



MISSION VIEJO HIGH SCHOOL

Principal's Newsletter—Fall Edition

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MVHS Mission Statement

Mission Viejo High School develops students' highest potential within a rigorous and relevant, standards-based instructional program while fostering a balanced and healthy lifestyle that engages and supports all students.

Message from Mrs. Osborne



I am excited to share with you our first MVHS newsletter of the 2017-18 school year. It is wonderful to be back at MVHS and needless to say the past 5 months have flown by for me. I have so many items to share with you.

First, I would like to introduce our new faculty and staff. Ms. Shay Sharp and Mr. Daniel Holley have joined the English Department. Some of you may know that Ms. Sharp was a student teacher last spring and Mr. Holley recently moved here from San Bernardino. Mr. Blaise Miranda is our new Engineering teacher and comes to us from Oxford Academy. Mr. Robert Westphal is teaches instrumental music and took over as Director of the program. Mr. Craig Mandelbaum teaches computerized accounting. I am so impressed with our new teachers and the positive impact they are making in the classroom.

WASC Update

In mid-November, MVHS had a scheduled visit from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). It was an exciting time as the WASC accreditation process validates the integrity of our school's educational programs, while at the same time fostering improvement and providing insight from fellow educators serving on the WASC visiting committee. I am pleased to share that we had an exceptional visit and the committee identified numerous schoolwide strengths. Although we will not find out the term of accreditation until early February, it is evident that the mission and vision of successful student learning, schoolwide student learner outcomes, and strong school culture was seen by the Visiting Committee. Currently, we are revising the WASC Action Plan which will guide our school improvement efforts for the next 6 years. Thank you to the parents and students who participated in the WASC Focus Group meetings and to our wonderful PTSO and Executive Board for your support.



Our Administrators with
WASC Visiting Committee

We continue to be recognized for academic excellence and we are proud of our students, faculty, and staff for their hard work and dedication to high standards.

As we approach the winter break, I'm sending you best wishes for a wonderful holiday season. Please know I will do all that I can to ensure a positive high school experience for your student and value open communication.

Sincerely,

Tricia Osborne

Go Diablos!



News and Notes from the Principal's Office...

Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program

These Commended Students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2018 competition by taking the 2016 PSAT/MNSQT.



Michael Delmont, Yilin Huo, Gillian Ippoliti, Joshua Liao, Nghi Nguyen, Benjamin Pang, Noah Usman, Daniel Zoleikhaeian



Congratulations to our 2017 Homecoming King and Queen, **Mitch Dossey and Kayla Morgan!**

MVHS MUN attended the 25th annual Tustin High School MUN Conference on November 18-19. Our school delegation was represented by 60 students representing all grade levels.

The following students earned an award:

Research Award:

Maddie Schwarz, Basal Lawand, and Cierra Arlow

Commendation Award:

Savannah Martinez, Connor Owens, Natalie Soltanmoradi, Satouri Robins, Alex Lopes, Elia Turner, Clara Wetzel, Jordyn Vancura, Martin Efremor, Ella Audet, Taelor Flourney, Bella Fischer, Sydney Gordon, and Kamilla Kabria

Outstanding Award:

Madison Burnam, Dominic Galasso, Kevin Champlain, Mia Zendejas, Kimberly Cortez, and Jack White

Best Delegate Award (Crisis Committee-- President's Cabinet):

Cara Drake



The El Viejo Yearbook editing staff attended camp at the University of San Diego in July where they finished laying out the entire 400 page 2018 edition of the book. The staff worked with yearbook advisors from around the country, and award winning photographers and journalists who helped to finalize the book's theme and design elements. This 52nd edition of the El Viejo yearbook won first place for the design, theme integration, and layouts that were all planned at camp. Over 300 schools attended, making Mission's first place title much more of an honor. This year's Editor in Chief, Jeff Prowten, was also awarded "Outstanding Leader" for the guidance and direction he displayed throughout camp. The yearbook will be on sale through the MVHS web store beginning in January.

As her CAS project, a MVHS International Baccalaureate student has run a gift campaign to support a charity that helps wives and children who have been victims of domestic abuse. Friends and Helpers mission is to provide support, education, and encouragement for domestic abuse victims who have fled to a shelter or group home for safety. All of whom are trying to help themselves out of a violent, hurtful situation by receiving counseling, job training, financial planning and life skills.

With the support of Mission Viejo families, MVHS ASB, and CSF, the campaign helped to bring some joy to mothers and children during the holiday season. Congratulations to all involved on a job well done!



The MVHS Pep Squad had their annual Junior Pepster Clinic for football season on November 3. This year they had over 70 little kids attend the event and learn to cheer with the Varsity and Junior Varsity squads. The little kids were treated to a two day clinic where they learned their routine, they received an MVHS Pep Squad t-shirt and bow, and they had a pizza and movie party before the game. Their half time performance was the highlight of the evening, and they danced and cheered to "Funky Town," "All the Pretty Girls," and "Wanna Be." Pep Squad will be holding their basketball Junior Pepster Clinic soon with details coming out in the MVHS bulletin.



