



# Mission Viejo High School

## NEWSLETTER



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### Saddleback Valley Unified School District

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As I walked the campus last week, seeing our exceptional students hurrying to classes, I reflected on these past four months. The Diablo spirit remains strong from the first home football game in August to Girls' Volleyball games played in a packed gym to week 10 of the football season where the OCVarsity publication named the MVHS Diablo Inferno the Student Section Champion! Whether it is athletics contests, Visual and Performing Arts performances, or the Homecoming dance, student enthusiasm and spirit is palpable on this campus! I believe our incredible spirit sets us apart from other high schools. Despite the positives, I recognize the challenges the pandemic has created and its impact on education. Research indicates that students have developed unhealthy habits during the lockdowns and the overall stress of the times. I want students to know that school should be a certainty in their lives and we are committed to promoting their highest potential. As we begin second semester, please discuss with your student the importance of attendance, showing up to class on time, prepared, and ready to engage in learning.

#### New Faculty and Staff

We are excited to welcome new teachers and staff to the MVHS team. Mrs. Ashley Porter and Ms. Faith Fuata have joined our Special Education Department. Ms. Mattison Cano and Ms. Courtney McColl joined the English Department. Mr. Ron Horn, Math/Computer Science/AP Computer Science teacher; Mr. Alan Tran (Math teacher), and Ms. Sepulveda-Higgins (part-time World Language teacher. Ms. Jessica Yazdani joins the Guidance Department as a School Counselor, alpha cut (A-C). Mrs. Suzanne Williamson (MVHS alum) comes to us from private industry and teaches Computer Graphics and Multimedia. Ms. Stephanie Mock teaches ROP Sports Medicine. Mrs.

Nikki Plenge is our Academic Coach. We have a new Night Custodian Luis Gomez Castelan and three new Instructional Aides: Ms. Silvia Caverzen, Ms. Kylie Stoner, and Mr. Richard Lambert joined the staff. Mrs. Pamela Rudkin is our part-time School Psychologist.

#### Diablo Learning Center

This year we started the Diablo Learning Center four days per week. When we return in January, National Honor Society students will begin tutoring after school one day per week. It is our goal to increase student achievement.

#### School Choice Intra-district Transfer Timeline

Please note: The School Choice application window for secondary students for the 2022/23 school year opens on Monday, January 17 and will run through February 4, 2022. All applications must be submitted to the Saddleback Valley Unified School District office by February 4, 2022. If you have questions about school choice, please refer to the SVUSD website. School Choice is the only opportunity for students who live within SVUSD boundaries to transfer to MVHS if they do not live in the immediate MVHS attendance area.

In closing, thank you MVHS parents/families, PTSO, and Booster organizations for your support, partnership in learning, and generous contributions to our school programs. I appreciate you. Sending best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

Sincerely,

*Jucia Osborne*

Go Diablos!



#### Save the Date!

#### Annual MVHS Showcase

**January 27, 2022**

In lieu of a traditional Open House, Mission Viejo High School will present a school-wide Showcase on the evening of January 27, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Incoming families will have the opportunity to see first-hand all of the many programs, courses, activities, arts and sports that contribute to making MVHS the best choice for their student's education.

Guided campus tours will be scheduled for the following day, Friday, January 28, 2022. We look forward to exploring our wonderful campus with you! *See the school website for tour schedule.*



### School Choice Intra-District Transfers

The Secondary

School Choice Application window is open

January 17 – February 4, 2022

This is for students entering 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2022-2023 school year. For more information, please visit the School Choice Intra-District Transfer web page below.

