Murrieta Mesa High School
2016-2017

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MMHS Graduation Requirements

- Complete 40 hours of community service
- Demonstrate proficiency in Algebra I
- Complete the Senior Culminating Project (Oct. 24th, 2016)
- Pass Junior Reflective Essay
- 230 Credits in the following subjects:
  - English - 4 years
  - Mathematics - 3 years
  - Science - 3 years (Physical/Life)
  - Social Science - 3 years
  - Visual/Performing Arts - 1 year
  - Foreign Language - 1 year
  - Physical Education - 2 years
  - Health/ICT Careers - 1 year
  - General Electives – 50 credits

Senior Graduation Check List

- Fulfill graduation requirements: 230 credits, 40 hours of community service, and complete the Senior Culminating Project
- Pass all of your classes
- Make up any credits
- Clear all debts by March 3rd, 2017
- Clear all discipline by December – see Mrs. Rivera or Mrs. Fuentes
- Discipline, Grades, Taking Care of Business
- Plan your senior activities and develop a budget
- Plan for graduation
- Develop a plan for your future!

CSU/UC University Requirements A-G (C or better)

- **English – 4 years**
- **History – 2 years**
- **Math – 3 years (Alg. I, Geometry, Alg. II)**
- **Lab Science – 2 years (Bio, Chemistry, Physics)**
- **VPA – 1 year**
- **Foreign Language – 2 years of the same lang.**
- **Elective – 1 year**
  - Colleges do not accept D grades either semester

College Preparation for Seniors

- Narrow your list of college/universities based on interest and your academic profile.
- Categorize by:
  - Reach/Highly Selective (Pick 2)
  - Selective (Pick 2)
  - Backups (Pick 2)
- Get applications and financial aid information online from each college/university.
- Retake ACT or SAT if needed (through December)
- Attend college/university preview days/open houses if possible. Go to each school/s website for dates. Virtual tours are also available for some colleges. (See College/Career Calendar)
- Create a master calendar and note <u>deadline/s</u> for test date/s, fee/s, application/s, financial aid application/s, letter/s of recommendation and transcript/s.

College Preparation for Seniors

- Write application essay/s and/or personal statements. Request various readers for revisions.
- Develop and finalize a resume.
- Check college/university for legal obligations regarding early decision or early action appls.
- Application filing period for CSU: Oct. 1- Nov. 30th.
- Application filing period for UC: Nov. 1 - Nov. 30th.
- Check when applications are due for out-of-state and priva schools.
- Download letter of recommendation packet from MMHS webpage
- Make sure you check your email for college requests and deadlines

California State Universities

- **Filing period: October 1 - November 30**

- **Apply online: www.californiacolleges.edu**

- **Application fee: $55 per campus**

- **Tuition costs: approx. $5,000-$7,000 per year**

- **Other expenses: $16,000 - $20,000 (meals, housing and personal expenses)**

- **23 campuses**

- **Requirements are based on the eligibility index score which varies per campus (see http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/)**

California State Universities Tips

- **Send SAT test scores to code 3594**
  - **This will send SAT test scores to all 23 Cal States**

- **Send ACT test scores to one Cal State**
  - **Use ACT Score manager at csumentor.edu to send ACT scores to other cal states**

- **Complete one CSU Application – submit**
  - **If you apply to another CSU the application information will be pre-populated from the first application submitted**

University of California

- Filing period: November 1 - 30

- Apply online: www.universityofcalifornia.edu/apply

- Application fee: $70 per campus

- Tuition costs: approx. $13,400 per year

- Other expenses: $16,000 - $19,200 (meals, housing and personal expenses)

- 9 campuses

- Requirements are: 11 a-g courses by end of junior year with 3.0 GPA, SAT with writing or ACT with writing and comprehensive review process

- http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/requirements/index.html for additional information

University of California Tips

- **Send SAT and ACT scores to one UC – all UC will get them**

- **UC Berkeley require letters of recommendation now**

- **SAT Subject test scores are recommended but not required**
  - **They will only help not hurt an applicants chances of admission**

- **Be succinct when writing personal statements**
  - **For advice on how to write your essays go here: http://www.admissions.ucla.edu/prospect/perstmt.htm**

