



Mat Matters

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Buy your yearbook early before prices go up!

From now until November 16 you can purchase one with a student body card for \$65 and \$70 without a student body card.

On November 17 prices will go up to \$75 with a student body card and \$80 without a student body card.

Purchase your yearbook in the business office.

Attention seniors, the deadline for senior ads and portraits is **December 7**. Please turn ads in to Mr. DeRuyscher in Room A109.

Please remember your senior portrait in the yearbook must be taken by **Bill Smith Photography**.

President's Message: Find a Volunteer Slot and Fill It

I'd like to start my first letter in *Mat Matters* by thanking the PTSA Board and Committee Chairs and the IBPO, IS and Booster Club boards as well. In a short few months we've all gotten a lot of work done and made good progress. And all to make sure Mira Loma has the tools, resources and help needed to provide a quality education for our kids. Well done!

Mira Loma is a dynamic school with four parent organizations (PTSA, IBPO, IS and Booster Club), Joint Parent Meetings, a seemingly endless list of after school sports teams, the Science Olympiad team, the History Day team, clubs, spirit weeks, Day of Silence, events that educate or entertain while raising much needed funds like College Sunday, Pi Day, Monday Night Bingo and Crab Feed, STAR testing, IB and AP exams, dances, Renaissance Day, Staff Appreciation Lunches, refurbishing the performance space, and on and on and on. There is always something going on, being planned or being taken down.

And of course this all takes people power. Students, teachers, parents, relatives, friends all chip in every day to make these things and many more happen, some seeming to be here 24/7.

Imagine what this place would be like without the thousands of volunteer hours and the generous contributions of goods, services and funds. A wonderful woman on the IBPO board, **Ellen Powell**, has in her "free time" written many successful grant applications bringing in hundreds of thousands of dollars. The Starbucks at Fulton and Marconi has chosen MLHS as one of the three organizations it will help this year by donating coffee to Staff Appreciation Events (and a big thank you goes to our own **Nikki Constantine** for making that happen). **Linda Lewis** has been serving Mira Loma in many capacities for 12 years and is back this year for more even though her youngest child is now off at college. The grandmother of a student who has long since graduated has been managing Monday Night Bingo! Hundreds of parents and other adult friends of MLHS proctor the IB and AP exams every year.

There are many ways to help and there is surely one or more that fit your life. Start with what your student is doing in school. Are they on a team? Ask the coach how you can help. Are they in a club? Find out if they need an adult to supervise a car wash. Volunteer to help with hospitality at the Senior Awards Night so the parents of Seniors can enjoy the evening. Is your child in IB or IS? Attend a meeting and learn what needs doing. Not an IS or IB parent? Join PTSA and Booster Club. Got more money than time? In truth we'd rather have your time but we'll settle for a check. Got one or more free Monday nights? Sign up for Bingo. Is your child a Freshman or Sophomore? Like to shop? Sign up to donate food for one or more events (and don't forget to sign up for escrip so you can earn money for the school while you shop. Do you eat dinner? Every third Thursday of the month the Blimpies at Howe'Bout Arden (Howe and Arden) will donate a percentage of their dinner sales to MLHS sports programs.

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The fall semester has been filled with many terrific activities. Our fall sports teams are performing well and our winter athletes are preparing for the upcoming season. The drama department is in the midst of a very successful production of The Breakfast Club and we celebrated our annual Homecoming the first week of October culminating with the Homecoming Dance on Saturday night. Our new website is up and running and it contains a great deal of important information including the daily bulletin. It is a great resource for keeping up to date with the goings on at Mira Loma. (<http://www.sanjuan.edu/MiraLoma>)

The Mira Loma staff is currently analyzing the achievement scores of our students from last spring. As I reported in last month's Mat Matters, Mira Loma met all accountability measures on both the state and national levels. While we are proud of our successes and we continue work to improve the instruction we provide our students. Content area groups are examining test results to identify areas of relative strength and relative weakness. We are examining our current practices in both areas in hopes of building upon our strengths and improving areas of relative weakness.

