

MARSTON UPDATE

January 25, 2026



AWARDS SHOWS - FEBRUARY 3, 5, 6

Select Marston students will be presented an award at a special event in February. Marston uses the final S1 (first semester) data for awards. Categories for the awards are expected to be - Honor Roll (GPA 3.5-3.9), Principal's List (4.0), GPA Improvement (raise GPA by 0.8+), Outstanding Citizenship, Outstanding Attendance and Spotlight Awards. All of the awards shows will be during 7th period (1:50 p.m. - 2:40 p.m.) 6th grade will be on 2/3, 7th grade is on 2/5 and 8th grade is on 2/6. Parents and guardians of award recipients will soon be notified by Marston office staff. Please park in the gym parking lot or in a legal spot in the community. Do not park in loading zones or fire lanes.

END OF P3 GRADING GRADING PERIOD - FEBRUARY 12

Secondary schools have two semesters. At the end of each semester (December 19 and May 28), students receive a final grade for each course. Prior to the final semester grade, students receive progress report grades at predetermined intervals (see below). Please review [Marston's Grading Policies](#) and [Marston's Academic Resources](#).

End of P1 = 9/19/25

End or P2 = 10/31/25

End of S1 = 12/19/25

End of P3 = 2/12/26

End of P4 = 3/27/26

End of S2 = 5/28/26

NOTE: Marston holds 2 awards shows per year (February and May). The awards categories typically include: Honor Roll (3.5+ GPA), Principals List (4.0 GPA), GPA Improvement (increase GPA by at least 0.8) Citizenship, Attendance and Spotlight Awards (open category). We plan to use the S1 grades for the February awards show and P4 grades for the May awards show.

NO SCHOOL - FEBRUARY 13 and 16

All SDUSD schools are closed on February 13 and 16 for Presidents Day.

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL - FEBRUARY 20

Marston parents are invited to join Principal Gollias in-person or online on Friday, February 20 from approx 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. In-person guests enter through the Main Office will be directed from there. Here's the link to join online: meet.google.com/ggr-moms-uhz At *Coffee with the Principal*, the principal provides some updates and then takes parent questions. If you plan on attending and have a question, please email Jon Gollias at jgollias@sandi.net as soon as possible.

SPRING SPORTS TRYOUTS BEGIN WEEK OF FEBRUARY 23

Marston will have 5 MSA teams this spring - boys wrestling, girls wrestling, boys flag football, girls flag football and cheerleading! All participating students must register and tryout. Football and cheerleading practices are expected to be at Marston on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Wrestling practices will be at Clairemont H.S. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from approx 3:30- 5:00 p.m. All games/matches are on Saturdays at various SDUSD high schools. Spring sports tryouts are expected to begin on the week of 2/23/26. Regular season is scheduled for 3/14/26 through 4/26/26. Playoffs are expected to be 5/2/26 and 5/9/26. All dates, times and locations are subject to change. [Register for Tryouts](#) [SDUSD MSA Website](#) (select middle school tab) [Parent FAQs](#)

7TH GRADE SDSU/UCSD FIELD TRIP UPDATE - FEBRUARY 24

Due to the recently announced academic calendar change, the 7th Grade Field Trip is now scheduled for Tuesday, February 24th. The start/end times will likely have to move to later in the day due to some busing constraints. We need at least ten 7th grade parents to chaperone about 10 students each on the college campus. The volunteer will supervise all assigned students and read a script at each tour stop. The total time commitment will be about 2.5 hours (current estimate is 10am to 1pm). Interested parents should email Carol Montanez cmontanez@sandi.net soon as it takes time to process volunteers. Please review the [Marston Volunteer Information](#)

FEBRUARY 26 - NO SCHOOL

A calendar change was recently made closing all SDUSD schools on 2/26/26 and making 3/9/26 a school day. [Click here](#) for more information.

PTSA UPDATE - BOARD POSITIONS FOR 2026-2027

Join the team! Nominations are now open for the PTSA board of 2026-2027. Click [HERE](#) to review the board positions and learn more about the extremely important positions open to help our Marston Mariners have a memorable year at Marston. We need your help to make a difference and support the students and staff. Thank you for your dedication and time! Reach out to Lorena Romero at lorenalopez5061@gmail.com with any questions. PTSA is still in need of contributions for the 2025-2026 school year. [Click here](#) to donate via PayPal.

PLEASE SUBMIT FEDERAL IMPACT AID SURVEY

Please complete and return the Federal Impact Aid Survey form that your student recently brought home. The form is white and is pre-printed with your student's information. This form can also be submitted through your PowerSchool Parent Portal account which is the preferred method. Questions, email impactaide@sandi.net or Mrs. Cote at ncote@sandi.net This survey helps Marston secure critical funding.