Four Year College: Website Assistance

- College Exploration

    www.csumentor.edu (Cal State)

    www.californiacolleges.edu (Cal State Admissions)

    www.universityof california.edu (UC)

    www.aiccu.edu (Private)

    www.commonapp.org (Common Application)

- College Testing

    www.collegeboard.org (AP and SAT)

    www.actstudent.org (ACT)

    www.sendedu.org

- College/Career Search - See page 21-23 of the Ram Tracks for additional information

- Athletics

    www.ncaa.org   and   www.naia.cstv.com/

The CSU/UC Timeline

- **10/1 - 11/30**   **Apply for CSU Admission** (Start Apps on 10/1/16)

- **11/1 – 11/30**   **Apply for UC Admission** (Start Apps Now!)

- **10/1 - 3/2**   **Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA)**

- **1/1 – 3/15**   **Respond to request for additional info from colleges/universities** (Check your email)

- **1/1 – 5/1**   **Admission Notification**

- **5/1/2017**   **Letter of Intent to Register Due-**

                              No Exceptions

- **3/1 – 5/30**   **Financial Aid Packages Received**

- **5/1 – 6/30**   **Intent to Register (SIR) deposits due**

- **07/01**   **Official Transcripts due to college**

- **4/1 - 8/1**   **Housing, testing, orientation, pre-registration, and registration**

Private and/or Out-of-State Universities

- Commonapp.org / sendedu.org

- Filing period varies for each college/university.

- Students will need to research and contact each college/university for applications, procedures and timelines

- Application fees will vary by campus - most will require letters of recommendation, resumes, essay/s, SATI/II or ACT with writing

- Tuition and overall cost will vary - be aware of out-of-state tuition and/or residency requirements

- Refer http://www.wiche.edu/wue for the Western Undergraduate Exchange Program that waives out-of-state fees for California residents

Community Colleges

- **Application period is usually in the Spring**

- **Tuition cost approx. $46 per unit**

- **Misc. fees are approx. $300 per semester (not including books)**

- **MSJC, Palomar, and Riverside Community College are the local community colleges**

- **No SATs or ACT's are required - students will need to complete a math and English assessment for placement**

- **For more information on California Community Colleges go to: www.cccco.edu / www.assist.org**

- **Look at UC TAG Matrix for Guaranteed Admission**

College Testing Time Table

SAT Registration Dates

Date	Registration Deadline
October 1, 2016	Sept. 1, 2016
November 5, 2016	Oct. 7, 2016
December 3, 2016	Nov. 3, 2016

Cost: $43 (no writing)

$54.50 (includes writing)

ACT Registration Dates

Date	Registration Deadline
Oct. 22, 2016	Sept. 16, 2016
Dec. 10, 2016	Nov. 4, 2016

Cost: $39.50 (no writing)

$56.50 (includes writing)

*Fee waiver for Eligible Students – see counselor
*Some universities will not accept a December test date.

NCAA Eligibility Center

- Online Registration at www.eligibilitycenter.org
- Account Creation
- About Me
- My Coursework
- My Sport
- Payment: $75 application fee
- Fee waiver for eligible students
- See http://www.ncaa.org/student-athletes/future/how-register for additional information

Middle Class Grant

The Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) is a new program beginning in the 2014-15 academic year that provides undergraduate students with family incomes up to $150,000 a scholarship to attend University of California (UC) or California State University (CSU) campuses.

For more information go to the California Student Aid Commission Website

http://www.csac.ca.gov/mcs.asp

Parent Tips for a Successful Senior Year

- Check on attendance weekly with our attendance office
- Check ABI and email teachers for current grades to ensure seniors are passing classes
- All seniors need to clear all debts and discipline – Contact/email Ms. Rivera or Mrs. Fuentes regarding discipline
- Ensure your senior completes community service
- Attend parent nights including college application and financial aid workshops