The California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) is now a fixture in California's accountability system. The past three graduating classes were required to pass the exam in order to graduate from high school. The exam has both a math and an English/language arts component and a score of 350 is required to pass each section. Juniors and seniors that have not yet passed the CAHSEE will get opportunities in November, February and March and all sophomores will take the exam for the first time in February. If you are unsure of your child's status with regard to the CAHSEE, please contact the counseling office.

I know it seems early but it is time to begin thinking about your child's 2008-2009 course of study. Registration will begin in February and it is critical that you understand and approve your child's course selections. Please sit down with your child and discuss his or her plans after high school. If your child is planning to attend a community college, a four-year university, a branch of the armed services, a

vocational school, or some other post secondary option, please help them select an academic plan that meets the requirements of their chosen option. In most cases, the types of programs noted above prefer and/or require a course of study that includes at least some college preparatory courses, especially in core content areas such as English, math, social science and science. If you have any questions please contact your child's counselor.

The winter season promises to be terrific. Our athletic and academic teams will be performing and preparing for future events. I can already hear the students starting to talk about Sports-a-rama. Please take the time to join us this winter season at one of our events. A complete athletic calendar is available on our website. Our students love to compete and they enjoy it even more when Matador fans are there to cheer them on to victory.

Sincerely,
Chris Hoffman
MLHS Principal

Mira Loma High School
www.sanjuan.edu/MiraLoma

Mira Loma Parents
www.miralomahigh.org

IB Coordinator Blog
www.thereforeib.net and
www.sanjuan.ewebpages/dmathews/du/

Community Service Opportunities Blog
www.csandcasatml.blogspot.com

Mira Loma Drama
www.miralomadrama.com

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Student Body President's Message

Happy November Matadors!

Fall's finally winding down after our busy and exciting month of October. We started it off right away with Homecoming on the weekend of October 5. The theme was *Dancing through the Decades* and I can speak for the students when I say we had a blast grooving through the years. I'd like to congratulate the junior class on winning first place in the float competition with their 1950's themed float! All the other classes also gave a great effort in their floats with seniors coming in second, sophomores in third and freshman in fourth. I'd also like to congratulate all of our Homecoming royalty and our 2007 King and Queen – **Mike Keegan** and **Chelsea Jones**. Lastly, I would like to thank **Mrs. Volzer**, Student Government, administration, parents, and everyone else who helped to make this year's Homecoming very special.

During the month of November, Student Government is hosting its annual Canned Food Drive. It is a competition between all the grades to see which class can collect the most cans to help feed the needy of Sacramento. Not only do students get the opportunity to benefit our community, but whichever class wins gets a prize of \$400, with second place earning \$200. The drive began October 15 and is closing on November 15, so be sure to donate cans to your student's class before it is too late! They can drop off cans in their class advisors' rooms or in D5.

Student government also tried something new this year. To celebrate the season of fall, we had a Harvest Day on Friday, November 2. During lunch we had a few activities on campus that in which students could participate to celebrate this beautiful season and bring some spirit onto campus. Thank you to the students who took the opportunity to celebrate with us in our first-ever Harvest Day!

Other than that, November is a quiet month with lots of time to rest and relax. Remember that Thanksgiving break is November 19-23. I hope your family has a great Thanksgiving holiday!

Rachel Sussman, Student Body President
rsussman@winfirst.com

Class of 2008

The canned food drive is almost over but we still need as many donations as we can get for the senior class. The drive ends on November 9, but we want to encourage you to bring all your cans, diapers and baby food in early so

that the hard-working members of Student Government don't have a last-minute rush to tally up the points. Remember, the class that gets the most points will receive \$400! The cans, diapers and baby food will go to the Sacramento Food Bank.

I would like to take this chance to remind everyone to schedule your senior portraits with Bill Smith Photography if you have not already done so. You find out more online at www.billsmithphoto.com.

And be on the alert this month for senior class t-shirt sales! Information will be posted in the daily bulletin. We will be doing pre-sale orders only, so don't miss the chance to snag the perfect symbol of class spirit!

