Upcoming Events

» Jan 20: Girls Basketball (away) Vs. Christian Brothers (5:00 PM - 8:00 PM)

» Jan 21: MYP Visitation Day-Rm F3 8:00 AM - 11:30 AM

» Boys Basketball (away) Vs. Christian Brothers 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

» F3-President's Meeting - All Parent Org's (Public) 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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Principal's Message

Dear Mira Loma Community,

The 2014-2015 school year continues to be a great one. Our Back to School Night was well attended and the parents I spoke with appreciated the professionalism demonstrated by our staff. Our students have participated in a wide variety of activities so far this fall including sports, Club Rush Week, College Sunday and Homecoming. As usual, the Serpentine of floats and Homecoming dance were hugely successful. The Matador “Spirit” is truly alive and well.

Matador Matthew Zheng is one of just 12 students across the country chosen for a spot on this year’s USA Debate Team. Matthew, a sophomore, is the only underclassman on the team and the only student from northern California. The USA Debate Team season began in September and lasts through the following August. Matthew and his teammates will compete in places like Germany and Singapore. Congratulations Matthew!!

This month, Mira Loma will again participate in the KCRA Kids Can food drive. Our students hope to raise over 2,000 cans and non-perishable goods this year. These donated items will be taken to our local food closet again proving that our Mighty Matadors continually give back to the community!

On October 17th, Mira Loma will be hosting our 4th annual Food Fest. Food Fest is a fundraiser for each of the classes. Classes have picked their themes, and will be selling food during an extended lunch period. This year, Seniors adopted an Asian theme, Juniors are serving Mexican food, Sophomores will be selling Dessert, and Freshmen fare will consist of American cuisine. We would like to invite you to enjoy the array of foods that will be served, while at the same time, supporting each class.

Mira Loma Student Government will be hosting its 2nd-annual Fall Fest on October 24th. This event will be filled with games, performances, food trucks, and more as we bring the community together for a fun night. Fall Fest is open to all students, family and neighbors of Mira Loma High School. We invite you to join us for this festive evening, and we hope to see you there!
Mira Loma High School is currently modifying our Site Plan for Student Achievement. This year’s plan is largely built upon the self study we completed four years ago that was reviewed last spring by members of the original WASC Committee. I will share this information with our PTSA, IB and IS, ELAC and other parent groups later this year. Please join us at these meetings as they provide a great opportunity to find out what is going on at MLHS and to meet other parents committed to the education of their children.

Thanks again for your support. I am continually impressed by the support our parents provide to our students and staff. We couldn’t do the work we do without your efforts.

Sincerely,
Rich Nichols
Principal
DONATIONS NEEDED FOR PASSPORT PICNIC!!!

Our annual Passport Picnic Day will be held in May. The teachers and counselors of Passport are working hard to provide students with an enjoyable day in recognition for all their hard work this year in school. The Passport Program is in need of salads, fruit bowls, chips, cookies, waters and breakfast items for the Passport Picnic.

Please contribute or make a pledge by contacting the Passport Program Coordinator, John Kuzmich at jkuzmich@sanjuan.edu. Thank you for your support!

THANK YOU TO PASSPORT PROGRAM SPONSORS and CONTRIBUTORS

This year, the Passport Program has benefitted from your extra help and would like to recognize the following organization:

Junior Achievement - The Passport Program has hooked up with the Junior Achievement of Sacramento. Junior Achievement (JA) is a partnership between the business community, educators and volunteers working together to inspire young people to dream big and reach their potential. JA teaches financial literacy, entrepreneurship and workforce readiness to students in grades K-12. Working together, we can empower our next generation to own their economic success! Passport has received funding assistance from a Junior Achievement board member. However, we need a business volunteer to present the program to our students. Please consider filling this vital need!
Volunteers - We are always looking for parent/family volunteers, contributors and leaders to assist with the Passport Program. Please consider one or more of the following:
~Leaders on the Passport Parent Organization
~BINGO Volunteers - One shift equals about $30 for the Passport Program
~Assist organizing the monthly Passport Lunch
~Assist set-up or contribute supplies for the Passport Picnic
~Organizing a “School Supplies” Drive
Call or email Mr. Kuzmich today!

2014-2015 Registration for the Passport Program:
The Passport Program is 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.