Haiku Parent Account

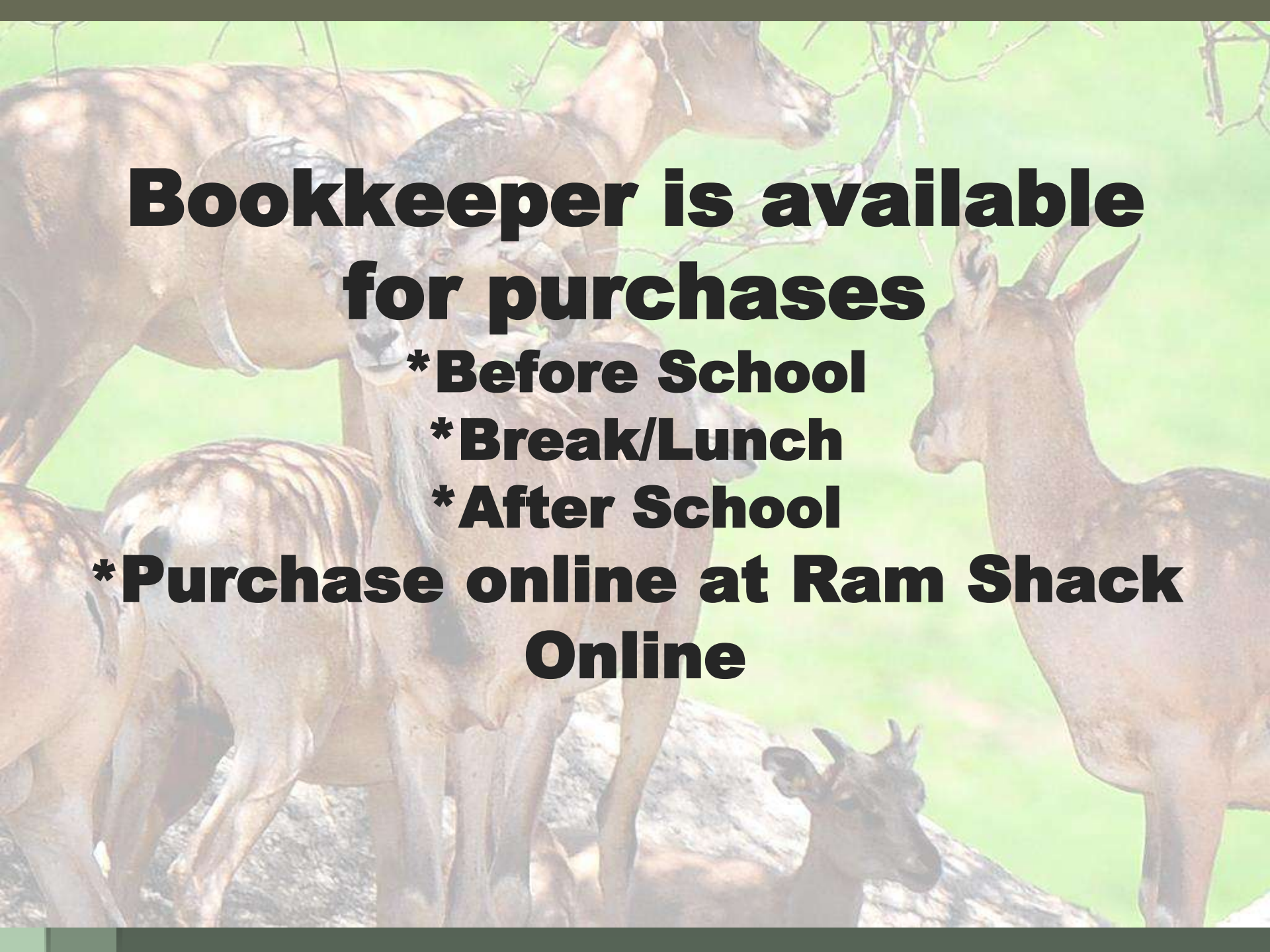To create a Haiku Parent Account:

Directions are here: http://www.murrieta.k12.ca.us/Page/24788

Create Account Here: https://mvusd.haikulearning.com

To Create account use student's nine digit ID Number

Initial password is set to MVUSDHaiku (case sensitive).

Bookkeeper is available for purchases
*Before School
*Break/Lunch
*After School
*Purchase online at Ram Shack Online