

MARSTON UPDATE

September 15, 2024



MAKE-UP PICTURE DAY - SEPTEMBER 17

[Marston's Picture Day](#) was on 9/10/24. There will be a make-up picture day on 9/17/24. Only absent students will be invited to the make-up. If your child took a picture on 9/10/24, but wants a retake (perhaps the student had a bad hair day) then contact Carol Montanez cmontanez@sandi.net ASAP to request a retake.

LATE BUS - STARTS SEPTEMBER 17

Students who currently have busing services and stay after school for a Marston activity (tutoring, sports, theater, Primetime, etc.) may ride the Marston late bus starting on 9/17/24. The late buses will depart at approximately 4:10 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 3:10 p.m. on Wednesdays. The service is expected to continue throughout the school year as long as the buses are being utilized by students. Please contact Carol Montanez cmontanez@sandi.net with questions about busing.

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL - SEPTEMBER 20

Marston parents are invited to join Principal Jon Gollias (in person) or online on Friday, September 20th from approx 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. In-person guests will sign-in in the Main Office will be directed from there. Here's the link for those who wish to join online: meet.google.com/bgg-vfon-uai At *Coffee with the Principal* meetings, the principal usually provides some updates and then opens it up for parent questions. 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 "P1" GRADING PERIOD - SEPTEMBER 20

Secondary schools have two semesters. At the end of each semester (December 20 and May 29), 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 = 9/20/24

End of P3 = 2/24/25

End of P2 = 11/1/24

End of P4 = 3/28/25

End of S1 = 12/20/24

End of S2 = 5/29/24

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 1.0) 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.

SPECIAL YMCA MISSION VALLEY EVENT - SEPTEMBER 23

Join Alex Morgan and the US Soccer Foundation at this special opening day event, celebrating a new mini-pitch soccer venue. [Click here](#) for more information.

CLAIREMONT COMMUNITY OF SCHOOLS - MARSTON LIBRARY AND ONLINE - SEPTEMBER 26

Clairemont Community of Schools (CCoS) are meetings in which parents and staff from all 5 feeder elementary schools, Marston and Clairemont High School discuss topics such as K-12 alignment, district updates, enrollment and other items brought forth to the committee. These meetings also feature a special presentation. The 9/26 meeting will feature a special presentation on mental health and

wellness. There will also be a presentation on a proposed change to the Marston attendance boundary (new Mt. Etna housing going to Sequoia/Innovation in lieu of Holmes/Marston). Area Superintendents, principals and a SDUSD Board Trustee usually attend CCoS meetings. Click [here](#) for more information including in-person meeting location, online meeting link, meeting dates/times and link to submit an agenda item. If you want to submit an agenda item request, please do at least 7 days prior to the meeting.

NO SCHOOL - OCTOBER 4

All SDUSD schools including Marston will be closed on Friday, October 4th. [Click here](#) for the complete SDUSD 2024-2025 school calendar.

FALL SPORTS UPDATE

Communications about Marston teams are between the family and the coach. If additional support is needed, please contact MSA site liaison, Carol Montanez cmontanez@sandi.net [MSA Website](#) [MSA Basketball Schedule/Results](#) [MSA Track Schedule/Results](#)

MARSTON IS HIRING!

Marston is hiring a part-time campus supervisor, cafeteria staff and an evening sub custodian. The hours for the campus supervisor are approx 11:20 a.m. to 2:50 p.m. Contact Pam Winter pwinter1@sandi.net if you are interested in the CSA position. The sub custodian can accept or decline each shift offered. [Click here](#) to apply for sub custodian. The Marston cafeteria is hiring multiple staff to help with food service (daily shift is approx 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.). If you are interested that position, please email foodservicejobs@sandi.net

JOIN THE PTSA!

The Marston Membership Drive is in full swing and we are halfway to our goal of 300 parents, students, and teachers! Your \$20 contribution will help us continue providing amazing programs and opportunities for your students. The PTSA funds teacher and library grants, Robotics Club, celebratory snacks after each Student Recognition Ceremony, and so much more! [Click here](#) to sign up today! Thank you for your continuing support, and for being a part of this amazing community and all of the opportunities it provides!

VOLUNTEERING AT MARSTON

Parents who submitted a volunteer application need to submit a negative TB test. This can be satisfied by doing one of the following:

Option 1: Go through your medical provider

Option 2: Get a copy from prior volunteer work (must be less than 3 years old)

Option 3: Email Marston Nurse Amy Elkind Aelkind@sandi.net for a screening appointment

The negative TB information needs to be provided by 9/30/24 or the application will be placed in the inactive files.

CLAIREMONT H.S. HOME FOOTBALL GAMES

Football season is here! Clairemont High School welcomes Marston Students and families to attend the six home games. [Click here](#) for things to know before you go. Go Chiefs!

[Football Schedule](#) [Entry Policy](#) [Buy Tickets](#)

MARSTON COUNSELING UPDATE

Marston counselors have a yearlong plan that includes in-class lessons, special presentations, course selection and parent workshops. Get the latest by reading the [Counselor's Corner newsletter](#).

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance is very important to your child's academic and social success! Students who miss days have a difficult time catching up with assignments, which can cause stress and anxiety.

If your child is not feeling well during the school day, they should ask for a pass to see the nurse and are not permitted to text a parent/guardian to pick them up. Students are not permitted to use cell phones during school hours. Nursing staff will assess their health and contact the parent as necessary. Students may also experience occasionally anxiety about school. Marston School Counselors have great resources to support students who are feeling anxious. If your child is frequently missing school, please reach out to Marston Counselors or School Nurse to discuss strategies to help:

Counselor A-L: Mrs. Moravec jmoravec2@sandi.net Counselor M-Z: Mrs. Teijaro ateijaro@sandi.net
School Nurse Amy Elkind aelkind@sandi.net

Please review these [Attendance Guidelines for Parents](#) We appreciate your partnership in ensuring regular school attendance!

MARSTON TARDY POLICY

Please help preserve instructional time by encouraging your child to arrive to all classes on time. Please know that walking through the school gates a couple minutes before 8:00 a.m. does not mean that your child is on time for school. It takes additional time for the student to walk from the gate into their first period class. Marston assigns detentions and Saturday School for excessive tardies. Please discuss [Marston's Tardy Policy](#) with your child.

EAST COAST/EUROPE TRIPS

Marston Middle School has no affiliation with any travel companies that offer student trips to other states or countries. In SDUSD, school-related, multi-day trips require approvals from the Principal, Area Superintendent and the SDUSD Board of Trustees. Marston Middle School does not contract with, affiliate with, sponsor, supervise, organize, oversee or advertise these trips.

CHROMEBOOK DISTRIBUTION, CARE and FEES

All 6th grade students will exchange their old Chromebook for a new or refurbished Chromebook during the first week of school. Students new to SDUSD will simply receive a Chromebook without an exchange. Please review [this important Chromebook information](#) with your child, which includes fees for damage and loss.

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

Normal office hours are 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.