

MARSTON UPDATE

October 22, 2023



MONSTER MADNESS - OCTOBER 25

Please join us on Wednesday, October 25th at approximately 5:30 p.m. in the Marston Auditorium for live performances by music students, scary short films by video production students and art on display from visual art students. Mr. Paulson's graphic design students made some excellent flyers for this event - please [click here](#) to see them. Music groups are expected to be orchestra, choir and advanced band. PTSA will be selling pizza and drinks in front of the auditorium. Please come and enjoy this fun event! Arrive early as parking is extremely limited.

HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAY AT CLAIREMONT H.S. - OCTOBER 27

All Marston 8th graders will learn about high school by touring the Clairemont H.S. campus on October 27th. 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! [Click here](#) for more information.

HALLOWEEN - OCTOBER 31

Students may wear Halloween costumes on this day provided the attire is in alignment with the Marston Dress Code (see student planner) and no masks, helmets, etc. that cover the face. Face paint is permitted. The Marston staff must be able to see the faces of all individuals on campus.

LOTE TESTING FOR SELECT STUDENTS - NOVEMBER 1

Students who speak a language other than English may take the SDUSD LOTE test on 1/11/23. Successfully passing this test will satisfy a high school graduation requirement. Some information about the test and the language requirements can be found [here](#). Please direct questions about this test to Assoc. Principal Alex Nguyen anguyen@sandi.net

END OF "P2" GRADE REPORTING PERIOD - NOVEMBER 9

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 P3 = 3/1/24

End of P2 = 11/9/23

End of P4 = 4/19/24

End of S1 = 1/19/24

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), Citizenship, Attendance and Spotlight Awards (open category).

NO SCHOOL - NOVEMBER 10

All SDUSD schools are closed on Friday, November 10th in observance of Veteran's Day.

MINIMUM DAY - NOVEMBER 15

Marston has just 8 minimum days this school year (about one per month). Our next minimum day is Wednesday, November 15. 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.

MARSTON THEATER PROGRAM - BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Students interested in participating in *Beauty and the Beast* must submit [this Google Form](#). Workshops begin in November in the Marston auditorium. [Click here](#) for the schedule. Participation is free and everyone is welcome. At the workshops, we will be playing games and doing activities with singing, dancing and acting. Students who enjoy it should audition in December. Students who participate in the workshop do NOT have to be in the production. Students who do want to be in the production are required to attend at least one workshop. Students who want to be a part of stage crew are invited to attend the workshops. We hope to see you there!

The Beauty and the Beast Team - Ms. Jakubowski, Mr. Ruiz, and Mrs. Newlin

MARSTON SOCCER AND VOLLEYBALL - EXPERIENCED COACHES NEEDED

Marston needs an experienced girls soccer coach AND an experienced boys soccer coach for the upcoming season. Each coach will receive a stipend of approximately \$1600 for the season. Qualified coaches should email Carol Montanez cmontanez@sandi.net ASAP. Students who want to play on one of the 4 winter sports teams (girls volleyball, boys volleyball, girls soccer, boys soccer) need to register before tryouts (exact deadline hasn't been announced. [Click here](#) to register. All teams have a limited number of roster spots available; tryouts are required. Visit the [SDUSD MSA website](#) for more information.

Tentative dates for winter sports season:

Tryouts Begin: December 4

First Game of Season: January 13

End of Regular Season: February 10

Playoffs: February 24

MARSTON PTSA UPDATE

Thank You, Marston Families, for all of your support! PTSA now has 240 members (goal is 250 members) Haven't joined PTSA yet? [Click here](#) to join. The contribution drive is up to \$7905 (goal is \$20,000) [Click here](#) to make a tax deductible contribution to help our fundraising efforts.

Please support PTSA/Marston (see attached Flyers for more info):

* October 25- Monster Madness Concessions- see [Flyer](#)

* November 14- Dine In/Take Out at Blaze Pizza- see [Flyer](#)

* December 13- Dine In/Take Out at Chipotle- see [Flyer](#)

MARSTON ROBOTICS PROGRAM

Marston's Clairemonster FIRST LEGO League Robotics team is more than half way through their 9th competitive season. Their first competition is on Wednesday, October 25th with 28 students on 8 different teams competing. In the MASTERPIECESM season, FIRST LEGO League teams are imagining and innovating new ways to create and communicate art across the globe through a research project. They are also building and coding a robot to complete a variety of missions built out of Legos on a 4'x8' foot robot game arena. If you think your student would be interested in joining our robotics team, make sure

they have selected "Robotics" on their Advisory Exploration Selection Survey. These selections are "live" and can be altered at any time. Ms. Holland, the robotics coach, will begin teaching Beginning & Advanced Robotics through the Advisory program after the completion of this season's tournaments. From there, students can apply to be on next year's competitive team. All of this could not occur without the generous financial support from Marston's PTSA!

MARSTON BASKETBALL AND TRACK

Thank you players and parents for a great fall season of sports! We appreciate your commitment and hope you had fun. We are refining some processes to ensure an even better experience for future sports seasons. This is the last call for fall sports pictures - please send your sports pictures to Carol Montanez at cmontanez@sandi.net Go Mariners!

Please click the links below for schedules, results and standings.

[Marston Rosters](#) [Basketball standings](#) [Basketball schedule/scores](#) [Track Standings](#) [Track Results](#)
[Track Schedule](#) [SDUSD MSA Website](#)

MORENA PIPELINE PROJECT ON CLAIREMONT DRIVE

Every month or so the Morena Pipeline Project moves north on Clairemont Drive. The current phase started on October 10th - going from Iroquois Ave. to Dakota Dr. [Click here](#) for more information. Marston administrators recently met with officials from the project to discuss impacts for when the project moves alongside our school. Staff from the project recently observed Marston's drop-off and pick-up. Marston shared that we cannot conduct a reasonable drop-off or pick-up if we were to lose the drop-off lane along Clairemont Drive during that phase of the project (expected to be December). Marston will continue to work with the City of San Diego on a solution that will work for all parties. It is possible that the majority of the "Marston Phase" can be done during a holiday break.

HELP WANTED: PART-TIME CAMPUS SUPERVISOR

If you know anyone interested in a part-time campus supervisor position at Marston Middle School, please have them contact Pam Winter pwinter1@sandi.net The hours will be approximately 11:15 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. An increase of hours over time is possible. Campus supervisors are extremely helpful to Marston. In addition to supervising students, they help with lost items, delivering passes, mentoring students, providing bathroom breaks to staff, unlocking rooms, assisting visitors and so on. If you like to be on your feet, help others and keep busy, this might be the right job for you. [Click here](#) to apply to the pool (you will need to indicate your preferred site of Marston at a later time in the process).

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

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

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.