

### Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome
- Senior Activities Info
- Counseling Dept.
- VMHS Graduation Requirements
- California Colleges
- UC/CSU A-G Requirements
- Options After High School

- SAT/ACT Information/Update
- NCAA
- Requesting Letters of Recommendation
- How to request a transcript
- FAFSA, Paying for College
- Scholarships
- Upcoming Events

### Senior Activities

- Homecoming Football Game: Friday, October 8, 2021 at 7PM
- Homecoming Neverland Dance: Saturday, October 9, 2021, 7-11PM
  - Seniors are eligible to bring guests with a guest pass (\$40)
  - · All attendees must complete a waiver
- Winter Fest Dance: Saturday, January 29, 2022, 7-11PM
- Mr. Bronco: Friday, March 25, 2022, time TBD
- Prom: Saturday, April 30, 2022, 7-11PM
- Grad Nite: we are still awaiting confirmation from Disneyland on our preferred dates
- Senior Yearbook Signing Party: May 26, 2022, 3-5PM
- Senior Sunset/Farewell Rally: TBD
- Graduation: Thursday, June 2, 2022 at 6PM
- \*Additional activities as planned by the student leaders of the Class of 2022-TBD



Graduation: Thursday, June 2, 2022,

6PM at the Bronco Stadium

- At this time, we are planning for a traditional commencement ceremony for graduation.
- Once we are able to confirm our graduation plans in accordance with health and safety restrictions, we will communicate information regarding graduation tickets for attendees.
- The Vista Murrieta High School graduation regalia includes four pieces: a cap, gown, tassel, and a stole.
- Herff Jones serves as our partner in providing the graduation regalia to all VMHS seniors.





### Yearbook Info

- Senior yearbook ads for class of 2022 grads are now available on the Jostens yearbook website: <a href="https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/yb-AdDesigner/1383742/-/2021081613350315782/CATALOG\_SHOP/">https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/yb-AdDesigner/1383742/-/2021081613350315782/CATALOG\_SHOP/</a>
- Ads are available in Full page, 1/2 page, 1/4 page and 1/8 page sizes.
- Prices vary depending on size. Earlybird prices are available through December.
- Ad sales end in February and are limited to space available.
- Don't wait! Reserve your ad today and save \$\$!

## VMHS Counseling Department





• Counseling Secretaries:

East Hall: TBD ext 6676 (Caldwell, Arizola, Padilla, Ruiz)

West Hall: Jackie Moran ext 6690

(Candaele, Hill, Tyler, Peterson)

• Registrars:

Michelle Morris, A-K ext 6684 Debbie Rausa, L-Z ext 6774

Career Center:
 Cara Finch ext 6589

### **Graduation Requirements**

- Junior Reflective Essay Waived
- Senior Culminating Project Waived
- Community Service Hours Waived, \*service cord can be earned if student completed 150+ hours
- Complete 230 Credits:
  - English 40 credits
  - Math 30 credits
  - Science (Life, Physical, 3rd year) 30 credits
  - Social Science (Mod World, US, Gov/Econ) 30 credits
  - Visual/Performing Art 10 credits
  - Foreign Language 10 credits
  - Health/ICT 10 credits
  - PE 20 credits
  - Electives 50 credits

## Credit Recovery

- How many credits should a senior have?
  - Seniors should have no less than 160 credits
- Credit recovery options
  - APEX credit recovery on site
  - MCA reverse co enrollment
  - Please reach out to your student's counselor should they be missing credits.



March 2 FAFSA Deadline (California Sate Deadline) April - community college registration and application

Murrieta Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Night

May 1 College "commitment/letter of Intent to attend deadline (dates may vary due to COVID 19)

Send final transcripts in June (via parchment or check

College Acceptance/Military Enlistment Recognition

Senior check-out Graduation Day: June 2

Apply for college through www.californiacolleges.ed

CSU and UC Application Deadline Nov. 30, 2021

JE/CSU, Common Application and FAFSA can all be

Application deadlines may vary for Out-of-State and Private Colleges, be sure to, check their website for

### 12<sup>th</sup> grade Focus

- Meet graduation requirements
- Complete all final "A-G" course requirements, college prep English and Math are recommended
  - Students that complete "A-G" requirements will earn an "A-G" medal for graduation!
- Aug 1st Nov 30th, UC application window
- Oct 1st Nov 30th, CSU application window
- California Community College (ex. MSJC)
- Oct 1st March 2nd Apply for Financial Aid (FAFSA)
  - Counselors have met with seniors to review credits in their annual one-on-one meeting

Life After High School
What are my post-secondary options?





