

Upcoming Events

Dec. 16 - Minimum Day
 Dec. 19 – Jan. 6: Christmas Vacation
 Jan. 9 - School Resumes
 Jan. 16 - Martin L. King Day, NO SCHOOL
 Jan. 18 – Winter Concert (4-8), 7 PM;
 Jan. 20 - 2nd Quarter Ends
 Jan. 21 – 7th grade does Children’s Story at MVC;
 Jan. 23 - 3rd Quarter Begins
 Jan. 26, 6:30 PM Parents Night
 Jan. 23 – 27: School Spirit Week
 Feb. 4 – Education Sabbath at Mt. View Japanese Church
 Feb. 20 - Presidents’ Day
 Feb. 27-28 - Ski Trip, Gr. 7 & 8
 Feb. 28 - Deadline for early application fee discount
 Mar. 4 - Talent Show, H & S
 Mar. 5 - Robotics Tournament in Sacramento, at SAA
 Mar. 5 - Basketball Tournament at Miramonte
 Mar. 24 - 3rd Quarter Ends
 Mar. 24 - Minimum Day

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Home & School Needs Volunteers to . . .

-  Bring your favorite potluck dish to share for our Teachers Luncheon, tomorrow, December 13th; please bring it to the gym kitchen.
-  Be Substitute Teachers to supervise a class during lunch and recess (11:00 AM – 12:45 PM) so the teachers can eat their *Thank You Luncheon* with peace of mind!

Contact Karen Mock or Rose Shimizu to let them know what you can do!

Yearbook Needs Your Ads

One of the highlights of the Miramonte year for students is receiving their yearbooks. It is a great chronicle of the school year and all the memories we made along the way. **See the attached Yearbook flyer** and support our yearbook with an ad of your own or your business. The deadline for receiving the ads is February 15th. Submit your ad soon! Thank you!

12 Days of Christmas – It’s Not Too Late!!

Although we are on Days 10, 11, & 12, you can still donate towards all of the previous days. We need everything in by this Friday, so don’t wait!

Day 1 – *Change 4 the School in Nigeria*

Day 7 – *Chili/Canned or Dry Beans*

Day 2 – *Canned veggies*

Day 8 – *Coats – Hats – Gloves*

Day 3 – *Canned Fruit*

Day 9 – *Dry Cereal*

Day 4 – *Powdered or Canned Milk*

Day 10 – *Dec. 12– Toys*

Day 5 – *Canned Soup*

Day 11 – *Dec. 13 - Bread – Dessert Mix – Crackers*

Day 6 – *Pasta – Rice – Oatmeal*

Day 12 – *Dec. 14 - Can openers & kitchen utensils*

Boxes are in the breezeway to collect all donations. Thank you for helping us make a difference in our neighbors’ lives.

Parent Night – January 26th, 6:30 PM – *Internet Safety for our Children*

The proliferation of social media is increasingly posing new challenges for parents and school officials. A growing number of students make poor decisions using social media. As an outcome, we have stepped up our conversations and education with students about internet safety and norms, particularly through the lens of digital citizenship. We are asking you to do the same. To support you, we have invited the police department to conduct an internet safety presentation for you. On Thursday night, January 26th at 6:30 PM, Officer Langone from the Los Altos Police Department will share some very important information about keeping your children safe on-line. This is for parents only, for your convenience, Miramonte will provide free child care service starting at 6:15 PM.

Day Care during January 3 – 6

This Christmas we have a longer vacation break because the teachers have a pastor – teacher conference to attend the first week in January. We have heard from a few parents that the extended time will be difficult for them. In response, we are considering providing day care on January 3rd through the 6th, from 7:30 am to 6:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact the office (ASAP) and tell us which days (and hours) your children would be in day care; we will determine if there is enough need to make the day care available.

December 16 – is a Minimum Day & School Resumes Monday, January 9th

Hot Lunch this Week

Tuesday, Dec. 13: Pizza Hot Lunch – upper grade fundraiser

Sports Notes:

Mon. Dec. 12 – 3:30 – 5:00 pm Girls Basketball Practice
Tues. Dec. 13 – 3:30 – 5:30 pm Boys Basketball Practice
Wed. Dec. 14 – 3:30 – 5:00 pm Girls Basketball Practice
Thu. Dec. 15 – 3:30 – 5:00 pm Boys Basketball Practice

After School Notes: (Please note – cell phones are not to be used during after school care.)

Technology Club – **Wednesday, Dec. 14** – 3:15 – 4:30
Reading Lab – **Thursday, Dec. 15** – 3:00 – 4:00
Melody Makers – **Friday, Dec. 16** – Not this Friday
Yearbook – **Friday, Dec. 16** – 12:15 – 1:15 PM

***Wrapping All the Way* – What an Outstanding Christmas Program!**

Last Thursday, Miramonte students and teachers did a phenomenal job with the Christmas Pageant. Special thanks goes to Roymond Koupong and Ronna Sato for leading out, Sara Zapana for her fabulous art work, and Rod Rittenbach and Mr. Salazar for handling the sound system. Home & School (*Rose, Karen, & company*) prepared and hosted a wonderful post-program cookie social. Thank you all for coming and sharing the joy of Christmas with us!

Get Your Paladin T-Shirts!

It's not too late for you to have your own Paladin t-shirt or long sleeve shirt. We still have Paladin shirts (both short and long sleeve, from S-XXL adults) available for sale. \$15 for short sleeve, \$25 for long sleeve. Available for purchase in the school office – Hurry while supplies last!

Partners for Eternity Scholarships

Partners for Eternity, the new outreach-scholarship program at Miramonte, still has some openings for families to apply for participation. In this program, a Miramonte student with his or her parent visits a senior citizen, called “senior mentors” in this program, on a weekly basis. The goal is to develop long-term relationships with the older generation, so that children learn to appreciate and understand and bless elderly people. If you are interested, please contact Apryl Maloon, program coordinator, for details. If you know of any potential senior mentors who would be willing to have a young visitor on an on-going basis, please forward their names and contact information to Mrs. Maloon as well.

Olweus in the Classroom – Teaching Children How to Prevent Bullying

“In first grade we end our day with a class meeting several times a week. That gives us multiple times to work on the same skill and address any issues from that day. We work a lot on how to talk to others using a 'confident voice,' one that shows that we mean what we say but isn't mean or too loud or too soft. We practice how to change the tone of voice so that how we say things comes across respectfully. How to invite others to play with us was a skill we went over as well as making a new friend. We talk about the Olweus rules and focus on social skills so that we can be always practicing treating those around us with respect. The Olweus program gives us the tools we need to learn to be good friends and how to look out for and stand up for others who are being picked on. It's helping us to become better citizens in our Miramonte community.” ~ Mrs. Mitchell, 1st grade Teacher

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.