

Upcoming Events

- Aug. 25: Girls Volleyball Tryouts at 3:30pm**
Aug. 29: Flag Football Tryouts at 3:30pm
Aug. 30: Flag Football Tryouts at 3:30pm
- Sept. 1: Back to School Night from 6:30-8:00pm**
Sept. 2: Minimum Day – Game Day
Sept. 5: Labor Day, No School
Sept. 6 – 15: Iowa Testing
Sept. 13: Picture Day
Sept. 25: Flag Football Tournament
Sept. 26 – 30: Grade 7 – Hume Lake Trip
- Oct. 3 – 7: Fall Week of Prayer**
Oct. 7: Walk-A-Thon
Oct. 10- 16: Book Fair Week
Oct. 16: Fall Festival
Oct. 18: Picture Retake Day
Oct. 24 – 28: Red Ribbon Week
Oct. 28: 1st Quarter Ends
Oct. 31: 2nd Quarter Begins

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Welcome Back!

We are so glad you are here and ready for another incredible year. The teachers, staff, and I have been planning for this day for quite a while. You will enjoy this year – it will be a huge blessing for all of us as we grow closer to Jesus. We have a lot of new friends at school as well as many, many familiar faces.

Remember we will communicate several ways with you. First, the beginning of each week, we will send a hard copy of the **Mainspring**, the school newsletter, home with your child. This will be filled with important news for the upcoming weeks, with the border giving you key calendar dates to be mindful of. **Classroom newsletters** will accompany the Miramonte Mainspring to give you important news in your child's class. We will also be sending you an electronic copy of the Mainspring as well. If you don't receive this, please contact the office with the email address you are using. The Mainspring is our main means of communication, so please make sure you don't miss a single issue. You will also find copies of our newsletters on our website, www.miramonteschool.org. Our **website** is a great place to get pertinent information like the newsletters, check the school calendar, read the student handbook, order hot lunch for Monday, Wednesday, or Friday from School Caterers (not until September), and log onto RenWeb. **RenWeb** will keep you informed with access to your child's grades, which will be updated weekly and with emails from the school. It will also let you know about your child's attendance. For **after school, our new on-line system** will keep your after school account very accurate. Of course, you can come visit the office and schedule **in-person meetings** with faculty and staff, as well as **call the office** during the day. Also, we encourage you to **email us**; our goal is to reply each email within 24 to 48 hours. A fun way to connect with us is via our **Facebook** page. If those aren't enough ways to keep in touch, Miramonte also provides a monthly bulletin insert, called the **Digest**, for our nine constituent churches.

Home and School – Big Supporters, Great Fun

The talented team of Rose Shimizu and Karen Mock are back again to lead out our Home & School's very busy year. Today they treated parents to a **curbside breakfast buffet** and then had a brief meeting to kick-off the year. Parents always enjoy the time to connect as their children start the new year. Not slowing down, Home & School hosts their **Welcome Back BBQ Lunch on Tuesday, August 30th** – a free lunch and an invite to dress up in the 1950's style. On September 2nd, they will get us all motivated to raise lots of funds as we get ready for the Walk-a-Thon. The **Walk-a-Thon is on October 7th**. Please start thinking about which neighbors, work associates, and others in your circle that will support this worthy event.

Last year Home & School **raised significant funds** that have made their mark on Miramonte. They funded **new carpets** in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classrooms. They funded the **bark mulch** in our swing and play areas. They even paid for the **new Chromebook mobile computer lab** that will be available in a week or two for the classrooms to use. Thank you, Home & School – we definitely feel the love!

Hot lunch this week (August 23 & 26th):

Tuesday, August 23rd: Pizza, Salad, Watermelon & Drink. \$5

Friday, August 26th: Haystacks, Spanish Rice, Watermelon, Popsicle, Juice - \$5

Hot Lunch next week (August 30, 31, & September 2nd)

Tuesday, August 30th: Free Hot Barbecue Hot Lunch from Home & School

Wednesday, August 31st: Pizza hot lunch, salad, fruit, drink \$5

Friday, September 2nd: Snacks sold by 7th Grade (Minimum Day)

Sports Notes: Time for Try-outs!

- ✓ August 25th – Girls Volleyball Try-outs (grades 5-8), 3:30 – 5:00 pm, in the gym
- ✓ August 29th – 30th – Flag Football Try-outs for both Boys & Girls Teams (grades 5-8), 3:30 – 5:00 pm in the back field; students must be present both days for try-outs;

Back to School Night – September 1st, 6:30 – 8:00 pm:

All parents need to come to Miramonte for our annual Back to School Night. Please keep your children home. We relish teaching them during the day; this meeting, however, is far better served if it is only adults talking with each other. Thank you for understanding. We will start at 6:30 pm in the gym for some group information, then proceed to the individual classrooms to meet with our children's teachers. It is worth repeating – the research shows that students do better the more parents and teachers interact.

Game Day, September 2nd – Minimum Day

Friday, September 2nd, is a minimum day (noon dismissal). There will not be lunch served that day, but there will be snacks for sale after noon dismissal. After chapel that morning, the whole school body and staff will have a great time together with fun, group-oriented games. The games end with the traditional favorite – tug of war and then watermelon for everyone!

Second Language Program Starts this Year for Grades K – 3

Miramonte is initiating a second language program for children in grades K – 3. This year Mrs. Zapana will lead out this great enhancement to our lower grades curriculum. We look forward to our young people receiving the blessing of being able to converse in two languages. Since the parents survey overwhelmingly indicated they were in favor of Spanish instruction, that is what will be taught.

Miramonte Staff and Parents Meet - Training in Olweus Bullying Prevention Program

Last week, a very busy week for teachers and staff, Miramonte staff and some parents met as two trainers from the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program lead them through instruction, reflection, and participation in learning how to address and make important steps to prevent bullying on campus. It is an education for children and adults alike as we help the students to learn to care for and empathize with their fellow students and to stand up for them when bullied. Many thanks to Noreen Chan, our Olweus Leader, for hosting the event and continuing the drive to empower all children to enjoy a safe and nurturing school environment.

Don't Wait for the Last Minute – Make Sure you have taken Shield the Vulnerable

Each year, we remind all parents and guardians that they need clearance to chaperone or help at school. The Shield the Vulnerable program, through our Central California Conference, insures that anyone in contact with our students are safe to be with children. If you already have gone through the process, remember that it is only valid for three years; then, you will need to retake it. If you are not sure if you are current, please contact Miramonte Registrar Eva Elliott. Thank you.



Miramonte School Mission: Miramonte Christian School provides a Christ-centered, whole child education by building upon the strengths of our diverse cultures, learning styles, and spiritual backgrounds to create compassionate citizens, discerning leaders, and purpose-empowered individuals.