[School Choice Intra-District Transfer](#)



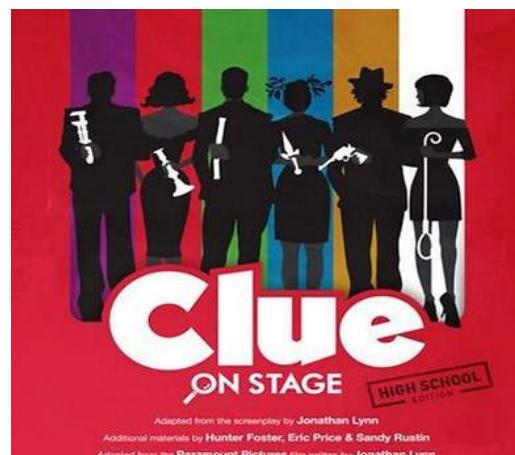
Please join us in congratulating Sophomore **Alicia Allred** for making it into the **California ALL STATE HONOR CHOIR!!!** We are so incredibly proud of her! We have not had anyone from Mission in the All State Honor Choir for at least 10 years.



In other news, the MVHS Choral Program had our annual **Holiday Concert Wednesday, December 8** in the Performing Arts Theatre! There was plenty of holiday cheer to go around as each of our choirs and soloists showcased their talents.

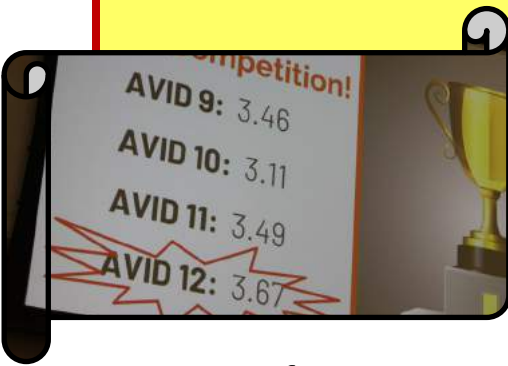
## **Mission Has A “Clue”**

MVHS Drama’s production of “Clue”, which ran from November 4-6<sup>th</sup>, placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in Orange County from the California Educational Theatre Association (CETA). They will be performing segments of the production at the CETA Festival next month for high schools across San Diego, Los Angeles, Riverside and Orange counties.





# AVID All-Call



AVID held its "ghoulish" AVID-ween All-Call on Thursday, October 28. The AVID class with the highest GPA was the AVID seniors with a cumulative



average of 3.69! During the All-Call, students played team building games to get to know the other students in the program and build lasting bonds of friendship. The freshmen won the Mummy game by wrapping their classmate in so much toilet paper that she was ready for the pyramids!



## Stellar Staff

Please join us in congratulating **Mrs. Bui** (grade 9), **Mr. Pillsbury** (grade 10), and **Mr. D'Innocente** (grades 11 & 12) for being chosen as the AVID students' Teacher of the Quarter. Students in each AVID grade level nominated teachers on a Google form and shared their reasons why that teacher should receive recognition from the AVID students. Congrats to these teachers! There were so many teachers nominated and such kind words from all the students, it just goes to show how dedicated our staff is to helping our AVID students get one step closer to achieving their college dreams!



Mrs. Bui



Mr. Pillsbury



## Standout Students



### Lily Troiano, 12th Grade Student

Congratulations to Lily Troiano for being selected as the Class of 2022 AVID Senior Standout! Lily has shown great leadership this year serving as our AVID Club President. Throughout her four years in the MVHS AVID program, Lily has earned stellar grades. In addition, she has won Spirit of the Diablo Awards, and last year, was selected as a Diablo Excellence winner.

She is the model AVID student and scholar athlete, playing softball for our Diablos. She has already been accepted into several universities such as Colorado Mesa University, University of Iowa, and University of Nebraska. Lily will go on to compete for AVID scholarships through the Orange County Department of Education. We are very proud that she is the AVID Senior Standout this year!

### Yazan Moubayed, 12th Grade Student

Yazan Moubayed was honored by the Kiwanis Club of Mission Viejo for his outstanding contributions to the community. Here is the background on why he deserves this recognition:

Yazan has been a member of the AVID program throughout high school. He has made his mark on the program because he volunteers whenever help is needed. We can always rely on Yazi. In AVID, he was one of the students who helped Mrs. McAlister create the Diablo's Thrift Free Store on campus which provides donated clothing and shoes to all students who need or want them. In addition to the Free Store, Yazan has been a member of AVID Club all four years and has helped to plan the AVID All-Calls, monthly gatherings of all the AVID students in the program for team-building activities, guest speakers, and awards.