 During the month of October the Mission Viejo High School Drama students were busy collecting food for local food banks in their 13th annual "Trick or Treat So Kids Can Eat" food drive. You may have seen them dressed in costume out canvassing local neighborhoods or standing in front of the Pavilion grocery store.

This year, the students were led by Drama President Kayla Morgan, Vice-President Hope Spires and the Drama Council who organized the collection of over 10,000 lbs of food. The Feed the Need project is sponsored by the International Thespian Society of which MVHS is Troupe 3060. Students in the honor society work not only the stage - acting, singing and dancing-but also on local philanthropic efforts. MVHS was awarded the Silver Harvest Award by I.T.S. for a single troop collection of over 10,000 pounds of food.

Congratulations to the following Cappie Critic Writers for writing the top play reviews published in the Orange County Register

#1 Natalie Patrick for her review of "You Can't Take It With You" at Laguna Hills HS

#3 Ben Sellers for his review of "You Can't Take It With You" at Laguna Hills HS

#1 Michaela Shields for her review of "Play On!" at Los Alamitos HS

#2 Rachel Golkin for her review of "The Love of Three Oranges" at San Juan Capistrano HS

#2 Devoree Shields for her review of "Romeo and Juliet" at St Margaret's Episcopal HS

MVHS Drama competed against 20 high schools at the 15th annual **RoleAbout Festival** at Irvine High School on Saturday, Oct 21st. Mission had the 27 entries in the final round at the competition in the areas of monologues, scenes, duets, musical groups and improv theatre and 10 winning entries!

Winners included:

1st Place – Film Monologue – Comedy – Rachel Golkin – "Waiting for Guffman"

1st Place -Classical Monologue – Ben Sellers – "Two Gentlemen of Verona"

1st Place -Classical Scene –Rachel Golkin, Maddy Watts- "The Importance of Being Earnest"

2nd Place – Film Monologues- Drama – Matt Helmuth – "Interview with Charles Manson"

2nd Place – Solo Song – Jeffrey Baker – Gentlemen's Guide to Love and Murder – "I Don't Understand the Poor"

3rd Place –Contemporary Scene- Ethan Cox, Charlie Massey, Kayla Morgan, Hope Spires "Peter and the Starcatcher"

3rd Place – Musical Theatre –Jeffrey Baker, Devoree Shields "Private and the Intimate Life of the House" from The Great Comet of 1812

3rd Place – Improvisation – Keegan Clifford, Matt Helmuth, Ben Sellers, Liam Shannon

3rd Place – Film Monologues -Comedy – Ben Sellers - "Better Call Saul"

3rd Place – Film Scenes – Comedy – Zach Dove, Ben Sellers – "40 Year Old Virgin"



Top Ten Finalists included:

Contemporary Monologue – Comedy – Devoree Shields – "Fourteen"

Original Monologue – Adnan Maksoud – "Fall" and Devoree Shields – "Drunk on A Pier"

Contemporary Scene – Drama – Baxter Bartlett, Hope Spires – "Almost, Maine"

Musical Theatre Group – Kayla Morgan, Natalie Patrick, Hope Spires – Sweet Charity – "There's Gotta' Be Something Better Than This"

Solo Song – Devoree Shields- Addams Family – "Pulled"; Simar Boparai – 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee – "I Speak Six Languages"

Classical Monologues – Natalie Patrick – "As You Like It", Molly Heald – "Two Gentlemen of Verona", Tessa Dickinson – "An Ideal Husband", Jeffrey Baker " A Midsummer Night's Dream"

Film Monologue – Drama- Adnan Maksoud – "Fresh Prince of Bel Air", Adele P "Gone Girl"

Film Monologue – Comedy – Zach Dove- "Tommy Boy", Kayla Morgan- "Kimmy Schmidt"

Improv -Jeffrey Baker, Zack Dover, Ruth Nair, McKenzie Norris

Marine Technology with ROV's



For the third year in a row, marine biology students at MVHS have had the opportunity to flex their engineering skills in the pool with underwater remotely operated vehicles (ROV's). Thanks to grants from the Assistance League of Saddleback Valley, our PTSO, and Cabrillo Aquarium we have 9 sets of electrical components. The components are ready to work into a PVC frame with pool noodle floats of the students' design. Students worked to achieve neutral buoyancy with the help of Brent Neumeyer's spreadsheets that helped the students determine the correct overall density for their design. Balance was another obstacle students tackled before they set off to retrieve diving rings, maneuver through submerged hula hoops, and blow air through aquarium tubing to raise "ancient vases," much like parts of the Titanic were raised, which was new to this year.

