

MARSTON UPDATE

July 27, 2025



WELCOME TO MARSTON!

We are very excited to have your child for the 2025-2026 school year! Marston has the best people, the best programs and the best campus! If you do not plan to attend Marston for the 2025-2026 school year, please email Marston Enrollment Clerk Carol Montanez cmontanez@sandi.net immediately so we can effectively prepare for the school year.

MARSTON MAIN OFFICE REOPENS - JULY 28

The Marston Main office will reopen at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, July 28th. From that point, the office will be 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.

OPTIONAL PARENT ORIENTATION - AUGUST 4

Marston parents who are eager to get on campus and learn about the logistics of starting school are invited to join us in the Marston Auditorium on Monday, August 4th from 5-6pm. This content will be very similar to the content at our New Student Orientation on Friday, August 8th. We will be able to go a little slower in this session and answer more questions. Please park in the gym parking lot if there is room. If no spots remain, then please find legal parking nearby. Topics at this meeting will include pick-up and drop-off, extra-curricular opportunities, basic school rules, bell schedule, staff directory and communication. This event is intended for parents only; any students in attendance must be accompanied by their parent. Parents can also listen in live on this meeting, but the A/V quality will not be great. After the event, parents are welcome to walk around the campus.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES - AUGUST 4

Parents of students with disabilities are invited to attend this informational meeting presented by Special Education Department Chair, Ms. Adrienne Fay. The event is on 8/4/25 from 6:15 - 7:15 pm. Come learn about how we provide services and support, monitor student progress, manage caseloads, communicate with families and more. There will be time to get questions answered. This event is intended for parents only; any students in attendance must be accompanied by their parent. Parents can also listen in live on this meeting, but the A/V quality will not be great.

NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION – AUGUST 8

New students and their parents/guardians should attend the New Student Orientation at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 8th. New students will receive their schedules, take a tour and roam freely throughout the campus to become more familiar with key locations. The orientation will also feature a presentation with the principal, counselors and other staff members. New students will also be able to enjoy a free pizza lunch, sponsored by our PTSA. We look forward to seeing you here! This event will start at 10:00 a.m. and end at about 11:45 a.m.

IMPORTANT: Returning students who would like to lead informal tours on 8/8/25 should email Marston Counselor Ms. Teijaro at ateijaro@sandi.net well in advance of the event. Thank you for helping our new students!

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - AUGUST 11

[Click here](#) for the SDUSD 2025-2026 calendar. [Click here](#) for Marston's bell schedule. Gates open daily at 7:40 a.m. and classes start at 8:00 a.m. Please arrive to campus daily at 7:40 a.m. to account for traffic.

PTSA-SPONSORED NEW PARENT "MIXER" - AUGUST 14

Parents NEW to Marston are invited to our *New Parent Mixer* on Thursday, August 14th from 5 to 7pm. at [The Cordova](#) on 1319 Morena Blvd. Light appetizers are provided by the Marston PTSA. At this event, new parents can get questions answered by PTSA parents and Marston staff. This event is for adults only.

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL - AUGUST 15

Marston parents are invited to join Principal Gollias in-person or online on Friday, August 15 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. At the August meeting we will discuss [Title One](#), [Sexual Health Education](#) and other topics.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT AND ACADEMIC SUCCESS PRESENTATION - AUGUST 27

The academic success presentation will begin in the auditorium at 5pm and the Back to School Night portion will begin at about 6pm (details are still being determined). The Back to School night portion is where parents meet teachers by going from class to class according to their child's schedule. We will link the academic success slides here at a later time. For Back to School Night, parents must bring copy of their child's class schedule with room numbers so they know where to go each period. Back to School Night is for parents and guardians only.

NEW STREET STRIPING ON CLAIREMONT DRIVE

The new striping on Clairmont Drive has reduced the number of travel lanes alongside Marston from 4 to 2. Additionally, the number of parking/loading spots on Clairemont Drive alongside Marston has been reduced from about 22 spots down to about 7. These changes will worsen the heavy traffic we previously experienced during drop-off and dismissal. Marston will remain in communication with the City of San Diego and SDUSD School Police, but it's hard to imagine that anything other than reinstating the old striping would provide the space necessary for sufficient traffic flow. Questions and concerns about the new striping can be directed to Everett Hauser, Program Manager at the City of San Diego Transportation Department, ERHauser@sandiego.gov or (619) 533-3012.

The City of San Diego has stated that Marston parents can use the 7 parking/loading spots on Clairemont drive for pick-up and drop off, even though the new bike lane is now between the curb and the parking spots. SDUSD buses are permitted to use Clairemont Drive for pick-up and drop off. Carpooling is highly recommended. It is even more critical now for drivers to exercise patience and follow all traffic laws including red lights, crosswalks and red curbs.

