

Upcoming Events

Aug. 22-23: Flag Football Tryouts for both Boys & Girls at 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

Aug. 30: Girls Volleyball Tryouts at 3:30 – 5:00 pm.

Aug. 24: Back to School Night from 6:30-8:00pm

Sept. 1: Minimum Day/Game Day

Sept. 4: Labor Day, No School

Sept. 6 – 14: Iowa Tests, gr. 3–8

Sept. 19 - 21: Hearing testing, preschool – gr. 3,

Sept. 21: Olweus Parents Night, 6:30 pm in the music rm

Sept. 22: Walk-a-Thon !

Sept. 24: Flag Football Tournament

Sept. 25 – 29: Grade 7 – Hume Lake Overnight Trip

Oct. 2: Blue Shirt Day

Oct. 2 – 6: Fall Week of Prayer

Oct. 3: Picture Day

Oct. 10- 15: Book Fair Week

Oct. 15: Fall Festival

Oct. 20: 1st Quarter Ends

Oct. 21: Education Sabbath at Mt. View Central SDA Church

Oct. 23: 2nd Quarter Begins

Oct. 23 – 27: Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 30 – Nov. 7: Student Council Campaign

Nov. 2: Open House (parents)

Nov. 7: Election Chapel;

Nov. 7: Picture Retake Day

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Welcome Back!

It was so good to have all of you back – and with some new faces to enlarge our school family. It is going to be a great year – thanks to you and your families, and thanks to Jesus whom we will get to know better as we participate in service activities this year.

Remember we have a few different ways to communicate with you. Each Thursday you will receive a hard copy of the **Mainspring**, the school newsletter. This will be filled with important news for the upcoming weeks, with the border highlighting key calendar dates to be mindful of. **Classroom newsletters** will be sent out each week as well to give you important news from your child's class. You will also find copies of these 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, and log onto RenWeb. We also have a **Facebook** page and a monthly **Digest** that is inserted in the 9 constituent church bulletins. You can always call if you just need to make sure! Let's keep connected!

Important notices from the office!

 Most of you have successfully completed your registration on-line via **RenWeb**. Congratulations! There are a few who have not. If you have any questions, contact Mrs. Branderiz by email at mbranderiz@miramonteschool.org.

 A few of you have not signed your finance agreement. For those who have not, Mrs. Welch will email a notice to you. Please see her ASAP. As a poster in a bank once said, "the key to knowledge is in tuition."

Partners for Eternity Meeting - Monday, Aug. 21st at 7 PM

This Monday, August 21st, all families who have made it part of their contract to participate in our visiting elderly scholarship program – and those who are interested to find out more, need to attend the orientation meeting in the gym at 7 PM. Partners for Eternity (PFE) is a tuition scholarship program in which admitted participants visit an adult mentor once a week for 1 hour a week to build a relationship with someone from the older generation. It is valuable just for the blessing the child receives, but the child also receives \$25/hour of tuition scholarship (up to \$1,000) for the year as well.

Back to School Night – August 24th, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

All parents need to come to Miramonte for our annual Back to School Night. Please keep your children at home, if possible. We relish teaching them during the day; this meeting, however, is far better served if it is only adults talking with each other. If you absolutely cannot come due to lack of day care available. 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 teacher(s). It is worth repeating that the research shows that students do better the more parents and teachers interact.



Hot lunch this week (August 18th):

Friday, August 18th (8th gr. fundraiser): Haystacks, Spanish rice, Watermelon, Cookie, Drink - \$5

Hot Lunch next week (August 22nd & 25th)

Tuesday, August 22nd: Pizza, Salad, Fruit & Drink. \$5

Friday, August 25th (7th gr. fundraiser): Fettuccine alfredo, garlic bread, salad, dessert - \$5

Sports Notes: Time for Try-outs!

 August 22nd – 23rd – 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

 August 30th – Girls Volleyball Try-outs (grades 5-8), 3:30 – 5:00 pm, in the gym

After School Programs for this Year:

We will still have the Tech Club, Melody Makers, and Yearbook for the upper grades, but this year Miramonte has contracted with an outside company to provide after school programs for grades 1 – 5. The clubs are: Mondays – Guitar; Tuesdays – Robotics; Wednesdays – Chess; Thursdays – Coding; and Fridays – Spanish. They will not start until the beginning of October, we will pass along information when we are closer to the starting dates. This is a private pay service between the parents and the after school program.

Game Day, September 1st – a Minimum Day

Friday, September 1st, is a minimum day (noon dismissal). There is no hot lunch, however, there will be snacks for sale after noon dismissal (7th grade fundraiser). After chapel that morning, students 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 – 4

Miramonte is continuing its second language program for children in grades K – 4. Mrs. Zapana is leading out in this great enhancement to our lower grades curriculum. Parents have related to me how their children were able to read, write, or say something in Spanish. A great program now in its second year, we look forward to fantastico results!

Home and School needs new leaders

Rose Shimizu is back this year to lead our Home & School's very busy year. Parents were already treated to a **curbside breakfast** and then had a brief meeting to kick-off the year. But we need more leaders to help, as the saying goes – many hands make a light work. Also the Home & School is selling elementary school desks (flip-top) for the low price of \$10 per desk. Get your desk before supplies run out!

Don't Wait until the Last Minute! Make Sure you have taken Verified Volunteers Background Check – the new online screening program for chaperones.

Each year, we remind all parents and guardians that they need clearance to chaperone or volunteer at school. The Verified Volunteers 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. If you are not sure if you are current, please contact Miramonte Registrar Eva Elliott. Thank you.

Olweus – Parent Orientation Meeting – Sept. 21st at 6:30 PM

On Thursday evening, Sept. 21st, the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program will be hosting its first event of the school year at 6:30 PM in the music room. Per the student handbook, we require all parents to participate in this program. One of the best ways to participate is first to be educated on what bullying is and how Olweus successfully addresses the problem. Please make sure to mark your calendar with this important date now!

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.