

Upcoming Events

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

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

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 – Music Room

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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Back to School Night – Tonight, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

All parents need to come to Miramonte for 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 babysitters, there will be child care. School age children who attend must stay in the after school care room; we will have child care supervisors to watch them until you have finished meeting with the teachers. Any non Miramonte Christian School student/child (Ages 0-17) will have to stay with their parents. We will start at 6:30 pm in the gym for some general information, then proceed to the individual classrooms to meet with our children's teacher(s). Each teacher will have 2 half-hour sessions so that you may attend two classrooms this one night. It is worth repeating that the research shows that students do better the more parents and teachers interact.

Friday, September 1st – 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 (see below).

Game Day, September 1st

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!

Monday, September 4th – No School Labor Day

Partners for Eternity Meeting – for those that missed it

Last Monday was the mandatory Orientation Meeting for Partners for Eternity (PFE) for parents and students this year. 19 students attended. There are not many more seats available for additional children since the foundation that funds this has a limited amount of scholarships per school. Watch for next week's Mainspring for more information and for the 2nd PFE Orientation Meeting, as well as when families can make their application with PFE.

Iowa Tests coming in Two Weeks

Starting the middle of the September 4th week through September 14th, students in grades 3 through 8 will be taking the Iowa Tests, which test what each child knows in the various subjects. The testing company and research recommend that during the testing time, children get enough sleep and a good breakfast, but we know that should happen all the time.

Hot lunch this week (August 25th):

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

Hot Lunch next week (August 29th & September 1st)

Tuesday, August 29th: Pizza, Salad, Fruit & Drink. \$5

Friday, September 1st: Noon Dismissal so there is no lunch but snacks will be on sale after the noon dismissal. **7th Grade** will be selling the following **Snacks:** Veggie hot dog (\$2); Cup a Noodles (\$2); Madeleine Cookies (\$.50); Taquis (\$.50); Popsicles (\$1 - \$2.50); Cookie Packs (\$.50); 8 oz water (\$.50); Gatorade (\$1.50); Juice (\$1)

PLEASE REMEMBER that the online hot lunch service (for Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays) is no longer available due to a lack of participation last year.

Sports Notes: Time for Try-outs!

- Tuesday, Aug. 29th – Football practice – Boys & Girls – 3:30 – 5:00 pm
- Wednesday, Aug. 30th – Girls Volleyball Try-outs (grades 5-8), 3:30 – 5:00 pm, in the gym
- Thursday, Au. 31st – Football Practice – Boys & Girls – 3:30 – 5:00 pm

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.

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 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! If you have any questions, contact Noreen Chan, Miramonte's Olweus Coordinator (408-425-0012) or her assistant Wendy Weber (650-704-6264). See attachment.

Save the Date! Annual Walk-a-Thon is Friday, September 22nd.

This Friday is the kick-off for the school's best fundraiser – the Annual Walk-a-Thon. There are great incentives and prizes for the students. And the income does some incredible things around campus. Last year's funds paid for the 4th grade room to be re-carpeted and to add a new Chrome book mobile computer lab to the school, plus some iPads for classes, too. Watch next week's Mainspring for permission slips and fundraising materials, too.

Home and School needs new leaders

Rose Shimizu is back this year to lead our Home & School's very busy year. But we need more leaders to help, as the saying goes – many hands make a light work. Contact Rose Shimizu, Home & School Leader for ways you can make a difference in the lives of our children (650 – 793 – 5013).

Piano Lessons Offered –

Mrs. Patrice Babienko, our long-time piano teacher, has openings in her schedule for new students. She teaches them right on campus for your convenience. See attachment and contact her at 408-867-6502.

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 is 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.

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.

HAVE YOU BEEN
OLWEUS'ED?

PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING
for the
OLWEUS BULLYING PREVENTION PROGRAM

Thursday, September 21st
6:30 - 8pm
Music Room in the Gym

Miramonte implemented the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in 2014 and per the school handbook, all parents are required to participate in this program. The first step is to be educated on exactly what the Olweus Program is and how it can successfully address the bullying issue when all parents are involved as they are the central piece to what our children are being taught - the Christian values and attitudes of empathy, bully prevention and safety that result in the culture change we are living at Miramonte.

The parent orientation meeting and program is for ALL families, not just those with children who have been bullied or are bullying, it's DEFINITELY for those who feel they know enough about bullying without attending these orientation meetings and for those who feel bullying doesn't apply to their child. In other words....

ALL OF US!

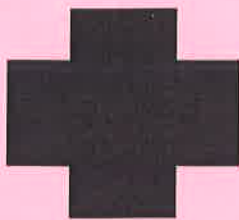
WHO MUST ATTEND: New parents and any parents that did not attend the orientation in a previous year. Both parents should attend, free childcare can be provided at the school upon request.

All parents/guardians must:

- Verify that you've met this requirement
or
- RSVP and attend
- Make arrangements for an alternative session

Any questions?

Noreen Chan, Olweus Coordinator (408) 425-0012 or Wendy Weber (650) 704-6264



Student Disaster Kits

In order to fulfill state requirements, every child attending Miramonte School must have a Student Disaster Kit in case of emergency. This year there are two ways you can provide your child a kit:

1. Make your own kit and give it to your child's teacher.

If you choose to assemble your own kit, it should include the following items:

- 5 non-perishable food items your child would enjoy, such as fruit rolls, nuts, chips, granola bars, trail mix, cheese & crackers, etc. (Please do not send sweets or liquids.)
- A reassuring note from someone in your family
- A family photo

Please do not send items which need warming – there may be no electricity. We have limited storage so please limit your child's packet to five small food items, the note, and the photo – nothing else.

*If your child has specific food allergies (gluten, soy, dairy, nuts, food coloring, etc.)
PLEASE CHOOSE OPTION #1.*

2. Purchase a kit using the form below.

The eighth graders will be assembling pre-made kits containing five items similar to those listed above excluding the note and photo. Each kit will cost \$6, *if purchased before September 22*. You are welcome to send a photo and note to include in your child's kit. Send the note and photo to your child's classroom teacher. *Please note that the 8th grade prepares generic kits which may potentially include gluten, soy, dairy, nuts, etc.*

If you do not purchase a kit and do not send one by September 22, a kit will be provided for your child and an \$8 charge will be added to your student's tuition account.



Order a Pre-Made Disaster Kit from the Eighth Grade

List the name(s) and grade(s) of the student(s) for which you are purchasing a Disaster Kit.

Name _____ Grade _____

Name _____ Grade _____

Name _____ Grade _____

Name _____ Grade _____

Number of kits ordered _____ x \$6 = Total Enclosed: _____

**Return this to the office
or to Mrs. Sato by September 22, 2017.**