

MARSTON UPDATE

March 17, 2024



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST - MARCH 20 and 23

Tickets are on sale now for the Marston production of *Beauty and the Beast* in the Marston Auditorium at 5pm on Wednesday, March 20th and 2pm on Saturday, March 23rd. [Click here](#) for more information on the show as well as the ticket link.

MARSTON'S FIRST ANNUAL JOGATHON - MARCH 21

Funds are needed in order to support Marston programs such as 7th grade swimming, exploration supplies, student/parent orientation events and student recognition. The jogathon is on Thursday, March 21st during P.E. classes. Each student will run 4 laps- the total will be 1 mile. Prizes will be awarded for: students that complete all 4 laps, fastest male and female (per grade level) and the grade level with most fundraising and class period with the most laps. [Click here](#) for the revised flyer which includes FAQs.

OPTIONAL REGISTRATION EVENT AT CLAIREMONT H.S. - MARCH 23

All incoming students have to provide registration documents such as proof of residence and immunization records. This is an opportunity to get these tasks done on a Saturday. [Click here](#) for more information.

SPRING BREAK - APRIL 1 through 5

All SDUSD schools are closed for spring break

MINIMUM DAY - APRIL 10

Marston has just 8 minimum days this school year (about one per month). Our next minimum day is Wednesday, April 10. The dismissal time is 1:10 p.m. Click [here](#) for the complete bell schedule. Marston uses minimum days for professional development. This year's focus is on [Universal Design for Learning](#) and supporting our [multilingual learners](#). The library is closed after school on minimum days, but the library computer lab will be available to students until 3:30 p.m., provided the students are following basic school rules.

7TH GRADERS VISIT CLAIREMONT HIGH SCHOOL - APRIL 12

All Marston 7th graders will learn about high school by touring the Clairemont H.S. campus on Friday, April 12. Students will attend school as they normally do and during second period will walk in assigned, supervised groups over to CHS. The tour will feature CHS's academy pathways, elective classes and extra-curricular programs. Parents are invited to attend the special parent session in the CHS Auditorium during the student rotations. Parents are invited to attend! [Click here](#) for more information.

MARSTON PTSA BOOK FAIR - APRIL 15-19

Let's stock those bookshelves for summer reading with fresh new books all while supporting the Marston Middle School library. Every purchase earns helps Marston purchase more library books. Please help us reach our goal of 600 books purchased!

Supporting the library has never been easier with two ways to shop:

SHOP IN-PERSON

Where: Marston Library Room
When: April 15-19
Before and After School and at Open House

SHOP ON-LINE

Where: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/marstonmiddleschool1>
When: April 15-28
Open 24/7

Set up eWALLET to send your student with funds to shop the fair! Click [here](#) to set-up an eWallet for your student to shop on their own.

MARSTON OPEN HOUSE - APRIL 18

Please join us for our annual Open House on Thursday, April 18 at approx 6:00 p.m. So many things to see including live music, dancing, robotics, P.E. demonstrations, art and some of our new facilities. Marston PTSA will be selling pizza, snacks and drinks. More details will be shared in the coming weeks.

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL - APRIL 19

Marston parents are invited to join Principal Jon Gollias in person (Marston Library) or online on Friday, April 19 from approx 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. At *Coffee with the Principal* meetings, the principal usually provides some updates and then opens it up for parent questions. Here's the link for those who wish to join online: (new link needed as we transition to MS Teams). If you plan on attending and have a specific topic you would like to discuss, please email Jon Gollias at jgollias@sandi.net as soon as possible.

END OF "P4" GRADING PERIOD - APRIL 19

Secondary schools have two semesters. At the end of each semester (January 19 and June 6), students receive a final grade for each course. Prior to the final semester grade, students receive progress report grades at predetermined intervals:

End of P1 = 9/29/23

End of P2 = 11/9/23

End of S1 = 1/19/24

End of P3 = 3/1/24

End of P4 = 4/19/24

End of S2 = 6/6/24

NOTE: Marston holds 2 awards shows per year (February and June). The awards categories typically include: Honor Roll (3.5+ GPA), Principals List (4.0 GPA), GPA Improvement (increase GPA by at least 1.0) Citizenship, Attendance and Spotlight Awards (open category). We plan to use students' grades on May 17 for the June awards show.

CHS SPRING CARNIVAL- APRIL 26

Clairemont H.S. invites all Marston families to their Spring Carnival which includes food trucks, games and prizes. Admission is free. [Click here](#) for more information.

MARSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL IS A 2024 CALIFORNIA DISTINGUISHED SCHOOL

On February 29th, Marston Middle School was awarded the distinction of *California Distinguished School* by State Superintendent Tony Thurmond. Schools receive this honor for closing the achievement gap and/or demonstrating exceptional student performance. The Marston Administration thanks all teachers, staff, students and parents for their hard work and support. [Click here](#) to read the news release from the California Department of Education.

SPRING SPORTS

Tryouts for wrestling, flag football and cheer have been completed. Marston is displaying the rosters in Student Services. Please note the difference between an official roster spot and a "practice-squad" spot. All communications about practices, games, etc. will come from your child's coach. Visit the [SDUSD MSA Website](#) for more information.

8TH GRADE REQUIREMENTS

All 8th graders are required to meet the following criteria in order to participate in the 8th grade promotion ceremony and the 8th grade field trip to the zoo.