In addition to his service to the AVID program, Yazan has accumulated well over 135 hours of community service through the Red Cross. He has been a Red Cross member for the past four years, even providing help and getting training throughout the pandemic. Through the Red Cross, Yazan held a bake sale for United Armed Services and participated in a disaster class to learn how to help others during fires and earthquakes.

On our campus, Yazan has started the Muslim Student Association which has raised over \$1,000 during Eid to give to the Orange County Islamic Foundation to provide money to low-income families.

Yazan has been an integral part of AVID and the community these past four years and deserves recognition for all his contributions.





# MVHS Sports

## *We Got the Spirit!*

As excerpted from the OC Register.

"After losing 10-7 to San Clemente for the South Coast League title last April, the Diablos had waited for this moment, and I'm not just talking about the football team.

The Diablo Inferno came ready to go to take back the South Coast League title.

The Inferno packed the stands, and not only did they get crazy, but they also let it be known to San Clemente and the Loud Crowd that there will be no repeat this time around. While the Loud Crowd brought a decent number of students, the Inferno were savages when it came to their turnout.

The Diablo Inferno kept the noise at a high the entire night and wondered why the Loud Crowd was so quiet following the 45-0 Diablos victory.

"We took this game very personal," the Diablo Inferno said in a statement. "Obviously, because of last year we had a tough loss to San Clemente. We knew that this was going to be the biggest game of the year. Our football team proved themselves on the field, and our student section really showed up to prove that we are the best student section in Orange County. There honestly was no better way to end our regular season and to prepare for CIF." Mission Accomplished!



### STUDENT SECTION OF THE WEEK



## Girls Volleyball

Our Girls Volleyball team went up against the number one seeded Newport Harbor and took them down in a thrilling 5 set match!

Congratulations to Coach Nicholson and all the girls on the team

on a successful season. Click on the link to see [Girls Volleyball's Game Winning Point](#)



## South Coast League Champions 2021

Congratulations to Coach Johnson and the football team for an amazing season. One particular high point for our football's phenomenal season was Josh Barbone's selection as the honorary captain for the coin toss vs. San Clemente. Josh continues his fight against cancer! See [the link for video of the coin toss](#).



# National Letter of Intent Signing

## Softball ~ Girls



**SAMANTHA WOODS—  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**



**SHAYNA GLASS—UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE  
AT CHATTANOOGA**

## Lacrosse ~ Girls



**JENAE SPERLING—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON**

## Volleyball ~ Girls



**ANNA BOLICH —  
YAVAPAI COLLEGE, ARIZONA**



**DANICA WULF —  
PORTLAND STATE, OREGON**



# Activities

## MISSION ROCKS OUT AT HOCOCHELLA

The MVHS Stadium was the site of the latest, greatest SoCal Music Festival on September 23rd. Mission Viejo Students took the field by storm at halftime against Leuzinger to perform the Homecoming Halftime Show. This year's theme was HoCoChella; A Mission Music Festival. Over 150 students danced with their classes as Mission versions of celebrities such as Pitbull, Lady Gaga, Madonna and Miley Cyrus entertained the crowd. The finale of the show was crowning Homecoming Queen, Shelby Mills and our first ever Unified King, Alex Amaya.



The next night, the rest of Mission joined those partiers for the Homecoming dance, where over 1200 students enjoyed a night of music, fun and rides. Jake Higgins was crowned Homecoming King.





Each year the Kiwanis Club of Mission Viejo honors students who exemplify extraordinary

community service, citizenship, academic achievement, or outstanding improvement. Three of our students were introduced and given certificates at the first Kiwanis Award Breakfast of the year. Principal Osborne presented the awards to Irene Kim, Danielle (Danie) Anderson, and Yazan Moubayed.



