



Mandarin Parents & Community Members –

It is with great pleasure and privilege that I welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year at Mandarin High School. We enter this year with so much hope and anticipation that we are turning a corner and returning to a state of normalcy for our schools, our day to day lives and of course, our involvement in athletics for our students. I am incredibly proud as I reflect back on what was accomplished during the 20-21 school year given the challenges and obstacles we faced as a community. The thought of pep rallies and full attendance at sporting events in the near future takes me to a new level of excitement and anticipation.

Prior to joining Mustang Nation in June of 2020, 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 proud and no longer brand new 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 year 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.

With many challenges in the rearview, 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

Together We Rise in 2021-2022
Together We Win in 2021-2022
#MustangsRISING

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

Sara Bravo
Principal