Additional grants from the Assistance League of Saddleback Valley and our PTSO last year allowed us to keep up maintenance and upgrade our supplies to this awesome lab experience. We added camera equipment, which allowed us to film off the dock of Toyon Bay during our 11th annual Catalina field study program, which is set to make its return this coming March 28-30, 2018. With some future adjustments and additional grants, we will work towards engineering an ROV to take with us during beach cleanups to tackle debris both above and below the water as well as immerse the students further in the marine environment. Ideally, in the future we will be able to encourage and coach students interested in taking the next step; working towards entering the annual MATE competition, which is similar to the competition seen in the movie "Spare Parts."



The JPL Invention Challenge is an annual event designed to pit student teams against each other in both Orange County and LA County. This engineering event was held at Chapman University on Nov. 18, 2017. The students achieved 11th place in Orange County out of 28 teams, and 33 out of 84 overall. The objective was to design & create a contraption to accomplish a given objective. Team building, brain-storming, designing, 3D printing & prototyping skills were employed.

Engineering Students at Competition held at Chapman University:

Carter Brown (team leader)

Jackie Escobedo

Jeffrey Rinehart (not pictured)

Alex Johnston

Jacob Parra (not pictured)

Daniel Pettinger



The first annual SVUSD Career Fair was held on November 8th at the Norman Murray Community Center and was a great success! Over 500 students, intermediate through high school, were in attendance. The purpose of the fair was to inform students of the CTE (career technical education) classes available to them and the corresponding careers. There were over 30 exhibitors, including many of our teachers. **Blaise Miranda** displayed projects from his Engineering Design class, **Craig Mandelbaum** promoted his Computerized Accounting and Business Internship classes and **Heather Testerman**, our Baking & Pastry instructor from Laguna Hills, had students demonstrate cupcake design. **Haas Engineering** who provides equipment for our Manufacturing Engineering Technology class at Trabuco, demonstrated a CNC machine. ROP Crime Scene Investigation students had a booth and showed students how to lift fingerprints while Emergency Medical Responder students demonstrated CPR. Our Agriculture students were well-represented, featuring our well-known farm program and new classes such as Agriculture Science. This was a fun and informative evening and will be expanded next year!



ROP STUDENT OF THE MONTH

December 2017

JOANNA VILLALOBOS

INTERESTING FACTS:

- Has been in AVID since Freshman
- Sings in church choir
- Assists in children's ministry



Senior Joanna Villalobos is currently enrolled in ROP's Certified Nurse Assistant course. She completed nine weeks of classroom instruction and is now interning twelve hours per week at Palm Terrace in Laguna Hills. Joanna said, "I've always wanted to be a nurse and serve people. Taking this class confirmed my career choice and provides me with a free, hands-on class. My teacher, Mrs. Wulff, is a dedicated and patient nurse who always has time to answer my questions." Upon completion of this class Joanna will take the state Certified Nurse exam and can then begin working. Her plan is to go directly to a four-year college and work during school recesses. She has applied to Cal State Long Beach, Cal State Los Angeles, Biola and Azusa Pacific Universities. Her top choice is Azusa Pacific. When asked what makes Joanna an outstanding student, Mrs. Wulff said, "She is a caring and compassionate caregiver who is well liked by patients and an excellent student. She will be a wonderful nurse." Congratulations Joanna and best of luck in your future plans!

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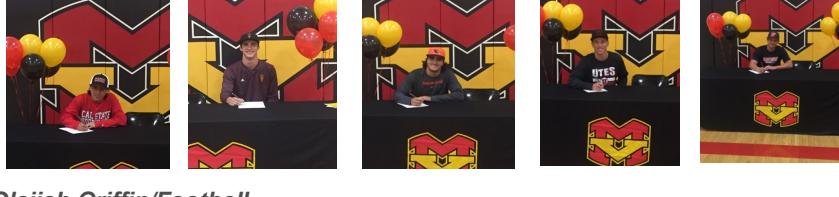
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DIABLOS ATHLETICS

National Letter of Intent Signing/Baseball

The following baseball players signed National Letters of Intent on Wednesday, November 8th 2017.

Drew Baltruweit - Cal State Northridge
Will Levine - Arizona State
Alex Jemal - Oregon State
Brendan Guy - University of Utah
Kevin Champlin - Wheaton College



Olaijah Griffin/Football



Olaijah Griffin was selected to participate in the 2018 Under Armour All America Football Game on Thursday, January 4th 2018. The game will take place in Orlando, Florida. Under Armour presented Olaijah with a team jersey on Thursday, November 16th 2017.

