



Robert A. Millikan High School
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Dear Millikan Students and Parents:

As the co-principals of Robert A. Millikan High School, we would like to welcome you to the 2009-2010 school year. In this, our 54th year, we want to extend a welcome to our incoming 9th graders in the class of 2013 as they embark on their first year of high school.

Our Millikan website is <http://www.Millikanhigh.com/news>. Please visit this site regularly to keep abreast of Millikan news and activities. ***Millikan is “going green” and in an effort to save money and resources, most of our memos and bulletins will be posted electronically on our website starting August 1, 2009. The mailer you receive includes this letter and will be limited to just a few important pieces of information.*** Our school newsletter, the RAMBLER, is mailed home at the conclusion of each semester. This newsletter, courtesy of our PTSA, is filled with interesting updates and information. Please mark your calendar for Back to School Night on September 30, 2009. This is an important chance to meet your Millikan teachers and find out what is expected in their classes! Important communication opportunities are PTSA meetings, held monthly in our cafeteria on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. Our president, Dr. Elizabeth Nash, heads the meetings, which always feature principal reports.

We believe our small learning communities (SLCs) are the most advanced in Southern California. Our “SLCs” are also known as “academies” or “houses.” They include QUEST, PEACE, MBA, STELLAR, KIUP/Green, COMPASS, and Global Tech. Millikan parents and students can take comfort in knowing that personalization is possible on a campus of over 4,000 students through the structure of small learning communities.

Millikan is “on the move” in a number of ways. We’re continuing with a 4 x 4 block schedule this year which again begins the day at 7:45 am and ends at 2:40 pm. As you know, all students choosing to attend Millikan will be in our school uniform. The basic uniform for boys and girls includes solid navy, solid gold, or solid white shirts and blouses and solid navy, gold, or khaki bottoms. Approved Millikan spirit t-shirts may be worn on a daily basis. Once again, all pupils will be required to wear Millikan identification badges visible above the waist in compliance with an LBUSD Board of Education Policy enacted at all high schools.

Beginning with the Class of 2006, passing the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) became a requirement for all our graduates. Any senior who has not passed the CAHSEE should be signed up in Evening High School for either a CAHSEE English Language Arts or CAHSEE Mathematics class. Juniors and seniors intending to apply to colleges are advised to take advantage of SAT preparation classes offered at Millikan by a company called *Revolution Prep*. These classes, which guarantee good results, will begin this fall and are half the cost of the Princeton Review. For only \$20, Millikan juniors and seniors can take a Mock SAT practice exam on Saturday, September 26, 2009, from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm in Millikan’s library. Call 877-REV-PREP (877-738-7737) for information.

Please note the following:

- Attendance at Program Verification is mandatory. No schedule will be mailed home.
- The Millikan Uniform Dress Code Policy will be strictly enforced for all pupils.
- All fines, including library, textbook, and ASB, must be cleared for schedule release.

- For \$10, lunch passes can be obtained for 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students ONLY from their grade-level administrator. A parent must come to the office and complete an off-campus application. Freshmen are not eligible for lunch passes.
- Bus information will be sent from District Transportation Services. Any questions regarding bus transportation should be directed to Assistant Principal Ben Martinez at (562) 425-7441 x 4107.
- A limited number of parking permits will be available for seniors. No other parking is available at the school.
- Prompt and regular attendance is expected. Make plans to be in class when school begins at 7:45 am. Please plan student appointments outside the school day.
- Graduation requirements are: earn 220 credits, pass all required classes, pass the CAHSEE, complete 40 service learning hours, pay all fines, and have zero demerits.

FOCUS/New Student Orientation will take place on August 27 and 28. It is mandatory for all freshmen and students new to our campus. This will be our fourth year to offer FOCUS to all our incoming students. FOCUS is an orientation program that helps to establish positive relationships for freshmen with upper classmen. The goal of the day is to welcome students to Millikan and encourage them to think about the path they will take during the next four years. FOCUS continues after orientation, providing a variety of both academic and social follow-up activities through the year. **Students with last names A-L attend on August 27 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Students with last names M-Z attend on August 28 from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Students may bring \$10.00 to purchase lunch, etc., after the session.**

Important Dates:

August 24:	12th Grade Registration
August 25:	11 th Grade Registration
August 26:	10 th Grade Registration
August 27-28:	9 th Grade FOCUS (27th, A-L, 28th, M-Z)
August 31:	Admissions Day Holiday
September 7:	Labor Day Holiday
September 9:	Opening Day for Students

We are looking forward to a very smooth and successful school year.

Sincerely,

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Co-Principal

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