

Mt. San Jacinto High School

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OFF TO A GREAT START

Students have started off the new school year taking advantage of the various alternative options offered at our continuation school. Making progress towards earning credits, being involved in extracurricular activities, achieving the goal of returning to the traditional high school or graduating early, are all part of the success stories currently being experienced on campus.

In our fall issue:

BACK TO HITTING THE BOOKS

Today, students leverage technology to make the most of their learning. Most every course at MSJ is offered using an online component, so students may access their coursework at any time of the day. Students no longer need to carry around a backpack full of heavy books. All they need is access to the internet. Our tech

department in our district is supporting students that lack internet services at home by providing them with a Chromebook computer and a wi-fi hotspot. Students are able to work from home on the various online platforms such as Edgenuity for Math, StudySync for English, the DBQ Project for History, and Google Classroom for all courses, including Science. Students now can complete schoolwork at their own pace at their convenience.

ENGLISH-LANGUAGE ARTS SBAC SCORES INCREASE 2%

For the second year in a row, MSJ students have improved their scoring on the California Dept. of Ed.'s Smarter Balanced Assessment, which tests what students know and are able to do. The SBAC assessment is aligned with the rigorous Common Core State Standards (CCSS).

PEER MEDIATORS

In September, over 20 student leaders on campus were trained by the Riverside County Community Action Partnership to become "Peer Mediators." Mediation is the practice of conflict resolution assisted by a neutral third party achieved through active listening, compassionate understanding, and the exploration of options and compromise. The training students received is based on the same practices used to create win-win agreements in the courts and during business negotiations. Peer mediators are "on-call" and can help students to resolve conflicts before they escalate.



County of Riverside Community Action is a member of a national network of over 1,100 Community Action Agencies across the United States. Community Action was established under the presidency of Lyndon Baines Johnson in 1964 as a part of the "War on Poverty."

