

## Mountain Vista High School

October 2019



### Important Update /Actualización Importante

Hello parents! Welcome to 2019-2020 school year. We are excited to announce that our schedule has changed to allow more teacher preparation time! **Regular day 8:20 a.m. - 2:57 p.m. and Delayed start Wednesday and Thursday 8:40 a.m. - 2:57 p.m.**

¡Hola padres! Bienvenidos al nuevo año escolar. ¡Nos complace anunciar que nuestro horario ha cambiado para permitir más tiempo de preparación para los maestros! **Día regular 8:20 a.m. - 2:57 p.m. y retrasos el miércoles y jueves 9:00 a.m. - 2:57 p.m.**

#### Upcoming Events/ Próximos Eventos

**PBIS Training for  
PBIS team**

**10/01/19**

**No School**

**10/7/19**

**Career Day ( after  
school)**

**10/16/19**

**PSAT ( Special  
Schedule)**

**10/16/19**

**Mock Interviews  
(seniors)**

**10/17/19**

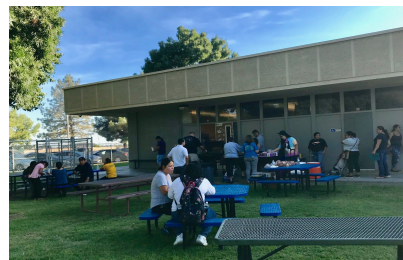
**Suicide Awareness**

### Event Highlight/ Evento destacado

#### Back To School Night!

We would like to thank everyone for a successful back to back to school night and meeting. We had a great turnout this school year. A big thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Mendiboure for volunteering their time and for providing the hamburgers. We would also like to thank all of our staff who helped to make this event successful. As a reminder, it is very important to have parent involvement which is a critical piece for student achievement and success.

**Thank you Panther Parents for your support!!**



10/22/19

School Pictures  
10/23/19

School Site Council  
Meeting at 5pm

10/24/19

Spirit Week  
10/28 to 11/1

## After School Program

The After School Program works closely with the school counselor, teachers, administration and staff to get students on track to graduate. The Mountain Vista After School Program offers a positive environment for students to catch up on their credits, do their homework as well as have a safe place to be around their peers. Our goal is to teach them how to advocate for themselves by learning to communicate with their teachers as well as the after school staff. We want them to build their school work ethic and start working on their professional identity so they are prepared for what their future brings.

## Career Expo

On Wednesday, October 16th, 2019, students from Mountain Vista high school will have the opportunity to attend the "Career Tech Expo 2019" that is being held at the Chukchansi Park in Fresno, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. that evening. The event, which is sponsored by the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools, is the largest Career Tech Expo in the Central Valley! Each year, nearly 3,000 parents and students attend and learn about careers and educational opportunities that are available through many trade and training facilities in our local community. Transportation will be provided, and all Mountain Vista students are encouraged to attend and make industry connections, while touring the 120+ businesses and organizations that will present at the event.

Transportation will be provided to and from Mountain Vista High School. Leaving at 4. All students that attend will receive an elective credit. Mr. Jones and Mrs. Brown have permission slips for students who are interested.



## PSAT

On October 16, MVHS 10th and 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT. The PSAT is practice for the SAT. There will be a special schedule for that day. **Those taking the test will begin school at 8:20.** Those students that

participate in testing have the opportunity to earn 1 elective credit. 🐾



## Staff Highlight/Destacado del personal

### Welcome, Mr. Hollman!

Our new leader of Mountain Vista High is a 28-year Madera Unified School District veteran. He comes to this new position from alternative education where he was vice-principal for the past two years. Mr. Hollman began his MUSD career at Madera High as a math, computer science and robotics teacher for thirteen years. Then, as vice principal and principal for thirteen years, Mr. Hollman comes to us with a wealth of expertise and experience.

He is looking forward to building upon the foundation of Mt. Vista being a model continuation school.