- Contact local recruiter offices
- ASVAB, Oct 13th register in Career Center
- https://www.todaysmilitary.com/
- Contact the College & Career Center for recruiter information
  - Mrs. Cara Finch clfinch@murrieta.k12.ca.us



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ARMY RESERVE
ARMY NATIONAL GUARD





NAVY NAVY RESERVE





SPACE FORCE







### Vocation/Trade/CTE

There are many Career and Technical Education Centers that our students have access to, here are a few popular choices:

- Welding
- Cosmetology
- Automotive Technician
- Paralegal
- Criminal Justice
- EMT

- Culinary
- Medical Assistant
- Dental Assistant
- Phlebotomy
- Electrician
- Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC)



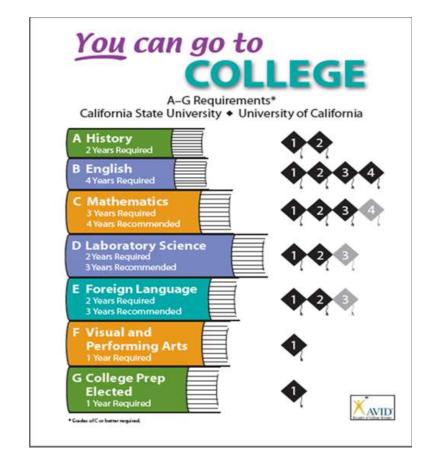
## + 2 Year/4 Year Colleges



- 2 Year Colleges
  - Applications begin in the Spring of senior year
  - Many students attend to receive their AA degree and transfer to a 4-year
- 4 Year Colleges
  - Receive a bachelor's degree
  - Must meet A-G requirements
  - College Admissions Testing SAT/ACT, visit the school's websites to know their entrance requirements and if an assessment will be needed
    - www.fairtest.org

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### **A-G Requirements**



### Make Senior Year Count!

- English & Math! Being successful in your English & Math courses will have many benefits.
  - May be used for placement purposes. Check with individual campuses
  - Success in 1st year, freshman year
- Grades matter!
  - Colleges can rescind acceptances if student receives D or F's
  - Some military branches may reference GPA
  - Some jobs will look at your transcripts
- Continue with your rigorous courses
- Colleges request final transcripts to ensure you kept your grades up and didn't drop challenging classes
- Get involved!
- Speak to your counselor if you are unsure about your after high school plans so you feel confident after graduation

### Make Senior Year Count

- Access writing lab, math lab, ask for help New!
- All Subject Tutoring available Oct 4th information can be found in most recent newsletters
- Identify which classes you must pass for graduation
- College applications get organized!
  - Know your college application deadlines
  - Research what supplemental information your college requires (i.e. letters of recommendation, essay, etc.)

## SAT/ACT updates for FALL 2022 applicants

- TEST blind
- Test optional
- UC is Test Blind!
- CSU has suspended the use of the SAT/ACT for Fall 2022 applicants
- www.Fairtest.org
- www.collegeboard.com upcoming SAT dates: Oct 3, Nov 6, Dec 4th
- www.act.org upcoming ACT dates: Oct 23rd, Dec 11th

### California Colleges

Apply to UC, CSU, CA Community College, Common Application, Common Black Application and FAFSA:

www.californiacolleges.edu

CSU Apply available Oct 1st – Nov 30th
UC Application available now – Nov 30th
Various deadlines for other college/universities





### California State University

Application Available: October 1

Application filing window: October 1 – November 30

• Apply online: <u>www.californiacolleges.edu</u>

• Application fee: \$70 per campus

• Tuition costs: approx. \$6,000-\$7,000 per year

Other expenses, up to: \$25,000 (meals, housing and personal expenses)