Jillian Johnson, Senior Class President
jill2kally@sbcglobal.net

Class of 2009

November seems to be one of the more relaxing months of the year, but still the classes go on being as busy as ever. Last week we had a class meeting where we voted on our Junior Prom theme and I'm very happy to announce that it will be a "Casablanca" theme. If you don't know much about the film, it's set back in the 1940s, in the bustling town of Casablanca in Morocco. So now with our theme picked out, we can continue to work on preparing for our Junior Prom.

I would like to remind everyone that we are coming near the end of our Canned Food Drive. We are working to help needy families so that they may have a healthier lifestyle. This is also a competition between the classes and first place of the most points in cans get \$400 and second place gets \$200. Make sure the cans aren't expired and certain types of food such as baby food earn us more points. The Canned Food Drive ends on November 9 so make sure to get those cans into **Mrs. Volzer's** room or **Mr. Posner's** room, C-1.

This month we have quite a few plans and ideas for fundraising. First of all, we are selling buttons with two different designs. One says "'09" in the school colors and the other says "MLHS" with a heart on it. Show some class and school spirit by buying our buttons! Also, we are looking into having a pizza night at Round Table sometime during the month of November and before Christmas break, we would like to hold a movie night. Remember, if you would like to stay informed, come to our monthly class meetings during lunch in room C-1.

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Also, we have groups on Myspace and Facebook, so if you have one, go ahead, look us up. I would love to hear from you and if you have any questions or comments, you can contact me at stokas@sbcglobal.net. Thank you!

Sasha Tokas, *Junior Class President*

Class of 2010

I hope you've all been doing well as our classes gradually become harder and harder. It's a good thing that there are student activities to go to every once in a while. Just last month we held our movie night in the cafeteria and it was very cool, but our turnout could've been better. As for class activities we may be holding a movie night for the Christmas times, but other than that you can just look forward to TWIRP (which we are currently planning) and SAR (which we are going to win this year). So keep in touch! You can email questions to donalddt.ml@gmail.com or check up on the myspace at www.myspace.com/matsof2010 and we'll keep you posted. Thanks!

Donald Tan

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Your child is going to a terrific school--one that is recognized across the nation. And one reason it's so good is that parents stepped in and made a difference. In four astonishingly short years or less your child will be off into the world and you will be free of this obligation forever. So I'm asking you to take out your calendar, make a few calls, check out miralomahigh.org and find out how you can help.

Sincerely,

Anne L. Anderson

2007-2008 PTSA President

Meet Your Match

To contribute to the ongoing effort to renovate the Drama Room at MLHS—and to have your donation matched by the Buck Foundation—please go to:

www.miralomahigh.org/dramadonation.htm

IBPO President's Message

Every November, the IBPO asks for **monetary donations** used to support the IB program and your child's education. You should receive such a request very soon and we hope that you will donate what you can. We've estimated that approximately 30 percent of our families donate and we hope we can increase that level of support and then perhaps do even more exciting things for your child's education.

The following should give you an idea of what we've spent money on this year:

- **James Hill:** laptop to aid with teaching and Arcade Creek Project
- Social Science Department: 2 laptops to aid with teaching
- **Allison Stiles:** mat board cutter and easels
- **Dave Mathews:** Money has been allocated for pizza lunches with IB diploma teachers. These lunches will provide a forum where information can be exchanged.
- **Guy Roberts:** lunches with MYP teachers,
- Foreign Language Department: Money has been set aside for 3 teachers to attend a national foreign language conference
- Math department: Again, money was also set aside for three teachers to attend a math conference

Furthermore, \$5000 was made available to students for financial assistance with IB test taking.

In December, the IBPO Board will welcome back our recent graduates when they receive their diplomas and certificates from IBO and MLHS. The alumni will also discuss their experiences and their preparedness for college with our current seniors. All this will happen on December 21 at our Alumni Breakfast in the cafeteria. **Please be on the lookout for requests for food and time.**

The IBPO Board will be facing some huge changes next year. Six Board members will be "graduating" with their seniors (I'll be one of them) and two members will be giving up their committee jobs. We definitely need new people to carry on the tradition of parent volunteerism. I believe that our parents are very concerned and involved in our children's education and I hope that this involvement will translate into joining the Board. Please attend a social evening Tuesday, November 6 at 7:30 in room F-3. We would like to meet all parents interested about IBPO Board functions. Learn how you can get involved and keep the IB program strong.