*"I believe all students can achieve at high levels and will do whatever it takes to help our students cross that graduation finish line. I am delighted to be part of our amazing learning community. I welcome and value your positive energy and dedication to excellence in education, and I am looking forward to working with our parents, students and staff."*

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The school year is off to a great start. All signs point to another incredible and productive school year. Our skilled and devoted staff are under way planning and implementing engaging lessons for all of our students. Our enthusiastic office team has registered many new families and are working diligently to provide a welcoming atmosphere for the entire Panther community. We are a learning community that is supportive, caring and working tirelessly to promote high-level learning opportunities for all students. Go Panthers!

## NEW STAFF



Each year brings positive change. This included a new addition to our staff. We are delighted to welcome Miguel Herrera, our new English and ELD teacher. Miguel brings a solid skill set and a positive approach to meeting the needs of his students. We are fortunate to have Miguel as part of our Panther family. Welcome Miguel!

**“TELL ME AND I FORGET.  
TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER.  
INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN.”**

**BENJAMIN FRANKLIN**



## Student Highlight/Destacado del Estudiante

Congratulations to Mountain Vista's 2019-2020 student body representatives. This is years student body is being led by an exceptional group of students. 🐾

President: Kevaughn Robertson, Vice President: Typoria String,

Secretary: Willow Bay, Treasurer: Miguelina Mendoza

## Sports Schedules/Horarios deportivos



**Flag Football Tournament- 12/05/19 @ Millview Sports Complex**



**Soccer Tournament- 02/06/20 @ Millview Sports Complex**



**Basketball Tournament- 03/05/20 @ MVHS Gymnasium**

## Student Health Wellness/Salud del Estudiante

### Mis-use of Prescription Drugs

Substance abuse amongst teenagers has been around for years. The misuse of Xanax, however, is on the rise. Often times teens have access to these pills by searching their parents or grandparent's medicine cabinets. Side effects of this medication include drowsiness, irritability, feelings of elation, forgetfulness, clumsiness, insomnia, weakness, headache and nausea.

### Update on Substance Abuse and Additional Services

When students commit a substance abuse offense, a multi prong approach has now been implemented to provide a means of correction for this behavior. In addition to students being suspended, they are also assigned mandatory substance abuse counseling in a timely manner. We have revised the counseling referral process to ensure all students are being served. We have also expanded our substance abuse counseling through the addition of an Intervention Specialist along two counselors through the Youth Empowerment Program and group counseling with Mr. Longoria. The goal is to provide prevention counseling for substances as well as further support for students who may be struggling with addiction. We want to be more proactive in our approach to substance use as opposed to reactive. It should also be noted that with each offense, an Expulsion Warning is being issued to communicate the seriousness of the offense and to discourage further incidences. We have also implemented a progression for discipline that includes suspension, in house suspension and intervention for each incident.

### What can parents do?

Parents play an important role to fight against prescription drug abuse. Check your medicine cabinets, turn in old or no longer needed medication to your local pharmacy for safe disposal. Lock up remaining medication so that your child(ren) do not have access to them. Know the warning signs and speak to your child(ren) about the dangers of taking medication that is not prescribed to them.

### Health and Wellness

In accordance with the new CA Ed Code AB2246, Madera Unified will be promoting Suicide Prevention Awareness starting in October for grades 7th through 12th. Students at SITE will be participating in the Signs of Suicide Prevention program which consists of a short video with a class discussion and at the end students will complete a response card. Students who need extra support will have staff to meet with. **A parent opt out form will be mailed home along with additional information.**

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## School Climate and Culture/Clima Escolar y Cultura

### Panther ROAR



Congratulations to those students that earned an invitation to our FUN FRIDAY event. Keep exhibiting your

Panther ROAR!



Our next Fun Friday will be on October 18. Students will receive a pass for following dress code, using time wisely, expressing needs appropriately, and having a growth mindset (learning means making mistakes sometimes). **Keep up the great work, Panthers!!**

### Reminder:

### Attendance Policy/Politica de Asistencia

California compulsory education law requires everyone between the ages of six and eighteen years of age to attend school. If you have three or more unexcused absences from school, you will be considered “truant”. Your parents will be notified by mail with a truancy notice. If you have six or more unexcused days from school you may be declared a “habitual truant” and referred to the MUSD School Attendance and Review Board. Your School attendance is the first predictor of school success. Plan to be at school EVERY DAY. School attendance is reviewed daily. Students will not be successful in their academic achievement without regular attendance.