- 23 campuses, essentially one application, supplemental information depending on schools applying to
- Requirements are: To meet minimum admission requirements, you must complete 15 year long high school A-G courses with a letter grade of C or better — at least 11 of them prior to your last year of high school.
- 2.5minimum GPA requirement







### CSU San Marcos - Guaranteed Admission Program

- ✓ Apply to CSUSM
- ✓ Attend high school for 4 years
- ✓ A-G Courses completed
- ✓ Graduate with an overall 3.0 GPA
- ✓ Complete a FAFSA or Dream Act







### University of California

· Application Available: August 1

Application filing window: November 1 - 30

· Apply online: www.californiacolleges.edu

• Application fee: \$70 per campus

• Tuition costs: approx. \$14,100 per year

• Other expenses, up to: \$23,500 (meals, housing and personal expenses)

• 1 application to apply up to 9 campuses

- Requirements are: To meet minimum admission requirements, you must complete 15 year long high school **A-G courses** with a letter grade of C or better at least 11 of them prior to your last year of high school.
- 3.0 minimum GPA requirement
- http://admission.universityofcalifornia.edu/freshman/requirements/index.html for additional information UNIVERSITY









### Private Colleges & Universities, Out of State

- Common Application: <a href="www.californiacolleges.edu">www.californiacolleges.edu</a>
  - Step by Step Video Tutorial HERE
- Accepted by over 900 member colleges and universities
- One stop shop for applying to many private colleges in the nation
- HBCU's: www.californiacolleges.edu
  - \$20 Application Fee to Apply to all 60 Member Institutions
- WUE Western Undergraduate Exchange
- https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wue/





### **Recommendation Letters**



- Formally ask (via email) your teacher or counselor to write you a letter of recommendation
- Provide your recommender with a <u>Brag Sheet</u>, found in the Counseling Canvas under Counseling Forms
- If you have a resume, include it with your brag sheet
- Ask at least two weeks in advance
- Provide your recommender with your application due date
- Send them a Thank You email/letter for their time!

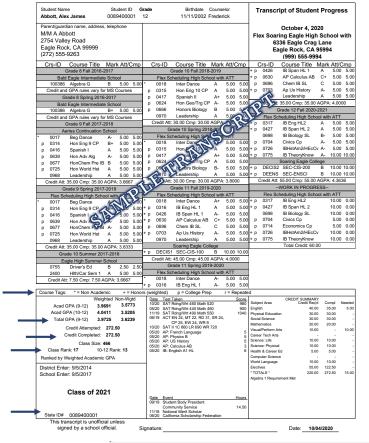


# Important Information for College Applications



- Student's Social Security Number
- Home Address
- Telephone Number
- Parent Income
- Request transcripts through <a href="Parchment">Parchment</a>, found at <a href="https://www.vmhs.net">www.vmhs.net</a>

### + How to read your transcript:



- SSID = State ID (10 digit)
- Credits earned
- GPA weighted non weighted
- Class rank
- What does the "P" mean?
- What does the "+" mean?
- Legend "Course Tags"

Course Tags: \* = Non Academic

+ = Honors (weighted)

p = College Prep

r = Repeated

### **NCAA**

- Check with your counselor to make sure you are on track to complete the required number of NCAA-approved courses
- NCAA Eligibility Center has waived the ACT and SAT for eligibility requirements for the Class of 2022
- At the end of the year, students should ask their counselor to upload official transcripts to the NCAA eligibility Center. If you took classes at more than one high school or program, ask each to submit an official transcript



### FAFSA – Federal Aid

- Launch your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from your student's California Colleges account
- FAFSA window to apply is Oct. 1, 2021 March 2, 2022
  - Step 1: Student/Parent need an FSA ID
  - Step 2: Gather the following documents Social security #, Driver's License #, federal tax returns (2020), Cash, savings, and checking account balances. Details about investments, like stocks, bonds, business or farm assets, or real estate (except the home you live in). Records of some untaxed income, including child support, interest income (also known as dividends), and veterans noneducation benefits.
  - Step 3: Apply for FAFSA on Oct 1st!
- Oct 4th 6th, FAFSA Blitz Presentations in Gov't/Econ class (presented by counselors)
  - Please stay tuned for parent workshops for assistance and FAFSA incentives!