Girls Cross Country

The girls cross country team competed Saturday, November 25th 2017 at the CA State Championships in Fresno, CA. The Varsity team (Kelli Hines, Ashley Johnson, Emma Hicken, Lauryn Simons, Sophie Mendelson, Patricia Hopkins, and Serena Farrell) Finished 11th overall for our best finish in program History! Junior Kelli Hines earned a spot on the top 10 podium finishing 7th overall behind 6 Seniors making her the number 1 returner in the State D2 next year! Kelli Hines finishes the year as the #1 ranked junior in California D2 and Ashley Johnson finishes as the #1 ranked sophomore in California D2. All 7 Varsity runners set personal bests this season.



Boys Cross Country

The Mission Viejo Boys Cross Country team was recognized as the "Southland's most improved program over the last three seasons" in the CIF Finals program. We pride ourselves on developing



a championship program which supports everyone to grow and instill habits for success. The focus is about developing a culture – committed to hard work, a passion for the team, and improvement through continuous support and motivation.

- Ranked #1 in Southern Section CIF and #4 in the State-Luis Chavez- All CIF Award
- Finished 3rd in South Coast League - Luis Chavez and Brett Hickman All Varsity League Award
- Finish 3rd in Orange County Championships - Luis Chavez- All County Senior Award
- Clovis Invitational Team Champions
- De La Salle Invitational Runner Up -Luis Chavez Individual Champion

Girls Volleyball



The 2017 Mission Viejo Volleyball Team made the CIF playoffs for the first time since 2013. Congratulations to Coach Marino and the Lady Diablos on a successful season.

2017 Great American Rivalry Series Student-Athlete Scholarship Award Winner

Mitch Dossey was awarded the 2017 Great American Rivalry Series Student-Athlete Scholarship on Friday, November 3rd 2017. Mission Viejo won the 2017 Great American Rivalry Series game 49 to 21.

Football

Congratulations to the Mission Viejo Football Team on a successful 2017 season. Mission Viejo went undefeated in the regular season, and reached the CIF Semi-Finals. The Diablos finished the year with a 12-1 record, which led to a #4 state ranking. The following athletes are expected to sign National Letters of Intent this semester to continue their football career at the collegiate level.

Austin Osborne – University of Washington
Christian LaValle – Arizona State University

Jarrett Patterson – Arizona State University
Olalijah Griffin - UCLA



Gymnastics

Congratulations to **Sanya Glauber** on earning a scholarship to the University of Maryland.

Girls Golf



Congratulations to **Ashley Wang** on being named the Sea View League MVP for the 4th consecutive year. Ashley placed second at the Sea View League Golf Finals on October 19th 2017, and qualified for the CIF Individuals.

GO DIABLOS!



Softball

Alyssa Haynes committed to playing softball at Haverford College during the summer of 2017.

On Friday, November 11th, MVHS held a special ceremony in honor of long-time football coach Bob Johnson. It was the final regular-season game in Coach's 35-year career as a high school football head coach. More than 200 of Coach Johnson's former players attended. They surrounded him at a pregame, midfield ceremony where he was presented a replica of a Mission Viejo No. 11 jersey to mark the retirement of that jersey number in Mission Viejo football. Coach wore No. 11 when he was a player, as did his son, and grandson. Among Coach Johnson's accolades, he is responsible for: 3 CIF-SS titles in the 1980's at El Toro... 5 CIF-SS championships and a CIF State Title at Mission Viejo...17 South Coast League titles... and... 341 victories which rank 3rd in California history, 1st in Orange County history, and make him the All-Time winningest coach in Mission Viejo High School history. We are so grateful for all of the hard work and dedication Coach Johnson has brought to MVHS and he will truly be missed!



School Choice Intra-District Transfer

The secondary (7th - 12th grade) School Choice application window will open January 8, 2018. This process is for SVUSD residents who want to transfer their student in the 18-19 school year to another school within SVUSD.

The online application link will be available January 8, 2018.

The School Choice Intra-District Transfer application process and timeline for the 2018-2019 school year are as follows:



Grade Level	Application Dates	Submit Application by 4:30 p.m.	Status Letters Sent
Secondary Entering Grades 7-12	January 8, 2018 through February 9, 2018	February 9, 2018	March 8, 2018
Elementary Entering Grades K-6	March 5, 2018 through March 30, 2018	March 30, 2018	May 1, 2018

Dates to Remember:

Dec 11	Late Start Day	Jan 24-26	Minimum Day—Finals
Dec 18	Late Start Day	Jan 29	Staff Development Day
Dec 22	Minimum Day	Jan 30	Late Start Day - Second Semester
Dec 25 - Jan 5	Winter Recess	Feb 5	Late Start Day
Jan 8	Late Start	Feb 12	Late Start Day
Jan 15	Holiday - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Feb 16 & 19	February Recess
Jan 22	Late Start Day	Feb 26	Late Start Day
Jan 23	Special Late Start—Period 1 Finals	<i>*Happy Holidays!*</i>	