



## Monterey High School Neighborhood Newsletter December 2021

### **Academics:**

We have continued to have a very strong year considering our students and staff just returned from nearly 18 months of school being virtual. Students have come back hungry to learn and associate with one another. In the five years of my principalship, this is by far the best year for student and school culture. Our Youth Truth Survey (from students, parents and staff) just came in, and we scored the highest of MPUSD and like schools across California in community perception of safety, rigor, relationship building and student culture. The student survey showed massive gains in the areas of academic rigor, relationships and safety, and our staff survey came in once again very strong in areas of school culture, administrative support and collegiality. We are hoping to have a very successful end to the semester to improve upon our graduation rate of 99.3% in the Spring of 2021.

Additionally, our Naval JROTC program underwent their annual review in November and they were commended for their organization and attention to detail. We are excited about the addition of a new Naval Science Instructor Gunny, Sergeant Eric Salcedo and his collaboration with Commander Robert Kerchner.

Finally, we are also looking to build on a solid foundation for a restorative start to the 2nd semester where kids feel loved, challenged and supported. In the next newsletter we will include a variety of volunteer opportunities that will allow our neighbors the opportunity to give back and directly interact with our community.

12/13 - 12/17 - Finals and Re-Assessment Week. Last day of the term is Dec 17th

### **Activities:**

We celebrated multiple performing arts and visual arts programs over the past few weeks. In November, we held our multi-discipline art show titled "Multi-faceted", showcasing our Choral programs along with 2D and 3D art. It was a fantastic experience held in the Center of School (COS). That same weekend we held our Winter Band and Orchestra Concert in our new Science and Innovation Center, taking advantage of the variable space and movable walls creating an indoor/outdoor venue. The following weekend, our Dance program held their Winter concert, celebrating the variety of styles and disciplines taught, including ballet, hip-hop, ballroom, and more.

Additionally, our Theatre Arts program in conjunction with our Band and Choral programs held two weekends of the stage production "Shakespeare in Love". It was a lot of fun and very well



done by all involved. Please consider attending our Theatre shows as they are always open to the public. We will have more information regarding the next production soon!

Finally, all students participated in Holly Jolly Week, where we had theme days and lunchtime activities in the COS.

### **Athletics:**

Our Fall season has concluded and our Winter Sports (Girls and Boys Basketball, Girls and Boys Soccer, Girls and Boys Wrestling) has commenced. League play is just beginning to start so please come out and support your Green Machine! The following is a list of Varsity home contests if you would like to attend:

Sport	Date/Time	Opponent
Girls/Boys Basketball	Dec. 22 5:30/7:00 pm	Sage Ridge HS
Boys Basketball	Jan. 7 7:00 pm	Christopher HS
Girls Basketball	Jan. 11 7:00 pm	Gilroy HS
Boys Basketball	Jan. 12 7:00 pm	Palma
Boys Soccer	Jan. 13 3:00 pm	San Benito HS
Girls Basketball	Jan. 18 7:00 pm	Carmel HS
Boys Soccer	Jan. 18 3:00 pm	Christopher HS
Girls Soccer	Jan. 19 4:00 pm	Pajaro Valley HS
Wrestling	Jan. 19 3:00 pm	Pajaro Valley HS
Boys Basketball	Jan. 19 7:00 pm	Alisal HS
Girls Soccer	Jan. 27 3:00 pm	Pacific Grove HS
Wrestling	Jan. 27 3:00 pm	Pacific Grove HS
Boys Basketball	Jan. 27 7:00 pm	Pacific Grove HS
Boys Soccer	Jan. 28 3:00 pm	Pajaro Valley HS
Girls Basketball	Jan. 31 7:00 pm	St. Francis HS of Watsonville

We look forward to seeing you on campus and supporting your Green Machine Community! Go Does!