Thanks,

Yvonne David-Inouye

yvonneinouye@msn.com

ISSPO President's Message

ISSPO is the International Studies Student Parent Organization. Students and parents are encouraged to join and to participate in the monthly meetings and activities offered by the organization. Don't be shy, join us and bring a friend with you.

November's ISSPO meeting is Wednesday, November 12, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the Library following the joint parent's meeting at 6:30 pm. The topic this month will be "Four Year College or Junior College – Where Should I Start?" International Studies Coordinators Steve Cox and Brenda Grueneberger will be the presenters. Students and parents are encouraged to attend.

ISSPO provided the proctors for PSAT (Practice SAT) exam on Saturday, October 13. Thank you to the volunteers who came early on Saturday morning to donate their time in order to make it possible for Mira Loma students to take this exam. Our thanks and appreciation goes to: **Angelica Orozco, Mike Balstad, June Coleman, Joe Domagalski, Bryan Windley, Ana Mejia, Sherri Botelho, Lupe Castaneda, Kelsey Hartman-Viega, Cynthia Marsico, Maureen Ramos, and Bob Buntjer** for volunteering and to Vice Principal **Rich Nichols** for having all the test materials ready and doors open for the students.

The Second Annual Silent Auction was held November 1 – 2, 2007 with a variety of items for students and parents to bid on. This auction raised funds for the IS Mazatlan Orphanage Project. All funds will go directly to sending students and staff to the orphanage. See the Mira Loma web site at: www.sanjuan.edu/MiraLoma.cfm and click on the headline "Silent Auction" to see a list of the items to be auctioned off and more information on the Orphanage Project.

ISSPO needs the support of the parents and students alike. Our membership continues to grow, but we know there are still many families missing from our membership roster. **Sign up for a ISSPO membership** and volunteer to help out with one of events. It is a great way to meet other Mira Loma families and to stay informed on what is happening at school. Memberships are \$10 per member or \$20 per family.

Contact **Kelsey Hartman-Viega** at taxi4son@skq.com or have your student contact International Studies Coordinator **Steve Cox** for membership forms.

Upcoming events for the ISSPO include:

Bingo Volunteers are needed the Second Monday of each month - Contact John Paul Jones at jonpaul-jones@sbcglobal.net

Annual Spaghetti Feed, February 5, 2008. Fat Tuesday is the theme for this event. Contact Kelsey Hartman-Viega at taxi4son@skq.com if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

If you have questions or need additional information, let us know.

Bob and Sharon Buntjer
isspo-pres@pacbell.net
331-3160

IS Program Coordinator's Report

The school year is well underway. Your student's second progress report will be mailed home shortly and most IS students will be working on their second TouchPoint assignments. November and December are busy months for many families and it is no different for the Mira Loma community.

Opportunities to earn IAS hours are endless during the Holiday Season. Almost all charitable organizations are looking for assistance with the programs they administer. The IS program orphanage project is no exception. We will be selecting IS Seniors later in the month to join us in Mazatlan and work at Orfanatorio de Mazatlan for a non-school week in February. Physical donations are awkward to get to the orphanage; however, monetary donations go towards funding the costs of getting our students there and the projects undertaken in Mexico. All donations are fully tax deductible. Please contact **Ms. Grueneberger** and me for more information.

Steve Cox
stcox@sanjuan.edu
Brenda Grueneberger
bgrueneberger@sanjuan.edu

IS Web section Packed Full of Info

Take a few moments to familiarize yourself with the IS portion of the newly updated school web site. The IS pages are full of information about TouchPoint projects, IAS hours, program applications, and many other areas of the program.

Visit www.sanjuan.edu/MiraLoma.cfm and select International Studies from the menu.

Booster Club President's Message

It's not too late to join the Booster Club. All of your membership fees go directly back into our school. Remember, also, that your membership fees may be tax deductible.

Members receive 10 percent off of MLHS Logo wear purchases and \$2.00 off all home Football and Basketball games. Members also receive a 10 percent discount from selected merchants (see inset box).

