

# MELBA HIGH SCHOOL

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Melba Jr/Sr High School Parents and Guardians,

I hope that you enjoyed the time out of school with your friends and family. As we start a new semester at the JrSr High School, here are some things to be made aware of:

Mustang Awards – At Melba Jr/Sr High School we believe that character counts. Part of education is learning how to be a good citizen; it is not just about academics. The values that we want our students to develop include Effort, Discipline, Toughness, Commitment, and Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort (PRIDE). A student becomes a Champion when they challenge themselves daily in these areas. Each week, we recognize students who have shown to be exemplary in one of these core values. They receive a Mustang Award; a certificate, one treat from the vending machine, and a place on the selfie-wall. The Champion Mustangs for the month of December are:

Oliva S. – P.R.I.D.E.  
Nahum G – Commitment  
Maddie N – Discipline  
Matt L – Toughness  
Adeline T – Effort

Yaretzi Z – Effort  
Alexis C – Toughness  
John H – P.R.I.D.E.  
Finn D – Discipline  
Hector E - Comittment

Lunch Balances – Please check your child’s account on PowerSchool and see if there is a lunch balance that needs to be paid.

PowerSchool – With the new semester, grades and attendance start over. If you don’t already use it, Powerschool is a great tool to keep up on how your student is doing in their classes. Powerschool also contains links to directly email teachers. If you are unsure how to access this program or need any other information about it, please contact the office and we will gladly help you.

I-Ready Mid-Year Diagnostic – Starting Jan. 6, all students will be taking the Mid-year I-Ready Diagnostic for Reading in English class and Math in Math class. Please encourage your student

to do the best that he or she can so that we can get an accurate measure of how much they know and have improved.

Extraordinary Absences- Extraordinary absences will not count against a student's allotted number of absences. From the student handbook, page 11:

Extraordinary absences – absences accompanied by a doctor's note, required court dates, absences due to a death in the family. **Doctor notes must be turned into the office within three school days of the appointment to be accepted.**

Winter Sports – Winter sports are going very well. As always, our teams are very competitive. If you haven't caught a game or match yet, be sure to come on down to the gym and take one in. Sports schedules can be found at [msd136.org](http://msd136.org).

Have a happy new year and "Who's got it better than Melba? NOBODY!"

**GO MUSTANGS!**

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