



Mandarin Parents & Community Members –

It is with great pleasure and privilege that I welcome you to the 2020-2021 school year at Mandarin High School. We enter this year with an unprecedented scope of challenges that center around a global pandemic none of us could have predicted would shift our lives so dramatically. The impact on our schools and our students is tremendous and that impact includes our athletic programs at a district, state and national level.

Prior to joining Mustang Nation, I served for twenty years in three other Duval County Public Schools and often heard about THE Mandarin High School. I heard it was the “Flagship” high school in our district and that high levels of academic prowess and school spirit ran deep through the school and community. Within these conversations, the Mandarin Athletics Program was always noted and recognized as high performing and a model of excellence. As the newly appointed Principal of such a well-renowned school, I am incredibly excited to support Mandarin Athletics in every way possible and I invite and encourage you to do the same.

In the short time I have served this school, I see immediate reasons why the Athletic Program is so successful. High expectations start from the top and our Mandarin Athletic Director, Mr. Brian Rado, is the epitome of a strong leader. He insists upon excellence in every capacity. Mandarin coaches exude pride in their roles and student athletes are taught early on how important their place is as leaders and role models on our campus. A strong focus on teamwork, collaboration, work ethic and dedication weave their way through every sport and every season for the Mustangs. While winning games and championships is exhilarating and always the best outcome, the overarching goal for every educator and coach at Mandarin High School is to provide our student athletes with the experience of being part of something greater than themselves. Learning to support their peers and recognizing when one is in need of support are life lessons they will carry beyond the walls, halls, courts and fields of Mandarin High School.

While we are not fully aware of the limitations our athletic programs will face during the 2020-2021 school year, the Mandarin High School faculty, staff and administration are more determined than ever to provide our student athletes with the most positive, rigorous and supportive experience possible each and every day. I am personally very grateful for your trust in our school and thank you for the opportunity to work with your most precious gift – your child.

“On good teams, coaches hold players accountable. On great teams, players hold players accountable.”

Joe Dumars

#MustangsRISING in 2020-2021

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara Bravo'.

**Sara Bravo
Principal**