If you own a business or know someone who does and would like to help us support our school and Booster Club Members by offering a 10 percent discount please contact Jodi Brust at (916) 256-5461 or MLHSBOOSTERS@YAHOO.COM.

We encourage you to join us at our monthly Booster Club meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Mira Loma Library. Attend a meeting to receive your complimentary Matador Logo wear item as our way of saying thanks for your membership.

The MLHS Boosters Club is currently collecting alumni data so that we can plan an all-years reunion as well as keep alumni updated regarding what is happening at Mira Loma. To be added to our alumni list please e-mail your name, address, phone number, email address and graduation year to mlhsboosters@yahoo.com If you know any Mira Loma Alumni please ask them to do the same.

If you or your student has a myspace page please add us as a friend. www.myspace.com/miralomaboostersclub. Our myspace page is updated frequently and included the current sports schedules as well as upcoming events and important Booster Club Bulletins.

You can help us support our programs by doing the things that you already do. Sign up for e-scrip (Please forward this to all of your friends and family) If you are already a participating member you are allowed to support up to three different and distinct groups. It is easy to sign up and best of all is doesn't cost you a cent. A portion of all of your purchases will directly go to Mira Loma Boosters Club (anywhere from two to ten percent) to help support School Clubs, Sports Teams, School Site Improvements, School Beautification and many other important activities at Mira Loma that recent budget cuts have endangered.

It's easy to sign up.

Go to www.escrip.com click on become member or sign up.

You will be asked you how you want to search and you can either put in our member name Mira Loma Booster Club or our Group ID 51870992, and follow the

You can register your Safeway's club card and any credit cards that you use on their secure form. You can also view the list of participating merchants and the percentage of your purchase that they return to the school. After that, make your normal purchases at no additional cost to you and the whole school benefits.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Please look for these upcoming events.

Booster Club Annual Crab Feed is set for Saturday, March 22 at the Carmichael Elks Lodge. You can purchase your tickets now. Just download an order form from the Booster page at www.miralomahigh.org in the forms section. This year we will be allowing children as well as adults to attend and will be highlighting many of the programs that Booster Club supports. The theme for this year is Wishing on a Star. The Crab Feed menu includes salad, pasta in marinara sauce, crab, garlic bread and dessert. We are currently looking for donations for both our raffle and silent auction. If you have a service or product that you would like to promote you can donate items for our silent auction that all in attendance will have a chance to see and bid on. All donations are tax deductible.

For more information about the crab feed, to donate an item or service, or to volunteer to help, please contact Jodi Brust at (916) 256-5461.

November's Booster Club Family Fun Night will be on Thursday November 15 at the Blimpies located in the Howe Arden shopping center at 2100 Arden Way. Each month a different sport, class or extracurricular club will

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Support Your Student By Supporting Booster Club Sponsors:

American Made Nail & Hair, 4443 Auburn Blvd., Sacramento (916) 481-2424

Sandy Laronge, Manicurist at Apex Spa & Salon, 2709 Marconi Ave (Town & Country Village) (916) 972-1051

Book Lovers Bookstore 5800 Madison Ave Sacramento (916) 332-3133

Jeannette Gregory, Hair Stylist, 3031 Foothills Blvd. #165, Roseville (916) 787-4202

What the Heck Screen Printing & Embroidery (916) 952-7381

My Charming Memories Scrapbook & Picture Charms (916) 804-1307 or mycharmingmemories.com

Party Lite Candles, Pam Smartt (916) 284-9833 or smart_plbiz@comcast.net (Alumni)

SnapShotz, Tammy Pinnick (916) 984-7469 or tpinnick@mynapshotz.com (Alumni)

Absolute School Of Bartending, 1447 Fulton Ave , Sacramento (916) 256-5461 (Parent)

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benefit from your joining us. November sales help support Mira Loma Cheer. Come out and support our Cheer Squad from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Blimpies. Fifty percent of all sales during the 6-9 time frame will go to support Mira Loma Cheer. Blimpies has agreed to be a year round community supporter for the Matadors. Look for pennants, Team Schedules & other Mira Loma memorabilia on the walls at future visits. Does your club or group need additional funds? Do you want to host one of our family fun nights? Contact Jodi Brust at mlhsboosters@yahoo.com. In addition any student who shows their ASB Card will receive a 15 percent discount any time they purchase food or beverage from the Blimpies in the Howe About Arden Shopping Center.