MSA WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

The regular season is under way and the playoffs are 1/31/26 and 2/6/26. Visit the links below for more information. Note that Marston has [many afterschool programs](#) available to all students. [MSA Website \(select last tab\)](#) [Soccer Schedule/Results](#) [Volleyball Schedule/Results](#) [FAQs for Parents](#)

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Winter after-school programs include theater, volleyball, soccer, softball, boxing, tennis and wrestling. [Click here](#) to review all of Marston's after-school programs (scroll down to the "Winter" section). Please note that some of these programs are for future Mariners (grades 4 and 5). We are currently working on spring programming - expect some revisions over the next few weeks.

CLAIREMONT H.S. TOURS

One of the best high schools for college prep is Clairemont High School. In addition to 20 advanced course options (AP and Mesa College courses open to ALL students) Clairemont H.S. offers multiple career and college pathways. Each pathway offers access to college credits by exam, leading to the majority of CHS students graduating high school with a college transcript! CHS's structure helps students get accepted into universities and also saves parents a lot of money. Clairemont H.S. offers tours at 9:00 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. [Click here](#) for a student-created virtual tour.

CLAIREMONT H.S. NEW MASCOT NAME

With community input, the mascot committee narrowed down over 100 suggestions to the finalists listed in the link. Please share your input by rating each of the suggestions [via this survey](#). The final decision is expected to be made on 1/20/26, so please vote now!

PTSA BOOKFAIR CHAIR NEEDED

PTSA is looking for a new Book fair Chair for next year. The interested person could shadow this year in Spring to learn the ropes. Current chair is available to help next year but wants to start the transition. The companies make it super easy with training videos and on-call support. The kids can be recruited to help with many tasks. Contact Jackie Hysko at 5hyskos@gmail.com if interested.

MARSTON THEATER UPDATE

Thank you to all students who auditioned for Aladdin Jr.! [Here is the Aladdin Jr. schedule](#) for the school year. Students should check the Aladdin Jr. Google Classroom page for announcements. Please contact Ms. Newlin, Mr. Ruiz or Mr. Bongiovanni with any questions.

CLAIREMONT DRIVE SAFETY ISSUE

Based on daily observations and all the input from police, parents and community members, the very clear consensus is that a configuration with curbside loading is essential for safety. A bike lane between parking/loading spaces and the travel lane is in place just north of Balboa and about a mile south of Marston, so the City's opposition to that same configuration at Marston is unsubstantiated. Please contact City leaders and media outlets until we achieve a design that is safe for our school community.

MARSTON YEARBOOK NOW ON SALE

The 2025-2026 Marston yearbook is on sale now! Place your order for the yearbook [online](#) or by calling 1-877-767-5217. When yearbooks sell out, Marston does not have the ability to order more. The best way to avoid that situation is by ordering now.

SOCIAL MEDIA USE - FAMILY RESOURCES

The SDUSD Board of Education approved a resolution to address the dangers of social media. The district is informing and engaging families, students, and educators on responsible social media use, digital literacy, and reducing excessive screen time. Please access these important links for more information and resources. [Email from Superintendent](#) [Family Engagement Presentation](#) [Family Resources](#)

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TO/FROM MARSTON

SANDAG created [this resource](#) for Marston families regarding transportation to/from Marston. Marston also offers a neighborhood bus with 3 stops - Holmes, Bay Park and Alcott. Contact Carol Montanez cmontanez@sandi.net regarding Marston's neighborhood busing program.

CHROMEBOOK CARE

[Click here](#) for Chromebook care information. Coloring or decorating SDUSD Chromebooks with marker, stickers, jewels, etc. is prohibited. Chromebooks are district property and should only be personalized with the student's name on painter's tape.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Access [this concise directory of local mental health resources](#). Also, Marston's mental health partner, [Wellness Together](#), offers free online resources for parents and students in the [Wellness Education Lab](#).

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.

THE MARINER REPORT aka "TMR"

Be sure to watch Marston's amazing weekly news show, *The Mariner Report*. [Click here](#) to see current and archived episodes of TMR, led by the TMR students and Mr. Paulson.

MARSTON GEAR

Marston offers 2 options for Marston gear:

1. [Marston ASB Store](#) - inexpensive gear, limited selection. Cash only sales during lunch.
2. [BSN Online Store](#) - large selection, higher-priced, customizable gear. Buy online and ship to home. Customize your gear by clicking "Other Designs Available" to select text, logo and colors.

MARSTON MAIN OFFICE

The Marston 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.