Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year at Mira Costa!

Following are PTSA’s (Parent Teacher Student Association) four guiding cornerstones to build a successful year for our students, teachers, parents and extended school community:

- Maintaining Safety, Health & Wellness
- Fostering Academic Excellence in ANY Environment
- Cultivating a Costa Connection
- Advocating for Fair Funding of Our Schools

To accomplish this, we need you to become a PTSA member. Please do so today.

Mustang Checklist

- Register your students on Aeries and be sure to attach a completed and scanned version of the Registration Verification Form.

- Freshmen and New Students should check email on August 21 for an update on Orientation Activities by Mira Costa’s amazing Link Crew.

- Parents of Freshmen & New Students are invited to attend a virtual Parent Panel that will cover a wide variety of topics and an opportunity to ask questions. Check email for Zoom link.

- Join the PTSA (only $20/member!) and consider a donation. Plan to attend the first virtual PTSA meeting on Thursday, September 17 at 4 p.m. via Zoom.

- Make a meaningful MBEF contribution. See how donations to MBEF are making a difference in our schools in 2020-21.

- Sign-up to Volunteer.

- Take the Safe Homes Pledge to foster an alcohol and substance-abuse free lifestyle for students.

- Visit South Bay Families Connected’s Parent Resource Page, which includes updated Coronavirus Support with distance learning and social-emotional support resources.

- Sign-up for the Mustang Newsletter and View the Daily Bulletin.
- Subscribe to [La Vista - Student Newspaper](click on subscribe) or [paper form](paper form) to be mailed to your home.

- Purchase the [ASB Marker & Yearbook Package](ASB Marker & Yearbook Package), planners or spirit wear. In addition, spirit wear is available using the [mail-in order form](mail-in order form).

- Sign-up for the [MBX Performing Arts & Sports Newsletter](MBX Performing Arts & Sports Newsletter) for sports/activities updates.

- Follow social media accounts for [Mira Costa PTSA Facebook](Mira Costa PTSA Facebook) and [Mira Costa PTSA Instagram](Mira Costa PTSA Instagram), [Mira Costa ASB Instagram](Mira Costa ASB Instagram) and [Mira Costa Link Crew Instagram](Mira Costa Link Crew Instagram) for updates.

- Need an activity to unleash your teen’s creativity…or at least keep them busy? Check-out the [National PTA’s Reflections Art Contest](National PTA’s Reflections Art Contest). Deadline will be later this fall for entries in dance choreography, literature, photography, film production, music competition and visual arts. Stay tuned for details, but start early to get those creative ideas flowing!

- Be sure to view the [School Calendar](School Calendar) regularly for updates and see all holidays and breaks [At a Glance](At a Glance).

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### Key Dates

**August 21**

- **All student schedules to be released on Aeries**
  
  Parents must have completed Aeries registration confirmation.

  Students should begin checking Aeries and accessing Google Classroom from their Aeries schedule page beginning August 21. Continue checking Aeries through Wednesday August 26. The student’s Aeries schedule will be the portal to each student’s virtual classroom. Stay-tuned for how-to videos!

- **New Student Orientation**
  
  Students to check email for info from Link Crew Leaders

- **9-11 am Parent Panel for New Mustang Parents**
  
  Zoom info to be sent in email.

**August 24-25**

- **Students to use Google form link to notify counselors of errors in schedules.**

  Changes could include:
  - Already completed a class that was placed in your schedule (Ex: Summer school class).
  - Planned on taking a summer school class but did not end up doing so
  - Duplicate periods (Ex: Two 3rd period classes)
  - Duplicate classes (Ex. Two English classes)
  - Missing a core class in your schedule (English, Math, Science, etc.)
  - Only have 5 classes but you need 6
  - Did not request a zero period but were placed in one
Please be aware that the following reasons for requesting a course change will NOT be honored:
- Teacher change request
- Period change request
- Seminar change request

August 26
• School starts at 8 a.m. (scroll down for weekly schedule)
  * Zero-period classes should check emails from teachers regarding classes meeting.

Sept. 1-4
• Textbook and ASB swag order pick-up + Photo ID
  Lower Peck Parking Lot. Students will be given a designated time each day.**
  9/1 — A-Eu
  9/2 — Ev-La
  9/3 — Le-Rob
  9/4 — Roc-Z
  **NOTE: Please await further communication about designated time each day per alpha order as well as social-distance protocols and procedures.

Student Schedule 2020-2021

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*Instruction is a combination of live and asynchronous activity
**Instruction is asynchronous, though optional synchronous activities may be offered
***Instruction is live
****Optional for both teachers and students