

Good Morning, Silver Knights! Today is Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and values matter today and everyday at Jose Marti MAST.

Please rise for the pledge of allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Please remain standing for a moment of silence. *MOMENT*

You may be seated.

The French Club will meet today after school in room 1217.

The track team will be having the final meeting of the season today. Hope to see all of you there.

The Future Educators of America and Drama Club will be meeting on Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup> in room 1228 immediately after school. All members MUST attend as we will be taking our yearbook photos. Pizza will be served.

Tennis Tryouts for boys and girls will be held at 2:30pm on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the racket ball courts. Please be dressed in shorts and sneakers and bring a water bottle and a tennis racket if you have one.

Silver Knights, don't miss out on the memories! Purchase your 2019 yearbook before they sell out! Go to [yearbookforever.com](http://yearbookforever.com) or see Ms. Morales in room 1123 to buy your yearbook today for only \$40. If you would like to purchase a personal Ad or Dedication space, see Ms. Morales by February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Students, the National Honor Society is collecting canned goods and toiletries. The canned goods are to support government employees who were affected by the government shutdown. Toiletries are also being collected for the Miami Rescue Mission. Bring your canned goods and toiletries to the media center. Canned goods will be collected through February 8<sup>th</sup> and toiletries will be collected for the entire month of February. Students who donate 5 or more toiletries, will receive a free dress down pass. Deliver your items to the media center.

Students, the Valentine's dance, sponsored by the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class, is today from 2:00pm to 3:30pm. The cost is \$8 and includes your ticket, pizza, and soda. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased from Dr. Lopez in room 1101 or Ms. Mitchell in the main office.

Let someone know how you feel this Valentine's Day by surprising them with a gram. Pre-Order your Valentine's Day Grams today from Dr. Lopez in room 1101 or the class of 2020 officers. A large plush animal and a bag of candy is \$5. A chocolate scented plush animal and a bag of candy is \$4.

A small plush animal and a bag of candy is \$3, and for \$2 you can buy a chocolate rose. All grams will be delivered to the person of your choice on February 14th. Valentine Grams are limited and pre-orders must be placed by Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. On February 14<sup>th</sup> prices will go up a \$1 for each item.

And now, a Moment in History brought to you by the Black History Committee:

*Dred Scott v. Sandford*, also known as the Dred Scott case or Dred Scott decision, was a landmark decision by the United States Supreme Court on U.S. labor law and constitutional law. It held that "a negro, whose ancestors were imported into the U.S., and sold as slaves," whether enslaved or free, could not be an American citizen, and therefore had no standing to sue in federal court, and that the federal government had no power to regulate slavery in the federal territories acquired after the creation of the United States. Dred Scott, an enslaved man, who had been taken by his owners to free states and territories, attempted to sue for his freedom. In a 7–2 decision written by Chief Justice Roger B. Taney, the court denied Scott's request. The decision was only the second time that the Supreme Court had ruled an Act of Congress to be unconstitutional.

Although Taney hoped that his ruling would settle the slavery question, the decision immediately spurred vehement dissent from anti-slavery elements in the North and proved to be an indirect catalyst for the American Civil War. It was functionally superseded by the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and by the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, adopted in 1868, which gave African Americans full citizenship.

That's it for us today, Silver Knights. Have a great day!