### Cal Grant / State Aid

- How to Apply
  - 1. Submit <u>FAFSA</u> or <u>California Dream Act Application</u>
  - 2. VMHS will electronically send Cal Grant GPA to the CSAC
  - 3. After submitting your FAFSA or CADAA, Create an Account at WebGrants4Students to check the status of your Cal Grant
- Are you eligible for a Cal Grant?
  - Check Here: <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/cal-grants">https://www.csac.ca.gov/cal-grants</a>
  - Cal Grant Income and Asset Ceilings: <a href="https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-income-and-asset-ceilings">https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-income-and-asset-ceilings</a>

## Scholarships

- Visit your California Colleges account to apply for scholarships
  - <a href="https://www.californiacolleges.edu/#/scholarships">https://www.californiacolleges.edu/#/scholarships</a>
- www.vmhs.net
   >> College Career Center
- Pony Express
- Be ready to spend time searching and applying
- Try to apply to 2 scholarships a month
- Murrieta Dollars for Scholars 3.25 GPA available in January!



## Cal Soap



#### **Cal Soap Rep responsibilities:**

Work with a current college student to get your questions answered and receive support on:

- various pathways after high school including college, trades, military, and career
- submitting financial aid (FAFSA and CA Dream Act) and college applications
- differences in the various types of financial aid
- how to find and apply to scholarships
- californiacolleges.edu support at various grade levels
- A-G eligibility & more

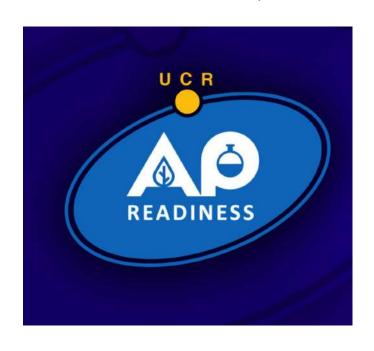
Located in the Career Center!



# Additional College Application Support

- Counselors will be available to assist students with college applications during October and November in: LIBRARY LAB
  - Oct 7th, 1-3pm
  - Oct 28th, 1-3pm
  - Nov 4th, 1-3pm
  - Nov 9th, 1-3pm
  - Nov 18th, 1-3pm
  - Nov 30th, 1-3pm

### Prepare for AP Exams



August 28
September 25
October 23
December 4
2022
January 15
February 5
March 5
April 16

Students can select from 11 AP Courses to attend – AP Biology, AP Calculus, AP Chemistry, AP Computer Science Principles, AP English Language, AP English Literature, AP Human Geography, AP Physics, AP Statistics, AP US History, and AP World History.

Register once for the year @ <a href="https://apreadiness.ucr.edu/">https://apreadiness.ucr.edu/</a>

Questions? Speak to your AP Teacher or Mr. Caldwell, East Hall

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### Fee Waivers

- Testing Fee waivers
  - SAT/ACT
  - AP
- College Applications
- · More than a meal plan!

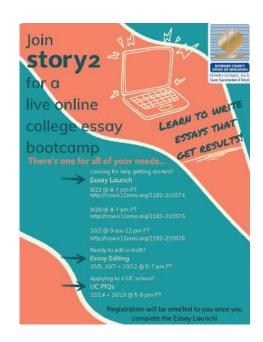
www.murrietaschoolnutrition.com

Click on Meal Applications



### **Upcoming Events**

- story2 RCOE College Essay Bootcamp, 9/28, 10/2, 10/14
- ASVAB, OCT 13th
- Virtual College Fairs
  - NACAC Fairs
    - Various dates









### For more information:

- <u>www.vmhs.net</u> => Counseling
- Pony Express
- Counseling Newsletters
- Canvas
- Facebook Vista Murrieta High School Department

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