There is still time to get tickets for the Tahoe Trip, to be hosted by the Mira Loma Basketball on November 17. This is an adult-only trip. Ticket price is only \$30.00 and when you arrive in Tahoe you receive a \$5.00 casino meal voucher and \$10.00 cash. (So true cost to you is \$15.) All participants will travel by bus. The bus will leave at 7 a.m. and return at 7 p.m. This is a fun way to help support Matador Basketball and enjoy yourself at the same time. If you would like to attend this event you can contact Coach Toney at (916) 505-6272 or send your check for \$30.00 made out to MLHS Basketball to Coach Toney care of the athletic department along with your name, address, age and phone number. On the bus plans and highlights for the upcoming basketball season will be discussed. There will also be an auction of MLHS Basketball souvenirs during the bus trip. Buy your tickets early as space is limited.

Please contact Jodi Bruss for Booster Club information. Call (916) 256-5461 or send e-mail to mlhsboosters@yahoo.com.

Alumni Breakfast Set for December 21

The annual IB Alumni Breakfast will be held on **December 21st** in Mira Loma's **cafeteria** from **10:15 a.m. until noon**. The alumni will be awarded their diplomas and certificates, thereby recognizing their achievements and efforts in the IB program. It is an opportunity for them to visit with fellow alumni and to share their college experiences with current seniors over breakfast. Juniors and seniors will attend break out question and answer sessions with an alumni panel. If alumni are unable to attend, their parents are welcome. Diplomas and certificates not picked up at the breakfast will be sent out by mail.

We are all looking forward to seeing and hearing from our 2007 graduates. Please direct any questions, concerns or offers to assist with the breakfast to Page Robbins (916) 973-9199 or pagerobbins@comcast.net.

IBPO Sample SAT Test Set for Feb. 2, 2008
The Mira Loma IBPO is offering a sample SAT test again this year. However, it will be earlier than usual in order to allow test-takers to take the sample before the actual March 1 SAT Test date. Please note that this practice test by Kaplan is just for practice. It is **not** official. Please check www.collegeboard.com for actual testing dates and more details about the real SAT test.

This sample SAT test will be on February 2, 2008 Saturday. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. in the "A" Wing classrooms at Mira Loma. The test will begin at 8:00 a.m. sharp and conclude by 12:30 p.m. No late entry will be allowed. Students of all grade levels are encouraged to take the test, which is designed to allow students to:

- Take a practice test under simulated test conditions
- Get a complete performance analysis
- Learn about key test-taking strategies

Gain experience writing the essay and receive expert feedback.

A follow-up seminar session will be held Saturday, February 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the school cafeteria.

The cost is \$20 before February 1 and \$25 on test day for same day registration. Check or money order only, please, payable to "Mira Loma IBPO". Financial assistance is available. To inquire, send an email to Guy Roberts, groberts@sanjuan.edu or Dave Mathews, dmathews@sanjuan.edu.

Turn in registration and payment (**see form in this issue on page 9**)

- On site registration at Mira Loma 1/28/08- 2/1/08 at lunchtime **in front** of the business office. Deadline is 2/1/2008.
- The IBPO mailbox through the attendance office. Mr. Guy Roberts or Mr. Dave Mathews office "In-boxes" in F-2.

Students should bring several #2 pencils already sharpened, a healthy snack, water or Gatorade, and a calculator (without a keyboard).

All of the proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the IBPO general fund. In addition, the IBPO needs parent volunteers to help with registration and proctoring the test. No experience required. To volunteer, contact Parent Coordinator, Sheree Wong siw1957@yahoo.com or 428-9310 or the Kaplan Coordinator, Laura Brady Laura.Brady@Kaplan.com or 929-4402.

Parent Club Directory

PTSA (Parent, Teacher, Student Association)

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 Mat Matters Email jgevelinger@comcast.net

PTSA meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month in Rm. M-2.

