



# Melba Jr/Sr High School

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## **Dear Melba Parents:**

As we start February, it is amazing that we are starting week five of the last semester of the school year. I am grateful for each day that we have had this school year and thank you for your help and support as we have worked through attending school in-person during a pandemic. Here are a few things that I want to share with you for the upcoming month.

Classes for next year- This month we will begin preparing for the upcoming 2021/22 school year by forming our master schedule. Your student should begin thinking about what classes, in particular which elective classes, he/she would like to take next year. We base our course offerings in part on what classes are being requested so this process is very important. Ms. O’Sullivan will be visiting every with every student in March to receive their course requests. Every student in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and up should be working in a Melba High School Pathway. This Pathway serves as a guide to students so that when they graduate, they have more than just a diploma, they have a certificate or college credits. The Pathways available are:

Web Development	College Readiness Pathway
CISCO Academy (Coding Certificate)	GEM Certification
Sports Medicine	Emergency Medical Technician
Certified Nursing Assistant	Ag/Industrial Welding Certificates
Business General Management	FCS Educational Assistant
FCS Entrepreneur	

We are looking to add more pathways each year. Please feel free to contact Ms. O’Sullivan or myself if you have any questions on the Pathways Program.

Entrepreneurship Challenge Winners! - Melba High School participated in the second Annual #YouLeadIdaho Entrepreneurship Challenge sponsored by Key Bank, Trailhead Boise, and IDLA. This competition is geared toward the rural youth of Idaho to help spark entrepreneurship through mentorship and the completion of the CWI entrepreneurship course offered by IDLA. In addition to YouLeadIdaho, Melba also participated in the fourth annual High School Idaho Entrepreneur challenge

hosted by Boise State University Venture College and Teach Idaho. This competition is open to all high schools in the state of Idaho with the hopes to inspire and prepare future entrepreneurs in a collaborative and competitive environment. Melba represented well, taking the first place prize in the #YouLeadIdaho challenge and 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the High School Idaho Entrepreneur challenge. Both of these challenges offer students the opportunity for mentorship from regional business owners, networking possibilities, and the chance to apply all they have learned in the classroom to the real-life setting. If you are interested in learning more about this challenge or participating next year, please contact Ms. O'Sullivan at [cosullivan@melbaschools.org](mailto:cosullivan@melbaschools.org).

President's Day- There will be no school on Monday, February 15.

Sporting Events- Thank you for your help and understanding as we have begun re-opening sporting events for fans. As good as it is to watch online, it is much better live. Our athletes really enjoy the fans at games! Thank you for helping us out with COVID protocols by wearing a mask to enter the venue, whenever you move about the facility, and then leaving the gym right after the game is over. Another important note is that with less people in the gym, comments from the crowd are much easier to hear, as well as more obvious as to who said it. I also want to remind you that every game is being filmed and broadcast; I know by experience that the audio on those recordings pick up the fans. Please remember to be positive and a great role model for our student-athletes.

Melba Gear- As I mentioned last month, if you are looking for some Melba swag, we have a great deal for you! Our entrepreneurship class has made hats, shirts, and other Melba gear for purchase. You can pick up some swag and show your Melba spirit without spending a lot of money. If you are interested, email Mrs. Heidi Stirm at [hstirm@melbaschools.org](mailto:hstirm@melbaschools.org).

Thanks again for all that you do to make Melba such a great school and community. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

**Go Mustangs!**

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