

MARSTON UPDATE

December 14, 2025



WINTER CONCERT - DECEMBER 16

Please join us for our annual Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 16th at 5pm in the Marston Auditorium. [Click here](#) for details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED on DECEMBER 16

PTSA needs donations and volunteers for the Winter Concert on Tuesday, December 16th. [Visit this link](#) to view our volunteer list and donation requests. Thank you for your support!

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS TO BE DONATED - DECEMBER 19

The Marston Lost and Found near room 102 is overflowing with hoodies, water bottles and other items. Please tell your child to claim their items by 12/19/25. Items remaining after this date will be donated to a local non-profit.

END OF FIRST SEMESTER - DECEMBER 19

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 of P3 = 2/12/26

End of P2 = 10/31/25

End of P4 = 3/27/26

End of S1 = 12/19/25

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.

WINTER BREAK - DECEMBER 20 through JANUARY 4

The last day of the first semester is Friday, December 19th. School will then close for winter break and reopen on Monday, January 5th. [Click here](#) for the complete SDUSD Academic Calendar.

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL - JANUARY 16

Marston parents are invited to join Principal Gollias in-person or online on Friday, January 16 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.

NO SCHOOL - JANUARY 19

All SDUSD schools are closed on Monday, January 19th in honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. [Click here](#) for the complete SDUSD Academic Calendar.

MSA WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

The regular season has started 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. [Winter Sports Registration](#) [MSA Website](#) [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).

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.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 7TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

We hope to again have all 7th grade students visit a local university (UCSD or SDSU) on Thursday, February 26th. 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 (approx 8:45am to 11:15am). Interested parents should email Kim Eurich soon as it takes time to process volunteers. Please review the [Marston Volunteer Information](#)

FOOD BANKS IN SAN DIEGO

There are multiple food resources in San Diego including [Feeding San Diego](#), [San Diego Food Bank](#) and [Jewish Family Services](#). [Click here](#) for a slide deck with the key information. [Click here](#), input your zip code and the nearest food banks will populate including days and hours of operation. [Click here](#) for a flyer with QR codes. Food banks sometimes run out of food on distribution days. Families should arrive early with plenty of their own bags and a way to get the food back (ex: wagon or cart).

SAFE PARKING LOT FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

[SDUSD recently made a parking lot](#) available in City Heights to homeless families. Amenities including a turf field, homework bungalows, meal preparation, movie nights and meetings with case managers. Marston families who need access to a safe lot need to [contact the Marston Counselors](#) to be referred.

PTSA UPDATE

PTSA is still in need of contributions for the 2025-2026 school year. [Click here](#) to donate via PayPal.

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.

NEW STUDENT CHROMEBOOK RESTRICTIONS

Marston is implementing new restrictions on all student computers that change based on the time of day and day of week. The new restrictions started on 11/3/25. The new restrictions should help students use computers appropriately and avoid distractions. [Click here](#) for more information.

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](#)

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.