

Mandarin Parents & Community Members –

It is with great pleasure and privilege that I welcome you to the 2022-2023 school year at Mandarin High School. We have turned a corner over the past year and have returned to a state of normalcy for our schools, our day to day lives and of course, our involvement in athletics for our students. As the 2021-2022 All Sports Girls and Boys Gateway Conference Champions, Mandarin High School continues to shine, providing an outstanding experience for all 37 Varsity and Junior Varsity sports.

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 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.

As I move into my third year serving this tremendous institution, allow me to share just a few reasons why the MHS Athletic Program is so successful. High expectations start from the top and our Mandarin High 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 larger 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, coaches 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.

“Sports teach you character. You learn to play by rules. You learn to win and you learn to lose. Sports teach you about life.”

Billie Jean King

We Are Mandarin in 2022-2023



**Sara Bravo
Principal**