### Diablitos Making Mission More Accessible

Diablitos are upper classmen who participate in a mentorship program led by Ms. Katelin Petrulio and designed to help smooth the transition for our younger classmen into a high school setting. Diablitos possess strong communication skills, enthusiasm, dedication and willingness to lead others. The ability to manage groups of younger students, accountability, respect for diverse ideas and personalities. They are willing to take risks, have an interest in helping others and being a positive role model. Keep your eyes peeled for these fabulous Diablos making Mission the wonderful campus we happily call home.

Pictured: Nora Naji, Samantha Sierras, Annika Nilsen, and Lilly Marrin





## Diablo Learning Centers Schedule

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
<b>Time <i>before school</i>:</b> Mon. 8:15 am to 9:00 am Tues.- Thur. 7:30 am - 8:15 am	Tammy Nicolas - IA Room 209 (Quiet Place to Study)	Sara Espinoza - Teacher Room 202 (Spanish/Quiet Place to Study)	Tammy Nicolas - IA Room 209 (Quiet Place to Study)	Sara Espinoza - Teacher Room 202 (Spanish/Quiet Place to Study)
<b>Time <i>during lunch</i>:</b> Mon. 12:40 pm to 1:20 pm Tues.- Thur. 12:37 pm to 1:17 pm	Taychyi Mao - Teacher Room 305 (Physics/Math)  Melinda Ballmaier - IA Room 210 (Quiet Place to Study)	Taychyi Mao - Teacher Room 305 (Physics/Math)  Melinda Ballmaier - IA Room 210 (Quiet Place to Study)	Taychyi Mao - Teacher Room 305 (Physics/Math)  Nancy Sepulveda - Teacher Room 209 (Spanish/Quiet Place to Study)	Taychyi Mao - Teacher Room 305 (Physics/Math)  Nancy Sepulveda - Teacher Room 209 (Spanish/Quiet Place to Study)
<b>Time <i>During School</i>:</b> Mon. 2:16 pm - 3:00 pm Tues.- Thur. 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm	Alan Tran - Teacher Room 321 (Math - all levels)	Alan Tran - Teacher Room 321 (Math - all levels)		Alan Tran - Teacher Room 321 (Math - all levels)
<b>Time <i>after school</i>:</b> 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Taychyi Mao - Teacher Room 305 (Physics/Math)  Michael Jones - IA Room 210 (Quiet Place to Study)	Taychyi Mao - Teacher Room 305 (Physics/Math)  Michael Jones - IA Room 210 (Quiet Place to Study)	Taychyi Mao - Teacher Room 305 (Physics/Math)  Alan Tran—Teacher Room 209 (Math - all levels)  Michael Jones - IA Room 210 (Quiet Place to Study)	Taychyi Mao - Teacher Room 305 (Physics/Math)  Michael Jones—IA Room 210 (Quiet Place to Study)





## Exploring Culture Outside the Classroom



### Mission's AP and IB Spanish Classes -

Last month on November 1<sup>st</sup>, our Spanish Students had the opportunity to spend a day in Old Town San Diego for “Día de Los Muertos”. They used their Spanish skills to interview various business owners about the history and importance of this Hispanic tradition. A highlight for many students was seeing the beautiful altars that had

been created for loved ones and being able to use what they’ve learned in the classroom in the real world.



### Thank you!

A special shout out to our local businesses:



25322 Cabot Rd.

Laguna Hills, Ca 92653



23971 El Toro Rd

Laguna Hills, CA 92653



25280 C Marguerite  
Parkway

Mission Viejo, CA 92692

### Important upcoming dates to remember:

January 17, 2022 — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday

January 18, 2022— PTSO Parent Education Night -

Presentation on Social Media Meeting 6:00 p.m. MPR

January 27, 2022 — Minimum Day

January 27, 2022 — MVHS Showcase

January 28, 2022 — Staff Development Day, No School

February 18 & 21, 2022— February Recess

April 11-15, 2022 — Spring Recess

May 30, 2022 — Memorial Day, No School

