# MARSTON UPDATE
## November 8, 2026

**WINTER SPORTS UPDATE**
Tryouts for MSA boys volleyball and MSA girls soccer have been completed and those rosters have been posted in Student Services.

For MSA Girls Volleyball, the final tryout session on Tuesday, November 10th is only for select students. That list of invited students has been posted in Student Services.

For YMCA JV Volleyball, all 6th and 7th grade girls are invited to the final tryout session on Thursday, November 12th.

For boys soccer, all students are invited to the final tryout session on Tuesday, November 10th.

For YMCA JV teams, the coaches will be contacting families to offer roster spots. It's very important that families promptly accept the spot and register through YMCA. Otherwise the spot may be awarded to another student. Financial assistance is available by contacting the YMCA branch that is hosting the league (volleyball is Toby Wells, soccer is Dan McKinney).

**FROZEN JR. THEATER AUDITIONS BEGIN NOVEMBER 10**
Students who want to participate in the spring production of Frozen, must submit an Audition Form or Stage Crew Form by Monday 11/9 at 5:00pm. Please submit as soon as possible and know that forms are editable up to the final day. It is best to talk to your families first before trying out for a Lead Role to see if you have any schedule conflicts. Also be sure to enter a current email address of your guardian in the form. This is the primary way we will be communicating with our families. Feel free to email me if you have any questions. enewlin@sandi.net Click here for the complete theater schedule.

**NO SCHOOL - NOVEMBER 11**
All SDUSD schools are closed on Wednesday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day. Click here for the complete SDUSD academic calendar.

**COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL - NOVEMBER 20**
Marston parents are invited to join Principal Gollias in-person or online on Friday, November 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. 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.

**CLAIREMONT H.S. EARLY OUT DAY - NOVEMBER 20**
This school year, Clairemont H.S. has dismissal at 2:35 p.m. on: 10/9, 11/20, 12/18, 3/12, 3/26, 5/25 and 5/26. Dismissal traffic will be very heavy on these days. Please carpool, drive patiently and choose a pick up location further south and east on these days.

**NO SCHOOL - NOVEMBER 23-27**

All SDUSD schools are closed the week of November 23rd for Thanksgiving. School will resume on Monday, November 30th. Click here for the complete SDUSD academic calendar.

**ASB WINTER DANCE - DECEMBER 4**

Tickets are now on sale for Marston ASB's Winter Dance. Click here for more information.

**WINTER CONCERT - DECEMBER 15**

Marston's annual winter concert will be at 5pm Tuesday, December 15. More information to come.

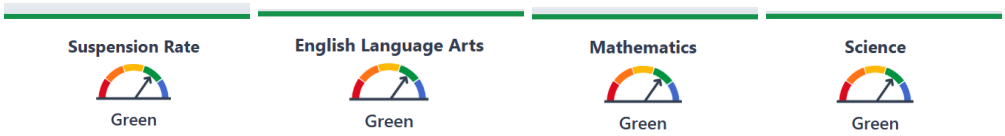
**END OF FIRST SEMESTER (S1) GRADING GRADING PERIOD - DECEMBER 18**

Secondary schools have two semesters. At the end of each semester (December 18 and May 26), 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, Marston's Loss of Privilege Policy and Marston's Academic Resources. NOTE: Marston uses S1 grades for the February awards shows and P4 grades for the May awards shows.

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| End of P1 = 9/18/26 | End of P3 = 2/11/27 |
| End or P2 = 10/30/26 | End of P4 = 3/26/27 |
| End of S1 = 12/18/26 | End of S2 = 5/26/27 |

**MARSTON MIDDLE SCHOOL IS IN THE GREEN**

The 2026 CA Dashboard scores were recently released and Marston is at the green level in 4 of the 5 categories. Marston's only area below average was Chronic Absenteeism. This is a good reminder that consistent school attendance is important for success in school and in life. Students who miss 10% of the school year (about 2 days per months) are considered chronically absent. Overall though - great job Marston! Let's keep moving forward!




**MARSTON LIBRARY UPDATE**

Marston's full-time library position was reduced to 50% in May of 2025. That part-time position again became vacant in May of 2026, but the hiring was delayed. Fortunately we've had Ms. Louise here this school year as a sub. We need to adjust library hours at this time, but our library will remain open before school every day and after school Monday through Thursday. The library may be closed for a few minutes between 7th period and the after school session. In those instances, students should wait patiently outside the door until it's opened for them.

**STAFF PARKING LOT NEXT TO MAIN OFFICE IS NOW CLOSED DURING DISMISSAL**

Due to recent, unsafe driving incidents, the small staff parking lot next to the Main Office will be closed during dismissal. This will be from about 10 minutes before the dismissal bell until 10 minutes after the dismissal bell. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

**MARSTON PTSA UPDATE**

Parents/caregivers, download Konstella to stay up-to-date with Marston announcements, events, sign ups, and much more! Click this flyer for registration information. If you haven't already, please become a PTSA Association member today. Click here to join and help us reach our goal of 300 members.

**NOVEMBER COUNSELING UPDATE**

Marston is fortunate to have 2 full-time counselors, Alease Teijaro and Joni Moravec. Click here for the most recent counseling newsletter.

**IMPACT AID SURVEY - ALL FAMILIES PLEASE COMPLETE**

The 2026–2027 Impact Aid Survey is now available through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. We ask all families to log in and complete the form by Friday, December 18, 2026. To complete the form, log into PowerSchool Parent Portal, select forms, click on 2026–2027 Impact Aid Program Survey Form, follow the prompts, sign, and submit. Your participation helps our district receive federal Impact Aid funding, which supports programs and services for all students. If you need help accessing the Parent Portal or setting up an account, please reach out to Ms. Santos nsantos@sandi.net

**JV SPORTS UPDATE**

SDUSD's middle school sports (MSA) program has been a success, but there are still many students that don't make MSA rosters. This year Marston and Toby Wells YMCA are providing a JV sports league for boys basketball and girls volleyball. All those games will be at Marston on Thursday afternoons. This league is about 6 weeks in length and features games against other middle schools. Additionally, Marston plans to have a boys and girls soccer team competing in the new McKinney YMCA JV Soccer League. Click here to review all Marston's after-school programs.

**MARSTON BUDGET - WE NEED SOME HELP**

Marston purchased the equivalent to one full-time teacher (5 additional classes) to better support students. District policy requires sites to reserve the amount of the average teacher which is often double the cost of the hired teacher(s). Marston likely has to wait 4-5 months into the school year until the actual employee expenses replace the reserved amount, thus creating an available balance for Marston to use. Each spring we try to buy supplies needed for the fall, but it doesn't always work out. Marston usually doesn't "spam" parents for monetary donations, but our needs this year are greater than previous years. Please consider writing a check to Marston Middle School. Give it to Jazmin in the office. We will use this donation form and issue a thank you letter with the Tax ID Number. THANK YOU!

**AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS**

Marston is again offering a robust number of free/low-cost after-school programs. Participation in these programs helps wellness, social-connectedness and the dismissal pick-up process. On most days 200+ students stay after school at Marston. Please review these after-school offerings and submit this super quick survey if there are any programs that you want added this school year.

**ESSENTIAL MARSTON LINKS**

Marston Staff Directory
Marston Calendar of Events
SDUSD Academic Calendar
Marston After School Programs
Marston Website
Clairemont HS Tours

TMR - Marston Weekly News Show
Student Chromebook Care
Marston Academic Resources
Nearby Mental Health Resources
Social Media Resources
Clairemont Dr. Safety News Story

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