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### MBUSD School Board Meeting Report

Congratulations to all winter sports for advancing into week 2 of CIF playoffs. Boys soccer: second round, girls soccer: quarter-finals, girls water polo: semi-finals, boys basketball: quarter-finals, and girls basketball: semi-finals. This is the first time this has happened in five years.

Congratulations to Julia McDermott and Darynn Dean, who were both named finalist winners in The Los Angeles Music Center Spotlight Awards in the non-classical voice category. Congratulations to Isabelle Connor, who placed 3rd All Around in her division at the USA Rhythmic Gymnastics Invitational February 14th and 15th at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. Congratulations to state champion wrestler Ariel Floro, the first ever girl from Mira Costa to hold that title. Congratulations to the first ever Mira Costa National Ocean Science Bowl team, who competed in the Los Angeles Regional Surf Bowl on Saturday at the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, and finished in 5th place, which is the farthest that any first year team has made it. Finally, congratulations to Mira Costa Choir, one of four choirs to be featured nationally last week at the American Choral Directors Association.

PACE held a distracted driving assembly on the 27th of February.

Winter Formal was on Saturday at Los Verdes Country Club.

Model UN left for their UC Berkeley conference last Friday and returned on Sunday.

Another conference students attended was the National High School Model UN conference in New York, which started yesterday, and goes until this Saturday, March

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7th.

Summer school lottery registration began on Monday and ends next Monday the 9th.

There is no benefit to signing up early, because registration for these high demand classes will be implemented by lottery only. These classes are: 3 weeks of health (in class and online), 6 weeks of modern world history, 6 weeks of US history, and 3 weeks of American government. The actual lottery will be a week from today, March 11th in the auditorium at 3:15pm. Registration for all other classes begins the week of the 24th.

Club Day is tomorrow at lunch. It will be held in the beautiful new Mustang Mall.

Also tomorrow is Dancing with the Teachers #TBT Edition in the auditorium at 7pm for \$5, but free for all faculty members.

Counselors begin the four year planning process with the freshmen starting Monday, March 9th and going until Friday, March 20th in the CCC.

8th Grade Parent Night/ Breakout Sessions will be on Thursday, March 12th. Topics that will be discussed include: activities and athletics, the four-year planning, course description handbook, pathways, UC-CSU requirements, graduation requirements, transcripts, scheduling, etc. They will be delivered by counselors and administrators to groups of 40 in the math/science building, at 6pm for last names A-K, and 7:30pm for L-Z.

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On March 13th, there will be a STEM Aviation Simulator on campus. The simulator is in a large tractor trailer which the US Army will park in the upper Peck driveway. There, students in math and science classes are invited to experience the simulator and talk to Army Mentors about pathways to college and career opportunities. For students whose math and science classes are not going, the simulator will also be open during snack, lunch, and after school.

Staff development is on Monday, March 16th, so students have that day off.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of that week, sophomores will take the California High School Exit Exam. All other students are given double late starts.

Dessert Theater (Fullerton Preview Night) is an event put on by the drama department, taking place on Wednesday, March 18th at 7pm. They will be doing skits that they will perform at the Fullerton College High School Theatre Festival on the 20th and 21st. This will be the first ever event in the brand new multipurpose room. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

The Prism concert will be at 7pm on Thursday, March 19th in the auditorium. There will be performances by band, orchestra, and vocal ensemble.

Pride Day will take place on Saturday, March 21st, from 8:30am to 3pm.

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The WASC accreditation committee is visiting our school Monday the 23rd through Wednesday the 25th.

The Rotary Craftsman Breakfast, honoring students in visual art, such as ceramics, art, woodshop, etc., is taking place on March 23rd at 7am in the cafeteria.

On Tuesday the 24th, we are hosting the 2nd semester Scholar Breakfast in the cafeteria at 7am.

The MCHS jazz concert is on the 25th at 7pm in the multipurpose room.

Finally, the 11th grade parent meeting will take place on Monday, March 30th at 7pm in the multipurpose room, and the 10th grade parent meeting is on Tuesday, March 31st at 7pm in the multipurpose room.