MSA - THE OFFICIAL MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS LEAGUE OF SAN DIEGO UNIFIED

Marston will have a boys team and girls team for all MSA teams. For the fall season, the sports are basketball and track. Tryouts will begin the week of August 25th (exact days of week will be announced later). Tryouts are required for all players. There is no fee to participate in this league. For the regular season, outdoor sports will likely practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The indoor sports are expected to practice on Tuesdays and Fridays. All games are on Saturdays at various SDUSD high schools. Visit the links below for more information. Registration is required for participation in tryouts - please do this by August 15. [MSA Website](#) [FAQs for Parents](#) [2025 Fall Sports Registration](#)

ADDITIONAL AFTER SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES AT MARSTON

Marston strives to offer the most after-school programs in San Diego. [Click here](#) to review all of Marston's after-school programs (revisions will be made throughout the year). Please note that some of these programs are for future Mariners (grades 4 and 5).

MARSTON'S POLICIES

Please review [Marston's school policies](#) with your child. Teachers will review key policies with all students during advisory the first 3 weeks of school. Expectations indicated in the student planner are merely an overview and should not be considered exhaustive. For additional policies, please visit [California Education Code](#) and [SDUSD Policies and Procedures](#)

VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

If you know of an organization who is willing to do a volunteer project on the Marston campus, please ask them to email Jon Gollias jgollias@sandi.net. We have a few areas that need a lot of attention, mostly landscaping. It can be challenging to organize a project with a random collection of families - this is why we're asking for an established, organized group. Thank you for your consideration! We will publicly recognize those who take on a project. Looking forward to those before/after photos!

NEIGHBORHOOD BUS FOR 2025-2026

Marston plans to again offer a FREE neighborhood bus with 3 stops. Marston and SDUSD determine the 3 stops based on where prospective riders reside. To express interest in the free neighborhood bus for 2025-2026, [complete this form](#) as soon as possible. If capacity is an issue, priority will be given to families who use the bus daily, both morning and afternoon. Riders who do not use the bus regularly, may lose their bus pass to create room to riders who need the bus daily. If the list is full, please ask to be added to the waitlist as we can use that information to request an additional bus.

STUDENT SCHEDULES FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Student schedules for the 2025-2026 school year will be visible in Powerschool on Friday, August 8th at 5pm. Students new to Marston will pick up their schedules at the New Student Orientation earlier that day. Prior to August 8th, students should not log into other SDUSD platforms to view schedules as additional changes are likely, due to changes in enrollment and other factors. Requests for specific teachers, classes with friends or specific periods will not be accommodated. Please contact your child's assigned counselor if there is an error with your schedule (wrong grade level, two science classes, etc.). Powerschool will be inaccessible to families from 6/30/25 to 8/8/25.

SUGGESTED SUPPLIES FOR 2025-2026

Here are some supplies that can be very helpful to students:

1. Chromebook protective case. Unfortunately some middle school students slam their computers shut, knock their computer off the desk, throw their backpacks onto the ground, etc. Per district policy, families are financially responsible for damage to Chromebooks. [Click here](#) for Chromebook care information and fee amounts.
2. Wired headphones with the standard 3.5 mm aux jack. These can be easily stored in the backpack and brought to class daily. Please note that wireless earbuds are not permitted on campus because they are not visible to teachers. Over the head headphones are permitted, but they can be bulky and may not fit in the backpack.
3. Traditional supplies: pens, pencils and paper. Some teachers will have additional recommendations, but please wait until those are announced by the teacher during the first week of school. Families that need assistance with basic supplies should ask their counselor or teachers.

MARSTON P.E. UNIFORMS

Big Frog T-Shirts and More in Clairemont produces Marston's P.E. uniforms for sale. If your child's current P.E. uniform fits fine, there is no need to purchase a new one. Families are encouraged to visit the in-person store at 4951 Clairemont Drive to ensure sizing is correct. Families may also order through the online store, but please be careful when selecting your sizes (e.g. youth vs. adult sizes) [Marston Middle School PE 2025](#) Sweatpants and sweatshirts are optional. Students only need blue shorts and gray shirts to participate in P.E. For directions, hours and contact information, visit [Big Frog's general website](#)

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

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

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

[Click here](#) for a concise directory of mental health resources in our community. [Click here](#) for information on free mental health seminars for parents. Additionally, Marston's mental health partner, [Wellness Together](#), now offers free online resources for parents and students at 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. [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.

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