NEW FROSH CURRICULUM
In the fall of 2014, we started an exciting new curriculum at the freshman level called Focus on Freshman. Our new text is called Career Choices: A Guide for Teens and Young Adults. This book will help teens discover their unique abilities and ambitions, guide them to greater self-knowledge, understand the economic and emotional consequences of quitting school, using harmful substances or becoming a teen parent, and empower teens to begin writing their own plans for a rewarding future.

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 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.
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 about admission requirements.
Mira Loma will be celebrating its 14th annual Pi Day (normally 3/14) on Friday, March 13, 2015 at lunch in the Quad. Events will include Pie-a-teacher, slices of pie for purchase, a contest to recite the most correct digits of pi, and other events. We would like to ask parents and students to donate pies for this fun and educational event that is a fundraiser for the Math Club. Pies can be donated either Thursday, March 12, or the morning of Friday, March 13. Pies can be turned in to any math teacher. Pi Day 2015 t-shirts and sweatshirts may be preordered through the Finance Office the last week of January and first week of February. Students will see the t-shirt design in their math class. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Mahlman-Carpenter at amahlman-carpenter@sanjuan.edu. Thank you for your support.
E-waste Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW
This scholarship is for high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors, and for students currently enrolled in college or graduate school. Home schooled students are also eligible. Applicants must be US citizens or legal residents. To apply, applicants must submit an application form including an 140-character message about e-waste. The top 10 applications will be selected as finalists and asked to write a full length 500- to 1,000-word essay about e-waste.

HOW EASY IS IT TO APPLY?
Very quick!
This scholarship's application process should probably take a very short time.

HOW MUCH COMPETITION IS THERE?
Heavy
There will be a lot of competition for this scholarship.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Digital Responsibility
3561 Homestead Road #113
Santa Clara, CA 95051
scholarship@digitalresponsibility.org
http://www.digitalresponsibility.org

DETAILS
DEADLINE:
Apr 30
AWARD RANGE:
$500 - $1,500
AWARDS GRANTED:
2
REQUIREMENTS

CLASS YEAR:
High school freshman
High school sophomore
High school junior
High school senior
College freshman
College sophomore
College junior
College senior
Master’s-level study
Doctoral-level study

UCT Heaston Scholarship Program

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW
This scholarship is for deserving high school seniors who demonstrate evidence of hard work to overcome obstacles, academic success and extracurricular success in high school, and a commitment to community service. Applicants must be enrolled and entering a college program in the coming academic year. Priority consideration will be given to students wishing to pursue an education degree in order to teach special needs students, but applicants pursuing other degree programs are encouraged to apply.

HOW EASY IS IT TO APPLY?
Not too bad
This scholarship’s application process may have items such as essays that could take a couple hours.

HOW MUCH COMPETITION IS THERE?
Moderate
You will be competing against a pretty high number of people for this scholarship.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Ann Marshall, Fraternal Coordinator
Order of United Commercial Travelers of America (UCT)
Fraternal Department
1801 Watermark Drive, Suite 100, PO Box 159019
Columbus, OH 43215
p. 800-848-0123
DETAILS
DEADLINE:
Feb 1
AWARD RANGE:
$3,000 - $6,000
AWARDS GRANTED:
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RENEWABLE:
This scholarship is renewable

REQUIREMENTS
CLASS YEAR:
High school senior

Lions Clubs International MD4

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW
This contest is for California residents in grades 9-12, of any high school or junior high school, charter school, private school, home school, or independent study. To apply, applicants must perform a 5- to 10-minute speech on a given topic. See website for more details and official rules; the first club level contest must be completed before February 18, 2015.

HOW EASY IS IT TO APPLY?
Grueling
This scholarship's application process may include long-term projects, contest entries or some other very time-intensive process.

HOW MUCH COMPETITION IS THERE?
Not much
This scholarship won’t have as many applicants as most.

CONTACT INFORMATION
Lions Clubs International MD4
129 Los Aguajes Ave
DETAILS
DEADLINE:
Feb 18
AWARD RANGE:
$100 - $10,000

REQUIREMENTS
CLASS YEAR:
  High school freshman
  High school sophomore
  High school junior
  High school senior
HOME STATE:
  California