- A minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 on May 17
- No more than one F on May 17
- No more than one U on May 17
- No fighting at any time during the current school year
- No suspensions after the P3 progress report in March
- Full completion of the 8th Grade Project

8TH GRADE ACTIVITIES AND PROMOTION INFORMATION AND ELIGIBILITY

Parents of 8th graders should carefully review [this letter](#) about 8th grade activities and the promotion ceremony.

JOIN THE MARSTON PTSA BOARD in 2024-2025

Marston Middle School needs you! Do you want to meet new parents and get to know Marston? Do you want to see what is happening around campus? Do you want to support our awesome teachers and staff? Do you want to support extracurricular programming for our kiddos? We need nominations for the President and a few other positions or we will not have a PTSA Board next year!! If you are at all interested or have questions, please contact the Nomination Committee Chair, Bianca Morales at biancamoralesegan@gmail.com any time! The time commitment for PTSA board members ranges from 2 - 5 hours per month. [Click here](#) for more information.

2024-2025 PRIMETIME APPLICATIONS

The 2024-2025 PrimeTime Online Applications opened on 3/4/24. Priority registration for 2024-2025 has changed following the California Department of Education (CDE) Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) grant requirements. Students who meet at least one of the following criteria will be given priority registration (1) Homeless/foster youth (highest priority) (2) Multilingual (English Language Learner) (3) Free or reduced-price meal eligibility based on the LCFF Income form. If a program reaches capacity, the submission date and time will be considered. For all other students not meeting the above criteria, registration will be a first come, first served based on program capacity. Apply via the [PrimeTime 2024-2025 website](#)

2024-2025 NEIGHBORHOOD BUS

Marston has been providing FREE bus service at 3 stops - Bay Park, Cadman and Holmes. We are also looking into stops at Alcott and Toler. To express interest in riding the bus for 2024-2025, please email Carol Montanez cmontanez@sandi.net ASAP and indicate the elementary school that is closest to your house. We will be sharing the requests soon with SDUSD Transportation to plan next year's bus service. Please note that if there is a capacity issue, priority will be given to families who use the bus daily, both morning and afternoon. NOTE: The neighborhood bus only provides service within the [Marston Attendance Boundary](#).

BAY HO IMPROVEMENT 3 PROJECT AND PURE WATER MORENA CONVEYANCE PROJECTS

The Bay Ho Improvement 3 Project (near Balboa Ave) is mostly done in terms of work near Marston. The Pure Water Morena Project (Clairemont Drive south of Ute) is underway and has a lane reduction in both directions. The Pure Water Morena Project works on an 800 foot section for about 4 weeks and then relocates north towards Balboa. During this project there will be one lane for drop-off and one lane for traffic. The intersection of Clairemont Dr. and Ute will be done on weekends in an effort to accommodate Marston and CHS.

Please consider carpooling, alternate drop-off locations and of course - arriving early. The Marston library opens at 7:35 a.m. and our designated gates open at 7:40 a.m. each day. Read more about these projects here: [Bay Ho Improvements 3](#) [Pure Water Morean Project](#)

MARSTON YEARBOOK IS ALMOST SOLD OUT

The Yearbook is almost sold out. Once we sell out we will not order more. The yearbook cost is \$60.00. [Click here](#) to order your student's yearbook online. Please direct any yearbook questions to Mrs. Montanez at cmontanez@sandi.net

FREE CLASSES FOR SDUSD PARENTS

SDUSD offers free classes to parents. Click on the links below for more information.

[Positive Parenting](#) [Adults Learning English \(Sherman Elementary\)](#) [Adults Learning English \(Hoover H.S.\)](#)

MARSTON PTSA UPDATE

Thank you for the awesome Marston PTSA Support! We have met our Goal of 250 PTSA members! We are still hoping to meet our Fundraising Goal of \$20,000- here are opportunities to support Marston.

Ways to Support Marston - Make a Donation: <https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/MarstonMiddlePTSA>

SUMMER COURSES OFFERED AT CLAIREMONT HS TO RISING 9TH GRADERS

Details are still being worked out at the district level, but the following courses are expected to be offered at Clairemont H.S. for high school credit: computer science, theater tech, video production, visual art & design, Spanish 1-2, Spanish 3-4, Spanish 5-6, Integrated Math 1, Integrated Math 2 and Integrated Math 3. More information will be shared at a later time.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

[Click here](#) for a clear, concise directory of mental health resources in our community. [Click here](#) for information on free mental health seminars for parents.

THE MARSTON CALENDAR

Want to know about additional upcoming dates and events like music concerts, spring break, field trips and the promotion ceremony? Access the Marston calendar on the right side of the Marston website. [Click here](#) to access directly.

THE MARINER REPORT aka "TMR"

This is a reminder that Marston has an amazing weekly news show, *The Mariner Report*. Click [here](#) to see archived episodes of TMR, led by the TMR students and Mr. Paulson. The latest episodes are also posted in the news section of the Marston website (at the bottom).

MARSTON GEAR

Marston offers 2 options for Marston gear:

1. Marston ASB Store - inexpensive gear, limited selection. Cash only sales during lunch. Click [here](#) for items and prices.
2. [BSN Online Store](#) - large selection, higher-priced, customizable gear. Must buy online and ship to home. Click on items and then click "Other Designs Available" to select your preferred text, logo and colors.

MARSTON MAIN OFFICE

Marston's Main Office is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Please bookmark [this important directory](#) which informs parents who to contact for each type of inquiry. We have an awesome, supportive staff at Marston and we look forward to assisting you.