provides a wealth of information about the different programs offered, interesting articles about IB students, upcoming events, blogs and more.

To visit the website, click **HERE**
International Studies
Sophomore Field Trip Expands Students’ Knowledge of Japanese Culture

IS sophomores took a field trip to San Francisco on November 13th as enrichment for their Japanese art unit. Students explored the Japanese Tea Garden, where their visions of Sachi’s garden in the novel *The Samurai’s Garden* came to life. They enjoyed a cup of hot tea at the Garden teahouse and had the opportunity to try Japanese food at various restaurants in San Francisco’s Japantown. The field trip was organized by Kristi Char and Sarah Ochoa.

International Studies Student Parent Organization News

The ISSPO Winter Social will be held Friday, December 4, 2015 at 3:15 pm in F4. Come and watch a movie and enjoy complimentary candy, popcorn and beverages. Evites with details will go out shortly, so please RSVP when you receive your evite.

The ISSPO Senior Dinner is Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:30 pm at John’s Incredible Pizza. Tickets will be available for purchase in April. ISSPO is offering two $250 scholarships. Applications will be online in March. Please volunteer! ISSPO needs volunteers to serve as Parliamentarian, Membership Chair and Student Liaison Chair, as well as ongoing Bingo volunteers on Monday evenings once a month. Please contact Yun Embly isspo.president@outlook.com if you’re interested in volunteering.

ISSPO monthly meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Open Coach Positions for Track and Boys Tennis

We have two coaching positions open for the upcoming Spring 2016 season. We need both a track and a tennis coach. If you have the time, energy and commitment, please apply. Click [HERE](#) for the Track Coach posting Click [HERE](#) for the Tennis Coach posting

Dance Marathon

Let the games begin! Mira Loma’s 7th Annual Dance Marathon is on Friday, December 18, 4-10 pm. The Dance Marathon is a six-hour, fun-filled event including bounce houses, games, food, dancing, performances and much more. All proceeds benefit the UC Davis Children’s Hospital, so come on out and do it #forthekids!

For more information, visit [mldancemarathon.weebly.com](http://mldancemarathon.weebly.com)
Congratulations to our Fall 2015 All-League Athletes

Representing Mira Loma High School's finest student athletes from within the Capitol Athletic League, below are our fall 2015 Scholar Athletes. Congratulations to our Matadors:

Bhat, Nikita - Mira Loma - Golf (Womens)
Camacho, Michele - Mira Loma - Tennis (Womens)
Cisneros, Justin - Mira Loma - Soccer (Mens)
Fuentes, Sydney - Mira Loma - Water Polo (Womens)
Gonzalez, Jesus - Mira Loma - Football
Keihani, Armin - Mira Loma - Water Polo (Mens)
Koenig, Kim - Mira Loma - Volleyball (Womens)
Lerner, Julie - Mira Loma - Golf (Womens)
Lewis, Marquez - Mira Loma - Football
Martin, Marlin - Mira Loma - Football
Orozco, Refugio - Mira Loma - Soccer (Mens)
Radjendirane, Bhuvan - Mira Loma - Soccer (Mens)
Shajarian, Ryan - Mira Loma - Soccer (Mens)
Yuson, Mikaela - Mira Loma - Tennis (Womens)

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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