March 10, 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian of Incoming Ninth Grade Student – Class of 2027:

The Mission Viejo Guidance Department would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Mission Viejo High School – **Home of the Diablos!**

Our plan is to visit each intermediate school site twice, our first visit will be with our School Counselors who will discuss curriculum, courses, programs, and CTE pathways. During this visit we will give each student a form which has a list of courses they have been <u>pre-selected</u> for based on their current course load in 8th grade. Students will be asked to select their elective courses on this form. Our second visit will be with our Student Service Technicians who will come to the intermediate school sites to collect the forms and provide information on our sports/summer camps.

When reviewing your registration form, you will see that we pre-enrolled your child using a combination of their next natural level freshman academic core courses as well as the SVUSD course placement guidelines for their **English**, **Math**, **Science** and **Physical Education**, some students may also have English or Math support classes according to the SVUSD course placement guidelines. SVUSD policy states that **all freshmen must take a minimum of six classes**.

School Site	1st Visit with School Counselors	2nd Visit with Student Service Technician
La Paz	March 14, 2023	March 21, 2023
Los Alisos	March 16, 2023	March 20, 2023
RSM	March 21, 2023 March 28, 2023	
Serrano	March 22, 2023	March 24, 2023

Sincerely,

Cina Abedzadeh

Assistant Principal Guidance and Curriculum MVHS Guidance Department



Information to Consider When Choosing Your Electives

PE and **Athletic Sports**** - <u>Students have been pre-enrolled in PE (0509) for Fall and Spring</u>. Students who plan to try-out for an athletic sport will have their schedules updated upon receipt of the team roster from the athletic director in August or during the season of sport.

World Language - College-bound students are required to take a minimum of two years in the same language, three years are recommended for the UC's and impacted campuses in the California State University system.

Visual and Performing Arts - College bound students are required to take a minimum of 1 year of Visual and Performing Arts (yearlong course). Courses that meet the UC/CSU VPA requirement are listed indicated by (P)*-college prep.

AP Human Geography – The class is an academic elective option designed to prepare students for the rigors of AP classes. This is not a requirement for future AP courses. The recommended criteria for this class is concurrent enrollment in English 1 Honors.

Electives

All freshmen must select **TWO electives**. A student may choose more than TWO electives but must list those under alternate choices. If a student would like a 7 period day they may be eligible if they are participating in an <u>MVHS program (more info below)*</u>. After adding your 2 top elective choices please add a third option as an alternative choice, in the event one of your top choices is no longer available.

Zero Period Request

*Zero Period Class Criteria - Student Must Have an Impacted Schedule to include the following

- 1. AVID
- 2. Music/Drama
- 3. ASB Must be selected for ASB by Activities Director
- 4. AP Human Geography

Any incoming student who meets the criteria for a zero period must add **Course Code #0989 Zero Period** to the list for a zero period request. Zero period is not guaranteed as Zero period courses are limited for the 9th grade class. Students will receive confirmation during summer registration in August .



Freshmen Schedule Information

All freshmen must be enrolled in SIX classes.

Grade 9 Courses

- 1. English 1 or English 1 Honors (Open Access)
- 2. Mathematics (Next natural course using district criteria as guideline)
- 3. Bio, Bio H or Ag Bio (Open Access)
- 4. Physical Education
- 5. Elective (student choice language recommended)
- 6. Elective (student choice Visual/Performing Art recommended)

We look forward to working with you and your child. If you have any questions regarding the Fall 2023 registration process, please feel free to reach out to your Student Service Technician or School Counselor. Welcome to Mission!

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