Booster Club

President Jodi Brust..... 256-5461
 Email mlhsboosters@yahoo.com
 MLHS Logo Wear Email..... mlfmom82@yahoo.com

Booster Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month after the Joint Parent Club meeting.

IBPO (International Baccalaureate Parents Organization)

President Yvonne Inouye..... 974-1017
 Email yvonneinouye@msn.com
 Email Group groups.yahoo.com/group/mlh_ibpo/

IBPO Board meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7 PM in the library. If a 7:30 PM general meeting is scheduled, the board meetings start at 6 PM. Board meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend.

ISSPO (International Studies Student Parent Organization)

Presidents Bob and Sharon Buntjer..... 331-3160
 Email isspo-pres@pacbell.net
 Email Group groups.yahoo.com/group/miralomais/

ISSPO meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month after the Joint Parent Club meeting.

Exciting News from the Drama Department

Help renovate our Classroom Theater with new lights, sound equipment and seating.

With a generous challenge grant from the Buck Foundation, every dollar raised for this project will be matched -- up to \$70,000! This is a great opportunity to double our money, but we need the whole school community to do it.

Thanks to our generous donors, over \$50,000 has already been pledged. We need help from you to meet our goal. Go to

<http://www.miralomahigh.org/dramadonation.htm>. Click on the "DONATE NOW" button to open a secure online credit card donation page. Or send a check payable to "IBPO-Buck match" to: IBPO, PO Box 1901 Carmichael CA 95609. Donations of any amount are welcome.

Thank you to these Buck Grant Matching Donors

(as of October 15, 2007)

Friends of MLHS Drama (Up to \$99)

Leah Blumberg
 Gloriann Carlisle
 Lori Coppernoll
 Shivang Dave
 Rose Miller
 Majel Small
 Julie Spezia
 Alan Suleiman

Stage Hand (\$100- \$249)

Bruce Graves and Ellen Powell
 April, Sean and Michelle Monroe
 Edith Thacher
 The Zeidner Family

Ensemble (\$250 - \$499)

Supporting Cast (\$500 - \$999)

Stage Manager (\$1,000 - \$2,499)

Harry and Susan Miller, in honor of Kendra and Darach Miller

Leading Player (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Playwright's Circle (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Director's Circle (\$10,000 - \$14,999)

Mira Loma PTSA

Producer's Circle (\$15,000 - \$69,999)

Mira Loma IBPO
 State of California Arts Block Grant

Executive Producer's Circle (\$70,000 and up)

Frank H. and Eva B. Buck Foundation

IBPO Donations

Since the start of the 2007-2008 school year, IBPO has appreciated donations from the generous families of the following students:

Akshai Subramanian, through United Way
 Margaux and Clare Garcia
 Zach Stauber
 Matt Spindler
 Devin Crawford
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Mira Loma Practice SAT Registration Form

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Student Information

Student Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City & Zip: _____ Phone Number: _____

Current Grade: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

When do you plan on taking the SAT?: _____

Practice Test Date: Saturday, February 2 – 7:30am registration – “A” Wing
Follow-up: Saturday, February 9th- 10am-12:00pm Cafeteria

Cost: \$20 before February 1, \$25 late fee registration on test day, check or money order only, payable to “Mira Loma IBPO”. Financial assistance is available – Contact Mr. Guy Roberts, groberts@sanjuan.edu, or Mr. Dave Mathews, dmathews@sanjuan.edu.

Turn in registration and payment to:

1. Practice SAT Registration Table, 1/28/08-2/1/08, at lunchtime in front of the business office.
2. The IBPO mailbox through the attendance office.
3. Mr. Guy Roberts or Mr. Dave Mathews office “In-boxes” in M-2.

What to bring on test day: #2 Pencils, Healthy Snack, Water or Gatorade, Calculator (without a keyboard).

Test will conclude by 12:30 pm.

100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser benefit the IBPO general fund.

For questions, contact Parent Coordinator Sheree Wong at “siw1957@yahoo.com” or 916-428-9310, or Laura Brady, Kaplan Outreach Coordinator, at “Laura.Brady@kaplan.com” or 916-929-4402.

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7:15 AM to 3:45 PM
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