



UCSD #4

# Buffalo Tracks

## Mountain View High School

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*MVHS ensures a safe and rigorous education with high levels of learning for all.*

### MVHS Enrollment

**9th: 71**

**10th: 65**

**11th: 78**

**12th: 53**

**Total: 267**

### What about Chromebooks?

On the first day of school we handed a Chromebook to almost every single student. When we did that, your student took responsibility for an expensive piece of equipment.

We have definitely had some hiccups in terms of technology, but **the first step is for your student to have their Chromebook with them every single day and that it is charged and ready to go.** The feedback we have been getting is that students have appreciated having their own computer.

When a Chromebook is dropped or a student breaks something on their computer there will be a charge for repairs. We may not charge the student that second to have something repaired, but when it comes to parts or replacement, **students need to be responsible and know that there is a cost when something gets broken.**

Parents:

This fall, we are going to continue with the changes we made to parent-teacher conferences last spring. Our conferences are scheduled for the end of October and we want to make these meetings as effective as possible.

**The evening of October 27 will be "invitation only" conferences for parents.** We will be inviting students to come in with their parent and sit with their teachers to have those conferences in more of a team setting.

The evening of **Wednesday, October 28 from 5:00-8:00 will be the more traditional "open" conferences** where parents can come in at any time that evening and meet with their student's teachers one-on-one.

We have moved to a one day open conference schedule on that Wednesday, October 28 so we can schedule conferences on the Tuesday for specific students and parents, while still being available for all families on Wednesday. We look forward to seeing **everyone** on Wednesday, October 28.

*Mr. Carr*

### ACT test date for all seniors: Tuesday, October 6

**On Tuesday, October 6, all seniors will be taking the ACT.** The ACT test goes through lunch and seniors will only attend fourth period that day. They will be allowed a longer lunch once the ACT test is complete. **Seniors must be on time that Tuesday morning or else they will not test!**

Current juniors will take the ACT test as a group on the spring statewide ACT test date which is still to be determined.

Any 9th, 10th, or 11th grader can take the ACT and then **request reimbursement from MVHS if they take the test prior to the statewide ACT testing date.**

Did you know that of the students who have requested ACT reimbursement **over the last year that their average composite ACT score has been 24.9!**

### ACT reimbursement works!!

### Homecoming Thanks to the Community!!

It would probably be impossible for us to mention all of the specific community partners who helped our students with Homecoming last week. Homecoming is definitely a whole community event here in Mountain View, and boy, did everyone pull together to make things happen for students last week.

In particular I want to mention Mrs. Johnson and the entire student council for their hard work in making Homecoming such a positive event - and to add some new events as well - really helped make the week special.

So many people contribute in so many ways at something like Homecoming. Thank you to all of you for pulling together and helping the students have a "better than normal" in most cases Homecoming Week. We had over a 100 students participate in the cornhole tournament, over 90 came to bingo on Thursday night, and over 40 to the drive-in movie on Saturday.

Thank you again for your continued support of our students!

## Keep up the good work students!

I've recently had the pleasure of going around to all of the Academic Honor Time sections to visit with students. In every class a student has mentioned that the teachers were definitely being creative with the mask breaks. Students mentioned that they may not like the masks, but that they are doing ok.

In almost every classroom I visited **students mentioned how nice it is to just be back at school.** Our priority when it comes to school and activities is for our students to be in the school building. Anything we want to do with technology is a back up plan in case we have a short or long-term shutdown.

I would like to ask parents that you help your student with remembering their mask before they leave the house. **Can they set a reminder on their phone before they normally leave the house? Do they have an extra mask in their backpack?** With so many students coming into our building, we cannot give an extra mask every day to every single student.

We are looking for ways to keep things "business as usual," but masks and wellness screenings are here to stay for a while. **Luckily we have awesome students with an awesome support system to help them adapt to some of these changes.**

Great job to all of our students and staff and thank you for your positive attitudes!

## Tired of yelling from the stands?

We are in need of qualified, quality officials for middle school and high school sports. If you would like to be involved in the development and growth of youth from across the state, visit with Mr. Rees about becoming a sports official for basketball, wrestling, football, volleyball, and especially soccer.

**Mentoring programs are available for new officials.**

**Get out of the stands and join the fun on the court!**

## Open Parent-Teacher Conferences One-Day Only! October 28 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Parents can pick up high school report cards at conferences. Shared MS and HS staff (Mr. Baxter, Mrs. Bird, Mrs. Brunski, Mrs. Clark, and Mr. Martin) will be at the high school on October 28 (Wednesday).

*Please see front side of this newsletter for additional information!*

## Great job, Alyxa!

Congratulations to Alyxa Martin for being the only student from Uinta County to earn a Congressional Award.

Alyxa earned a silver medal Congressional Award-the only award given by Congress to students-by completing **100 hours of service, 100 hours of personal development, and 100 hours of physical fitness**, in addition to planning and executing a 2-night expedition.

What a well-deserved honor for one of our great students!

## Sports Practice & Attendance

With our emphasis on student wellness, it is a good reminder that in order to participate in a sports practice, students need to be in school that day.

We do not want to establish a practice where students feel like it is appropriate to stay home because they aren't feeling well and then come to practice to participate in sports.

For most of our athletes, coming to school or practice when they aren't feeling well is just par for the course. Now, we need students to stay home when they are ill. Please be sure you are visiting with your student and keeping them home when they are ill.

## Class of 2021 Graduation Information

The MVHS graduation ceremony for the Class of 2021 is scheduled for Monday, **May 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm.** 53 seniors will be graduating this year.

Normally families would be able to plan on a certain number of tickets for the ceremony long in advance. Because of limitations on the size of indoor gatherings, **we will hold off on announcing the number of tickets students may receive until we get closer to the actual event.**

While we are sorry for the lack of information right now, we also feel that it is wise to go slow before announcing how many tickets graduates may receive.